## Weaver, Thomas

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**Sent:** 02 February 2022 16:05 **To:** Weaver, Thomas

**Subject:** Consultation Response - 21/AP/4297 - Avonmouth House 6 Avonmouth Street

London Southwark SE1 6NX

**Attachments:** ufm15n.pdf; RE: Consultation on Planning Application 21/AP/4297

Please find Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation below.

Dear Mr Weaver,

Application ref: 21/AP/4297

Our ref: 382056

Natural England has <u>no comments</u> to make on this application.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published <a href="Standing Advice">Standing Advice</a> which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on <u>ancient woodland and veteran</u> <u>trees</u> which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

The proposed development is within an area that Natural England considers could benefit from enhanced green infrastructure (GI) provision. Multi-functional green infrastructure can perform a range of functions including improved flood risk management, provision of accessible green space, climate change adaptation and biodiversity enhancement. Natural England would encourage the incorporation of GI into this development.

The lack of comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment, but only that the application is not likely to result in significant impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal to assist the decision making process. We advise LPAs to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on <u>Magic</u> and as a downloadable <u>dataset</u>) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on gov.uk at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice</a>

Yours sincerely,

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For further information on the Discretionary Advice Service see <a href="here">here</a>
For further information on the Pre-submission Screening Service see <a href="here">here</a>

----Original Message-----

From: planning.applications@southwark.gov.uk <planning.applications@southwark.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 January 2022 13:53

To: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) <consultations@naturalengland.org.uk>

Subject: Consultation on Planning Application 21/AP/4297

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a consultation letter seeking your comments on this application.

## **Kind Regards**

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