

**From:** [Elphick, Laura](#)  
**To:** [Catcheside, Emily - Oxfordshire County Council](#)  
**Subject:** Natural England Response - 413813- R3.0138/21 - A4130 Dualling  
**Date:** 30 November 2022 14:21:54

---

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Emily

Application ref: R3.0138/21

Our ref: 413813

Further to our response Ref 374477 (dated 21/01/22) Natural England has no comments to make on the additional information submitted in support of this application.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) 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 [ancient woodland and veteran trees](#) which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

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. 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 [Magic](#) and as a downloadable [dataset](#)) 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 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice>

Yours faithfully

Laura Elphick- Sustainable Development Lead Adviser  
Thames Solent Team  
Natural England

Red Kite House  
Howbery Park

Crowmarsh Gifford  
Wallingford  
Oxfordshire  
OX10 8BD

My normal working hours are 9am-3pm Monday to Friday

0300 060 3900

[www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

This message has been sent using TLS 1.2

This email and any attachments is intended for the named recipient only. If you have received it in error you have no authority to use, disclose, store or copy any of its contents and you should destroy it and inform the sender. Whilst this email and associated attachments will have been checked for known viruses whilst within the Natural England systems, we can accept no responsibility once it has left our systems. Communications on Natural England systems may be monitored and/or recorded to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes.