



19 February 2023

Re: Planning Application: APP/23/00076

Dear Sir or Madam

As a frequent visitor to Hayling Island, I am submitting my comments on planning application number: APP/23/00076:

My support for the planning application continues. I have visited the venue many times and find it an excellent example of the sustainable use of an area of natural beauty. As someone who works in conservation, it is clear across the globe that in order to preserve any area ecologically, it is essential to allow owners to make their livelihood from the area provided they do so in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. This is the most reliable way to preserve areas of natural beauty for future generations. The support for the owners and what they have done to the venue by the recent survey undertaken by Natural England in October 2022 is a strong endorsement of Mr and Mrs Snell environmental credentials. The venue pays for the ecological upkeep and this is important to understand. Ecological management is not cheap.

Therefore, I find it really concerning about the length of time it has taken to decide on this and connected planning applications. I would strongly encourage swifter decision making – this uncertainty is not good for the many, many local suppliers and venue employees. Visitors to the venue also have an important economic multiplier effect as they become customers for other local businesses ranging from hotels to restaurants.

The visitors are delighted to be able to see a part of Chichester Harbour they might not normally see and the social benefit of an events venue that brings families and friends together in a beautiful and well managed setting should not be underestimated.

I urge you to approve the planning application without further delay.

Yours faithfully

