

Havant Borough Council

30th August 2023

Dear Planning Officers,

APP/23/00076 | Change of Use of land and woodland (retrospective) as a wedding and events venue, including retention of permanent ancillary buildings and structures, the erection of removable structures (including marquees and temporary facilities), and the use of the land as a campsite in association with events. Construction of vehicular track from the public highway to the proposed wedding and events venue at Tournerbury Woods. | Tournerbury Woods, Tournerbury Lane, Hayling Island

CPRE Hampshire would like to object to this proposal (retrospective) because of its likely adverse impact on the Chichester Harbour AONB and a SSSI.

Tournerbury Woods is an important landscape feature, and one that is sadly at risk, as it is a very rare example of salt marsh to broadleaved woodland transition. A wedding venue (as has been already proven as it is retrospective) will have adverse impacts on lighting and tranquillity, both important features to preserve in this coastline habitat. Noise and lighting will be created by events themselves and traffic accessing the venue.

It also has rare birds and bats which will be impacted by noise and light.

We understand that various mature trees have been removed from the site and any further activity of this type must be monitored and enforced.

CPRE Hampshire supports all the objections and comments made by Chichester Harbour Conservancy as the body tasked with protecting these important environments and habitats.

Kind regards,

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