

FAO: Mr D Eaves

Site: Seafield House, Woodgaston Lane, Hayling Island, PO11 0RL

Proposal: Repair and renew existing sea defences and slipway

Ref: APP/17/00621

Thank you for providing us with this consultation opportunity. Please accept this response as being on behalf of Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service. In addition to its statutory responsibility as the Highway Authority for Public Rights of Way, the Countryside Service manages Countryside Sites and Country Parks throughout Hampshire.

Comment

We have no objection to this proposal, however we would expect **Havant Footpath 86**, which runs down the western boundary of the site, to remain open and free of obstacles throughout the construction period. We request that the applicant contact as soon as possible to discuss further, should this not be the case.

Informatives

Should permission be granted for this application, we request that the applicant is made aware of the following requirements through informatives:

1. **There must be no surface alterations to the right of way, nor any works carried out which affect its surface, without first seeking the permission of Hampshire County Council, as Highway Authority.** For the purposes of this proposal that permission would be required from this department of the County Council. To carry out any such works without this permission would constitute an offence under S131 Highways Act 1980, and we would therefore encourage the applicant to contact us as soon as possible to discuss any works of this nature.
2. Nothing connected with the development or its future use should have an adverse effect on the right of way, which must remain available for public use at all times.
3. No builders or contractors vehicles, machinery, equipment, materials, scaffolding or anything associated with the works should be left on or near the footpath so as to obstruct, hinder or provide a hazard to walkers.
4. If there is likely to be an effect on the footpath in terms of dust, noise or other obstruction during the period of the works, we suggest that a Health and Safety Risk Assessment be carried out, and if there is deemed to be a risk to users of the footpath, the applicant should contact the County Council directly to discuss the Temporary Closure of the footpath for the duration of the works. Temporary Closure Orders should be applied for at least 6 weeks prior to the commencement of works and details of how to apply can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/row/making-changes/temp-closures.htm>

5. All vehicles, including those of contractors and deliveries, which would be accessing the site via a public right of way, should give way to public users at all times.
6. Any damage caused to the surface of the public right of way by construction traffic will be required to be restored to the satisfaction of the Rights of Way Officer, to not less than its minimum width, on the completion of the build.

Regards,

Owen Devine

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