

Planning proposals online comment form

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Planning application ref. no. eg
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Application site address

Hayling Island Seafront Car Park, Sea Front, Hayling Island

Applicant's name

Mr Mathias

Why you think permission should
or should not be given

As a resident of Hayling Island for some 20 years I strongly object to this application.

I have enjoyed walking/cycling from Southwood Road along to the West Beach throughout this time with my husband/young children/older children/grandparents/aunties and uncles/nieces and nephews and many many friends. We have always grumbled about the existing beach huts blocking the view and therefore have no desire for more.

The council has only recently finished laying a cycle path from Eastoke corner to the funfair - a resource which is great for residents and visitors alike. The ride is already spoilt by the existing beach huts which mar the view to the sea. In my view the siting of further beach huts would be in direct conflict with the purpose and benefits of the cycle trail.

In addition the seafront railway goes along this area. Do residents and visitors wish to view more backs of beach huts from the railway? I would suggest not.

If the council is concerned about promoting tourism on Hayling then why not promote the cycle trail? Adding buildings that will mar the view will certainly not promote that aspect of tourism.

The blocking of the view will also impact upon 1. the disabled who have few areas on the south coast of the island to view the sea. (the area east of Eastoke corner is now inaccessible and the car park at Eastoke slopes back to the road making it difficult to see the sea from a car. This leaves the area by the Inn on the Beach and the area in front of the skate park both of which are up the western end of the island.)
2. People who come with their camper vans to stay overnight beside the sea.
3. The facility to sit in your car in the winter sheltered from the cold and to admire the view.

In conclusion the Council should promote our wonderful views of the sea come rain or shine and not further close it off for the benefit of a very few people.

In conclusion:-

The application is not in the interests of the majority of residents or visitors to the island and is poorly reasoned to promote tourism.

I would ask that the application be rejected.