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For the attention of Robert Riley:

Planning reference: APP/24/00322

Site location: 4 The Fishermans, Emsworth, PO10 7BS

Proposal: Alterations to include front and rear rooflights, changes to fenestration, a garage conversion, and the construction of new porch and boundary wall adjacent the Public right of way.

Consultation response: No Objection

Thank you for consulting 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:

Havant Public Footpath 74 (FP74) runs east from South Street along the shoreline, passing adjacent to the site's south boundary, to King Street.

The site is not located in a material proximity to any HCC Countryside Site.

A copy of the Definitive Map of Rights of Way and Countryside Sites, as well as the Definitive Statement can be found at: [The definitive map and statement | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/the-definitive-map-and-statement).



Commentary:

The applicant states in the Design and Access Statement, page 3 Site Location, that “a PROW runs adjacent the western site boundary, providing pedestrian access onto the Foreshore.” An image titled “Context – (Google)” also identifies this. For clarification, the access between The Fishermans and the foreshore, while carrying public access rights, is not a Public Right of Way – it is not recorded on the Definitive Map of Rights of Way on the HCC website (link above). It is actually recorded on the HCC Map of Roads Maintained at Public Expense - [Search for roads maintained at public expense | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/roads-maintained-at-public-expense) – being categorised as ‘Road Class: W - Footpath – Adopted.’ It is, therefore, maintained by our Highway Authority colleagues for the road network, Hampshire Highways. Having discussed this matter with them, they maintain their position of ‘no objection’ to this application from their consultation response on 4th July 2024.

The extent of the PROW in relation to this site is FP74 running along the foreshore between South Street and King Street only. While the Service naturally supports access to a PROW being maintained at all times, it has no legal interest, as the Highway Authority for PROW, in the surface of, or public access to, the Hampshire Highways adopted footway adjacent to the site’s west boundary. As such, we also raise no objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,

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