

Planning Officer: Mrs R McMurray
Planning Application Ref: APP/17/01250
Location: Land east of Southmoor Lane, Havant
Description of works: Engineering Works to form a clay core sea defence installation.

Comments On Application:

- This area is about as close as you can get to the sea and very little vegetation can establish and survive here successfully.
- This proposal would obliterate a grouping of valuable Oaks and also a section of young Field Maples and a Blackthorn Thicket.
- The Oaks stand out in the landscape and are of high amenity value.
- The Field Maples and Blackthorn Thicket provide valuable cover for wildlife and are thus of ecological significance.

Conclusions:

- I cannot see the point in obliterating this feature when it would be just as easy to leave the footpath in situ with its tree cover and build the sea defence wall to the east side of them.

Recommendations:

- The applicants move the sea defence installation over to the east side of the current footpath - as shown on the attached sketch plan.
- That a TPO is made to protect the group of Oaks as they are under threat from these proposals.

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