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Planning proposals online comment form

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Beachlands, Hayling Island

Applicant's name

Why you think permission should
or should not be given

Since writing my initial objection to the beach huts, I have received a representation from the Hayling Island Residents Association who are against the proposal. The key points they raise and to which I support are:

- Any huts will obstruct the current irreplaceable sea views for those unable to get beyond the huts, such as the disabled, or who simply enjoy the view in passing. Perennial visitors currently travelling to Hayling throughout the year to park on this site simply to sit and enjoy the view that they find nowhere else will no longer come to spend their money here.
- Parents in their cars or campers will be unable to monitor children playing on the shoreline as they can now.
- People who chose to live on Hayling because of its natural unspoilt coastal beauty will lose this resource to 40 huts.
- Online there appears to be 19 Hayling beach huts already for sale, a great many existing huts are rarely if ever used even in excellent summer weather, many are in poor condition yet the Council appears to take no action to enforce leaseholders' obligations to demand that they either maintain and use them or agree to vacate them. If revenue is the objective, concern was expressed that high maintenance costs by the Council could eventually outweigh the initial income and that the Council is clearly not ensuring proper use of existing huts; leaseholders must not be allowed to use them as investment opportunities!
- No cost analysis has been provided and anecdotal evidence suggests that beach hut occupiers do not necessarily support local traders.
- All who enjoy using our beaches are often reluctant to walk through hut 'grounds' thus further inhibiting public access. This has an impact on emotional and physical health and well being.
- Existing rare botanical species and clearly identified habitat priorities cannot survive being built on. Furthermore this area contributes as a buffer zone to established SSSI which encourages tourism.
- There are gaps in other beach hut sites where these proposed beach huts could be built.

There is overwhelming opposition to these huts, and I trust that the Council will consider not just the reasons for objection but consider the number of comments for and against the proposal and if those who object are in a majority, that the planning application be refused.