

Temporary planning permission for film set 18/11052/FUL and 18/11091/FUL. NE ref: 268368 and 268374

Dear Sir/Madam,

**NE ref: 268368 - Temporary planning permission for use of land for film-making for 35 weeks - Area 8 - Salisbury Plain, Tilshead, Wiltshire, Salisbury (Wiltshire) - 18/11052/FUL**

**and**

**NE ref: 268374 - Use of site for film set - Area 14 Salisbury Plain, Land adjacent to Horton Barn, West Chisenbury, Wiltshire, - 18/11091/FUL**

We advise a Habitats Regulation Assessment is undertaken to rule out or otherwise the likely impact of these proposals on Salisbury Plain SAC and Salisbury Plain SPA.

In particular we are concerned about the potential for disturbance impacts on stone curlew, especially if workers brought their dogs to site and exercised them. The West Chisenbury site in particular is in close proximity to a number of specially created nesting plots. The proposed period of use coincides with the nesting season.

No habitat information has been supplied as part of the application. The Tilshead site is, according to our records, likely to be priority habitat (calcareous grassland), and the West Chisenbury site is surrounded by numerous recorded pockets of priority habitat (calcareous grassland). Both are likely to be supporting priority species sensitive to disturbance (e.g. skylark). In the absence of adequate compensation the proposals are unlikely to be consistent with NPPF para 175a. It should not be technically hard or financially unviable for the applicant to come up with an appropriate compensation package, given the temporary nature of the impacts and scope to undertake improvements on adjoining farmland.

Regards,

Charles Routh

Lead Advisor, Planning & Licencing, Somerset, Avon and Wiltshire Area Team, Natural England. 07990 773630