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RE: APP/18/00943 Tournerbury Woods, Tournerbury Lane, Hayling Island

Dear Sir or Madam

As a regular visitor and holidaymaker to Hayling Island, I would like to provide the following comments on the above planning application:

1. I strongly support the application
2. The newly submitted documents clearly demonstrate that noise from the venue is not an issue. Unfortunately, the venue seems to get the blame for noise from other events, which is very concerning.
3. Traffic and access are also clearly not an issue for this application because the transport survey emphatically demonstrates that any possible disturbance to the farm and surrounds is negligible.
4. Elaborating further on the access through Tournerbury Farm, including previous objections that the route through Tournerbury Farm was never intended for the current purposes, I would like to draw attention to the fact that Tournerbury Woods was previously the site of a considerable commercial brickworks and as such has been used for extensive commercial purposes in the past. Therefore, it is not beyond all comprehension to assume that commercial activity of some nature would continue in the future. More to the point, the Phillips family were property developers and builders when they bought Tournerbury Farm – they were completely commercial and it was their business to develop land, this is witnessed by their turning the northern part of the once beautiful Tournerbury Farm into a Golf Course shortly after buying Tournerbury Farm from the Snell family. I see in the HBC Local Plan that the Phillips's want to develop lovely pastureland into 55 houses in

direct view of the Chichester Harbour AONB. So the Phillips's pleas of being 'the poor farmers' do not wash when put under scrutiny.

5. I would also like to point out that it is clear that the intended use of the access route through the farm to the woods must have been for all purposes and at all times and in any situation, since by effectively creating a property with an access route through a neighbouring third party property (at the time you sell the neighboring property) why wouldn't you ensure that your access was as strong and as full as it could possibly be? To agree to some sort of diminished right of way to a sizeable property would be not only bizarre but extremely unlikely. I seriously doubt that this was ever the intention and therefore the irrefutable fact that the Phillips's have decided over time to build their farmyard around and either side of a substantial and full right of way is clearly an error over time on their part and not the fault of the applicant.
6. I feel strongly that many objectors clearly miss the point that in order for places of beauty to be accessible to members of the public to enjoy and appreciate, these sizeable areas of land do need to be managed on an economic basis. Gone are the days of large-scale benevolent landowners with deep pockets who can effectively manage and maintain areas of land as play areas for local riders and dog walkers. In order for Tournurbury to continue to bring pleasure to many more people (including visitors and holiday makers like me who also bring their spending power to the local economy and encourage other tourists to visit) rather than simply be for the benefit of the owners, it is essential that it is run on a commercial basis to ensure that the good conservation work that I know is taking place there can continue.
7. The continuous favourable ecological survey reports for the woodland clearly point to the fact that good management and care are taking place there and I strongly refute the unfounded and unsubstantiated frivolous comments made by some objectors that the woods have been changed for the worse. Comments that the heronry (never one of the largest sites I hasten to add – please check your facts) have been destroyed are simply lies. The heronry remains and thrives directly over the route into the woods. Any change in heron numbers over years simply mirrors the fluctuation of such sites across the country and whole region due to a great many contributing and external factors – again please check your facts, before making sweeping and incorrect statements. I understand that further information regarding ecology is due to be submitted shortly and I look forward to reading this as evidence of the obvious care and love that the current owners demonstrate through their responsibility for the woodland.

Yours sincerely



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