

Dear Planning Officer

I wish to object to the proposal for hard standing in front of 2 Towers Garden.

Langstone Village, which includes Towers Garden, is in a Conservation Area which needs to be protected. Part of the charm of the housing in Towers Garden, and also The Saltings, and the newer houses down the High Street, is that they all have open, green lawn frontages contributing to the visual amenity and biodiversity of the Conservation Area. The grass lawns encourage wildlife such as hedgehogs, squirrels and many different birds. All these properties already own garages with hardstanding. It would be more to the point for properties to join together and put electricity into all their garages, all at the same time. If No. 2 is granted permission to concrete over his front garden it is likely that more will do the same. No. 2 is 5 metres wide which would allow 2 cars and or a large van plus motorcycles. If in time everyone did the same, Langstone would end up one large car park, not a conservation area, where visitors and residents at present enjoy visiting and living. The whole of Langstone has free parking on one side of every road. If this was taken away to allow concrete hard standing it would totally spoil Langstone.

I also understand that the granting of the proposed hardstanding would be illegal anyway.

Yours faithfully