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Subject: RE: Billingham WwTW

Good morning Jim,

Thank you for your email.

Natural England has reviewed the current available evidence and based on the information provided by the Council that Billingham WwTW discharges via a long sea outfall to the North Sea, concludes that a significant effect on the Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar site from discharges of nitrates from new development to Billingham WwTW, where discharges are via the long sea outfall to the North Sea, can be excluded. This is because Natural England's Nutrient Neutrality advice applies where there is a pathway or hydrological connection between the nutrient source (e.g. WwTW) and the Habitats site. Any nutrient discharges directly into, or upstream of the site are therefore within the scope of this advice. Discharges downstream, or beyond the Habitats site, where there is no hydrological connection, in this case via a long-sea outfall to the North Sea can be excluded.

Our National Team are updating the calculator to show a zero for both Seaton Carew and Billingham WwTW.

Best wishes,

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- the Pre-submission Screening Service (PSS) for European Protected Species mitigation licence applications.



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