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The Ship Inn Langstone Road, Havant. (Grade II Listed)

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C.18 The Ship Inn, Langstone. 2 storeys. West front, red brick patched with stone rubble. South front, stuccoed with long and short quoins. Tiled roof.

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Dear David

The Ship Inn was originally an unpainted malt house, probably constructed using bricks and stone rubble from the previous malt house which was demolished in 1830, the bricks and oak beams etc being sold off at the quay. (See Hampshire Telegraph 8.3.1830). The pub's main feature is its exceptionally long main elevations. The present, simple colour scheme shows the building off to advantage, although the paintwork has become weathered and needs attention.

Attachment 1.

The response I have had from two local artists is that the Ship Inn hanging sign is just right, with its depiction of Langstone, and should remain. The proposed sign could be any ship anywhere. It reminds me of the backlash another well-known brewer had when they recently tried to change their signs to impersonal brand signage.

Attachment 2

The gold lettering above the front door shines in the sun and can be seen from a fair distance. It is very simple in design but effective. If we are to retain the hanging sign, blue signage over the door would not work. As our local architect said, 'If it ain't broke don't fix it.'

The seaward facing long elevation has very rough brickwork, which is part of the history and character of the building and should not be 'restored' but retained as it is and merely painted. To try and paint signage on this uneven surface would simply not work. **(See close-up of brickwork at attachment 3).**

This elevation is best left blank.

The Fullers signs on the rear elevation and the hanging sign are in the right place.

Yours sincerely

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