

DC Case Officer: Mrs Arleta Miszewska

Application No: APP/24/00822

Site Address: 9 Harbourside, Havant, PO9 1TJ

Proposed Development: Rebuild the existing concrete walling and revetment to the east of the slipway. Reduce the footprint of the concrete defences and return part to foreshore. Height of the new defence will be at 4.0m OD, raising by 5-10cm max. Reinforce the earth embankment to the west of the slipway with sheet piling, and raise bank by approx 50cm.

Dear Arleta,

Apologies for the delay in responding to this consultation request.

I need to first set out the context of these comments. Whilst Coastal Partners are the flood and coastal erosion risk advisors for the LPA, we are also the applicants for the Langstone Flood Defence Scheme. The wider Langstone Scheme originally hoped to include the section of coastline in front of 9 Harbourside (extending much further as sub-frontage 1b), and Coastal Partners had a detailed design for flood defences in this location. I think it is important to highlight this previous association to a flood defence scheme in this location so that the LPA can give our comments weight accordingly, or indeed decide if we are conflicted due to this association. On this basis, our comments will be kept brief and factual.

We are supportive of a flood defence in this location, and supportive of the community bringing this forward. This section was only not taken forward as part of the wider Langstone Scheme due to lack of funding.

The submitted plans are not those that were previously produced for this section of a flood defence scheme by Coastal Partners' consultants and we find that they are quite difficult to fully interpret. Some new structures are shown that appear to be well outside the redline boundary and the status of these is unclear. If we are interpreting the plans correctly, the proposed structure seems broadly acceptable as a flood defence. The sea defences in this location are at the end of their life and the construction of a wall in this location will help to prevent potential breaches to the wall prior to other sections coming forward. Each part of this failing wall is in different private ownership and in the absence of a combined scheme, a phased approach to repair of the sea wall reduces the chance of failure occurring in this short stretch of repairs. It is understood that further defences will come forward separately, at different times, to combine to form a single flood defence in the future. It should be noted that in isolation, this short stretch will not function as an effective flood defence if the wall sections on either side are abandoned by their owners, as tidal water will flow around it.

The status of any EIA falls outside of the remit of Coastal Partners but it would be remiss of us to not mention that this section was previously screened in as being EIA development, as part of the full Langstone Scheme. It may be that the LPA wish to re-screen this proposal (as it is different to that previously screened in) but we note there is a lack of any environmental information/ecology reports submitted to support the application at present.

In summary, subject to any EIA/ecology assessment issues being concluded, along with the plans being confirmed as accurate, we are generally supportive of the proposal.

Kind regards

Nicky



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