

Habitats Mitigation Contribution Agreement[[1]](#footnote-1)

To the Planning & Development Manager,

Southampton City Council,

Civic Centre,

Southampton

SO14 7LS

**Application Reference Number: ..............................................**

**Address of Planning Application: ...........................................**

I am contributing a sum of **£............................** towards the cost of measures to mitigate the impact of the proposed residential development at the above address on the Solent Special Protection Areas (SPAs)[[2]](#footnote-2) – known as the ‘habitats mitigation contribution’.

I hereby acknowledge and agree that:

1. The habitats mitigation contribution has been paid to Southampton City Council as a contribution towards mitigation of the effect of the proposed development on the Solent SPAs as set out in LDF Core Strategy (2012) Policy CS22;
2. I have been informed of the opportunity to complete a unilateral undertaking, in accordance with Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), to make the habitats mitigation contribution when development commences and I have chosen to make direct payment as an expeditious alternative to relying upon a unilateral planning obligation.
3. No refund of this habitats mitigation contribution will be made unless the application does not receive approval or is later withdrawn.
4. *In respect of any refund (including where an application is withdrawn) I further acknowledge that:*

* *A request for a refund will be made to the Local Planning Authority in writing;*
* *The total amount refunded will be the sum of the original habitats mitigation contribution payment less an administration fee of £50;*
* *No interest will accrue to be refunded; and,*
* *No refund will be made until the period for appeal has passed or an appeal has been dismissed or six months has elapsed since the date of withdrawal.*

**Signature of applicant/agent: ............................................................ Date: ..........................**

**Full name of applicant/agent: ............................................................**

**Signed on behalf of Southampton City Council**



**Pete Boustred – Divisional Head of Service – Green City and Infrastructure**

This receipt signifies the agreement on behalf of Southampton City Council to the terms in which the habitats mitigation contribution is made by the applicant as set out in this form and in accordance with Section 111 Local Government Act 1972.

1. A signed copy of this form and a direct payment by cheque must accompany the relevant application as a contribution towards mitigation of the effect of proposed development on the Solent SPAs. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For current charges visit the Southampton City Council website at <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-permission/solent-disturbance-mitigation-project.aspx> – please seek guidance from the case officer in respect of student and car free development within the city centre where the contribution may be reduced.

   . [↑](#footnote-ref-2)