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For the attention of Arleta Miszewska:

Planning reference: APP/25/00162

Site location: Land and coast adjacent to, Langstone Road, Havant

Proposal: Flood and coastal erosion risk management scheme comprising a combination of raised earth embankments, raised footpaths/cycleways, sheet piled sea/flood defence walls with cladding and flood glass, provision of flood gates, associated landscaping and landscaping improvements (including street furniture), tree works and tree removals, realigned sections of cycleway/walkway, highway alterations and improvements, ecological improvements and temporary compounds and access, and all associated works. The proposal constitutes EIA development.

Consultation response: No objection

Thank you for consulting the Hampshire Countryside Service (the Service) as Highway Authority in respect of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Commons Registration Authority. We also manage Country Parks and Countryside Sites throughout Hampshire. Please accept this as our response to the above application taking into account the material considerations relating to PROW, Commons and impacts to Hampshire County Council (HCC) Country Parks and Countryside Sites.

Site Context:

- The Shipwrights Way long-distance recreational route runs southwest adjacent to the residential area of Langstone, crosses Langstone Road and

curves southeast back to Langstone Road to continue south to Hayling Island.

- Havant Footpath 54b (FP54b) runs south from the Shipwrights Way to a junction with Havant Footpath 56 (FP56) northeast of the Royal Oak pub.
- FP56 runs northeast from Langstone High Street along the coast.
- Havant Footpath 129 (FP129) runs south from FP56 at Langstone High Street along the coast, terminating just south of the Coastguard Cottages.
- Two further long-distance recreational routes, the Wayfarer's Walk and Solent Way, run east from Mill Lane, across Langstone Road, along Langstone High Street and then join the route of FP56 heading northeast along the coast. The section between Mill Lane and Langstone High Street also carries Havant Footpath 131 (FP131).
- The site does not lie in a material proximity to any HCC Countryside site.

A copy of the Definitive Map of Rights of Way and Countryside Sites and Definitive Statement can be found at <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/rightsofwaydefinitivemap/> and <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap>

Commentary:

The Service is satisfied that the proposals set out in this application accord with the content of pre-app discussions involving the applicant, Hampshire Highways and the Service's Rights of Way Area Access Manager. The scheme should result in a net gain for the long-term accessibility of the PROW and long-distance walking routes in the area.

It is understood the proposed footpath works, including the resurfacing of sections of the Shipwrights Way, are to be agreed under a Section 278 agreement led by Hampshire Highways.

The measures to accommodate footpath users given in the Outline CTMP are noted and the Service would expect to be sighted on a final CTMP in due course.

The appropriate permissions must be gained from HCC in advance of all proposed path closures and temporary diversions.

Yours sincerely,

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