

Your ref: APP/23/00507

For the attention of Mr D Eaves

Dear Sirs

Proposal at Northney Farm, St Peter's Road, Hayling Island PO11 0RX

We are in receipt of your letter dated 13th September 2023. It is apparent from the information you have sent us that the applicants have been working on this application for almost one year and we are therefore surprised that you have said that the consultation period expires on the 6th October 2023. The application land is very environmentally sensitive and we believe that further time should be given for consultation with the Northney Residents' Association, the RSPB and The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

People are concerned that the application may be a precursor to applying for development on this sensitive land and we note that the application has been submitted by planning consultants.

We accept that the sea wall needs repairs, but it may be that a more comprehensive plan should be proposed as the application just deals with a small part of the land at risk. Experts may consider that the works proposed may simply move flooding risks to other parts of the Island. Experts should also be consulted about whether the proposed application protects the bird populations at Northney and the Purbrook site, which is the stated aim of the application.

Clearly, this is a very important matter for Northney and the Island, and I would suggest that three months should be given for consideration of this matter and for any objections to be made to you.

Yours faithfully

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