

APP/24/00121

Dear Mrs Pickup,

We are writing to express my full support for the proposed planning application regarding the demolition of the existing dwelling at Langstone Lodge and the subsequent erection of a replacement dwelling, designed to mirror the extended form as approved in 2022.

Langstone Lodge holds a special place in the hearts of our community, serving as a significant, imposing landmark with deep historical roots dating back to the 1870s. While it is saddening to acknowledge its current state of instability, I firmly believe that supporting its replacement with a new dwelling, designed to replicate its original grandeur along with the already approved extension, is the best course of action.

[Redacted text], I can attest that the proposed demolition and rebuild would not directly impact my dwelling. Furthermore, I am confident that the new structure will seamlessly integrate into the architectural fabric of our neighbourhood while preserving the charm and character that Langstone Lodge embodies.

Moreover, Langstone Lodge occupies over 3 acres of beautiful gardens, a feature that adds to its allure and significance within our community. By proceeding with the demolition and rebuild, will ensure the retention of this precious green space, safeguarding it against any alternative development plans that may compromise its natural beauty.

Failing to approve the demolition and rebuild would be a travesty, potentially leading to Langstone Lodge leading to similar circumstances as the property just 100m up Havant Road, which site was left in a dreadful condition after a fire. The unsightly portacabins left on the land since the incident have resulted in the worst case scenario for local residents, who opposed planning for a rebuild. We must learn from such unfortunate occurrences and take proactive measures to prevent Langstone Lodge from suffering a similar fate by allowing it to continue to fall into further derelict state risking collapse.

Under the stewardship of its latest owner, Langstone Lodge has been impeccably maintained having already had significant renovation, solidifying its status as a cherished building within the Langstone community.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the broader benefits that approving this planning application would bring to our community. By supporting the demolition and rebuild of Langstone Lodge, we not only preserve its historical significance but also ensure its continued contribution to the cultural fabric of Langstone.

Thank you for considering our input on this important matter.

Kind regards,

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