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**Our ref:** HA/2020/122555/01-L01  
**Your ref:** APP/20/00725  
**Date:** 23 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING PONTOON  
BOATYARD, MARINE WALK, HAYLING ISLAND, PO11 9PG**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

**Environment Agency Position**

We have reviewed the application and have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted.

We consider the proposal acceptable in flood risk terms as the proposed pontoon extension is unlikely to increase flood risk. There is no change in usage proposed and as a result no change in its vulnerability class (see Table 2 of NPPF – classified as “Water-compatible development”).

**Advice to Local Planning Authority/Applicant**

Marine Licence

Please be aware that any works within the Marine area require a licence from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). It is down to the applicant themselves to take the necessary steps to ascertain whether their works will fall below the Mean High Water Springs mark. Activities taking place below the mean high water mark may require a marine licence in accordance with the Marine and Coastal Access Act (MCAA) 2009.

It is our usual practice to dis-apply the requirement for a Flood Risk Activity Permit (Environmental Permit) if a MMO Marine Licence has been issued.

Environmental Permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 require a permit to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- on or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culvert (16 metres if tidal)
- on or within 16 metres of a sea defence

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- involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert
- in a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it's a tidal main river) and you don't already have planning permission.

For further guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits> or contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 03702 422 549. The applicant should not assume that a permit will automatically be forthcoming once planning permission has been granted, and we advise them to consult with us at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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