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N.B. - By email only

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Dear Steve,

Tournerbury Woods, Tournerbury Lane, Hayling Island

APP/18/00943 – A material change of use of Land as a wedding and events venue and ancillary operational development to the material change of use

Thank you for re-consulting The Conservancy.

At the meeting of its Planning Committee today, the following was resolved in terms of the above planning application –

“That Havant Borough Council, as local planning authority, be advised that Chichester Harbour Conservancy raises an objection to the proposed development.

It is suggested that the application be refused for insufficient information as soon as possible.

The applicant has failed to demonstrate how disturbance from visitors could be effectively managed so as to avoid harm to the Chichester Harbour SSSI, in terms of the key features of the SSSI and how its condition is to be enhanced. Harm may also be likely to the Chichester and Langstone Harbour SPA/Ramsar/SAC from disturbance at the shoreline. Without bat surveys (requested over a year ago) it is not possible to conclude that there would be no adverse impact to bats.

The uncontrolled escalation of the number of events to up to 200 per year would not constitute sustainable development and would not conserve nor enhance the Chichester Harbour AONB.

These impacts do not just create impact to the venue areas, but also those areas adjoining them, from noise, external lighting impact and vehicular movement to and from the site.”

If you wish to see a copy of the Conservancy's report, please go to –

https://www.conservancy.co.uk/assets/files/cms_item/447/d-13_July_2020_Planning_Committee_Agenda_and_Papers-98X0jzODb0.pdf

- for the 13 July 2020 Committee papers.



Yours sincerely,

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