

I live at (redacted), less than 400 metres from the planning application site and can see it directly from across My Lord's Pond. In the absence of weddings, there is no artificial light coming from Tournembury Woods after dark and any sounds are those of nature such as the hooting call of a Tawny Owl.

I write to object in the strongest terms to this proposed Change of Use of land.

A significant part of Tournembury Woods is ancient mixed woodland which grows down to the water's edge. The wood is marked clearly on an Ordnance Survey map of 1919 and is very likely older than that. It is a rare and therefore significant habitat.

The planning application site is given the highest level of protection at both national, European and international level. [Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI); Special Protection Area (SPA); Chichester and Langstone Harbours' Ramsar Site.]

I strongly object because this proposed Change of Use of land will bring, were it to be approved, the potential for yet more damage than has already occurred to this highly protected site.

An examination of the two satellite images of the site (see below), one from 2014 the other from this year, shows clearly the harm that has already been done e.g. tree felling, earth moving, mowing, establishment of car park etc. in what appears to be blatant contravention of the numerous protections afforded this site.

Specifically, I object to this proposed Change of Use of land because it would very likely cause:-

1. Noise from vehicle movement to and from the site as well as that caused by wedding revelers, sound system etc.
2. External lighting.
3. Further damage to the protected natural environment.
4. Disturbance / destruction of local flora and fauna.
5. Additional vehicular traffic from wedding guests arriving and departing the site will add further to the problem of traffic congestion on the island.
6. Havant Borough Council would be most unlikely to have the necessary resources to 'police' this site were approval to be granted.
7. The current owner would appear to have disregarded protections that apply to this site. There is therefore the clear risk that further planning infringements take place were approval to be granted.

Do we not have a collective civic duty to protect the Chichester harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for future generations?

Yours sincerely

