



CHICHESTER HARBOUR CONSERVANCY

Planning
Havant Borough Council
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To the planning case officer, Selina Donophy.

Location: **52 Southbrook Road, Langstone, Havant, Hampshire** (*outside* AONB designation)
Planning Application: **APP/21/00461**
Proposed two storey side and rear extension

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 statutory purpose of the AONB is to conserve and enhance the area's natural beauty.

Proposed development must be assessed carefully to consider if it would have a significant impact on or harm that statutory purpose. Relevant to this is the duty on public bodies to 'have regard' for that statutory purpose in carrying out their functions (Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000). The Planning Practice Guidance confirms that this duty also applies to proposals outside the designated area but impacting on its natural beauty.

The Conservancy was established by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act of 1971 with 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.

The current proposal lies outside the AONB and within a built-up urban environment. The proposal is considered to have little significant impact on or be harmful to the AONB protected national landscape.

Yours Sincerely,

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