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We have read the comments about our application and we are writing to say a bit more about our plans and the design for Tamarisk, so that people can understand our thinking and what we hope to achieve.

We are really looking forward to coming back to Britain this summer, after living and working abroad for the last seven years. We have three children and it has always been our dream to build a family home by the sea. Before we moved abroad we were regular visitors to Ferry Point, and were lucky enough to buy Tamarisk from a family of good friends with long-standing connections there.

We also very much hope the house will add to the area. To do that we have engaged specialist architects who are nationally known and have won numerous awards. They have already designed another house on Hayling, at 4 Wittering Road, and our project architect has a close personal connection with Ferry Point, having his own place on The Kench. We think the practice has come up with an outstanding design that will represent a striking addition to Ferry Point and demonstrate further confidence in the future of this corner of the Island, as well as being in line with the ambition of the Hayling Island masterplan.

In addition we believe the design will continue the tradition of bold new homes in west Hayling (as well as 4 Wittering Road) by adding to a couple of outstanding, modern properties on The Kench; a recently built, art deco-inspired house on Sinah Lane; the blue-painted, timber house designed by Lyons Sleeman Hoare on the seafront; The Beach House by Hedley Greentree from 1963 - also on Ferry Road; and the grade II-listed Saltings and White House on Sinah Lane, both from the 1930s.

To make sure the design is the best that it can be, we have used specialist consultancies for studies into flood risk, ecology, landscape and visual impact, daylight and sunlight, in order to ensure the least possible impact on the surroundings.

We have also worked with the local Council and our architects to try to ameliorate our immediate neighbours' concerns and have made a number of changes and improvements.

We very much look forward to joining the Hayling Island community and playing our part in its future.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa and Simon Montague