

Mrs R. McMurray
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1st January 2018

Dear Mrs McMurray,

The Plan for South Moor: APP/17/01250

I wish to object to this proposal for the following reasons.

The Proposal document states:

"There are four Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) within the site. These are Footpath 45, Footpath 49, Footpath 51 and Bridleway 46 as shown in Appendix C of this PDAS.

*The site overlaps with 12.2 ha of the Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Area (SPA)/Ramsar site. The Ramsar site is designated under the Ramsar convention; the SPA is designated under the EU Directive on the Convention of Wild Birds (79/409/CEE). The site also overlaps with 12.2 ha of Langstone Harbour Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which is designated for its saline influenced habitats, plants and bird populations. Two Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) are located within the site; these are Southmoor – Big Field SINC and Southmoor Reserve SINC, both designated for their semi-natural coastal habitats. Local designations include the HIWWT Nature Reserve known simply as 'Southmoor'. This is notified for its flower rich grassland including southern marsh orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa* and ragged robin *Lychnis flos-cuculi* plants. The reserve also constitutes a high tide roost and area for breeding birds and supports species such as skylark *Alauda arvensis*, blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* and whitethroat *Sylvia communis*."*

Surely this statement alone is justification for leaving the site untouched and simply mending the sea wall? This has been done very effectively to the sea defences south of Warblington Church on Chichester Harbour.

Again the Proposal document states:

"Footpath 45 runs adjacent to the existing sea defence wall, providing unobstructed views to Langstone Harbour. The permanent re-routing of the existing footpath 45 will affect the route of both the Solent Way and Wayfarer's Walk. Although parts of the existing footpath 45 will remain open for use, the route will no longer continuously run along the coast and the diverted path will not afford users the existing open views across Langstone Harbour."

This admits that there will be a serious loss of amenity to the many dog walkers, local residents and personnel from Langstone Technology Park and SSE who use this area for recreation – especially as a circular walk. This area to the west of Langstone Village core is a much valued open 'wilderness' (which is in sharp contrast to the 'pretty' harbour walks to the east of the village) and loved by many who value its unspoilt beauty.

Having lived in Mill Lane for 38 years and seen the flooding that very occasionally occurs all the way to the north of the site, I am not at all sure that this scheme will prevent this happening in the future.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Sarah Graham.

Sarah Graham