



CHICHESTER HARBOUR CONSERVANCY

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To the planning case officer, Denise Sheath.

Location: **Langstone Sailing Club, Langstone Road, Havant**
Planning Application: **APP/21/00585**

Proposed ground floor extension to form a junior training room on North-West elevation with decking area above enclosed by railings (adjacent / outside the AONB designated area)

Thank you for consulting The Chichester Harbour Conservancy concerning the above planning submission. The Conservancy is a non-statutory consultee.

The landscape of Chichester Harbour was recognised as nationally important when it was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1964, through the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949. The Conservancy was established by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act of 1971. The purposes of the Conservancy are the responsibility for navigation and the conservation of nature. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act of 2000 formally established the Conservancy as the Joint Advisory Committee for the AONB, with the purpose to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape. This duty of purpose, for and within the AONB, *also applies to proposals outside the designated area but impacting on its natural beauty.*

In its role in managing the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), The Conservancy has considered the submitted proposal against the Conservancy's planning guidance and principles - including The Chichester Harbour Management Plan (2019-2024), The Chichester Harbour Planning Principles (Management Plan version April 2019), The Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment (CBA update 2019), and The Chichester Harbour AONB Joint SPD (May 2017), adopted by both Havant Borough Council and Chichester District Council.

The Conservancy makes the consultation comment under the Chichester Harbour Conservancy 'Delegated Procedure' route. A copy of **the Chichester Harbour AONB Unit Planning Assessment Report** together with **the AONB recommendation** is attached for your guidance and for open transparency public view.

It is noted that as of the date of this consultation comment dispatch, the LPA web site still shows this proposal as still pending a decision. If you require any further clarification with regards to this recommendation, please contact the CHC AONB Planning Advisory Case Assessment Team.

The delay in this consultation assessment and response to the LPA has been brought about due to the current build-up of increased workload of consultation and pre-submission enquiries.

Yours Sincerely,

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