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Dear Ms McMurray,

Ref: Dolphin Quay, Queen Street, Emsworth – APP/16/00921

The applicants are extremely unhappy that the public has been misled by the circulation of the attached flyer. It is understood that the flyer was distributed approximately 4 weeks ago and it would seem that its circulation has resulted in the high level of objections to this application.

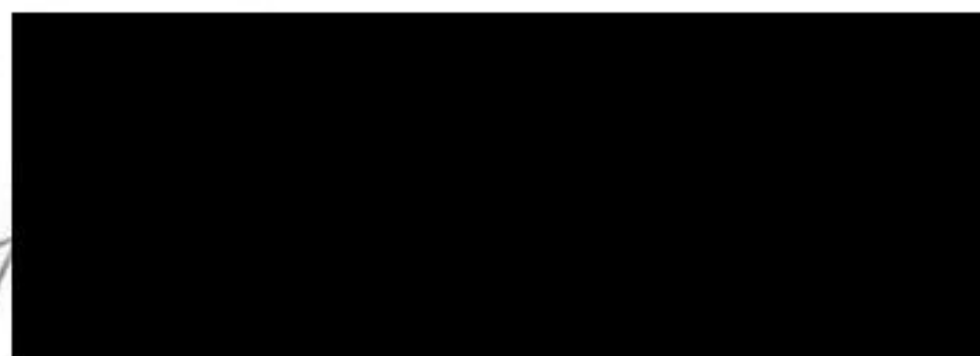
Prior to submitting their application the applicants went to the effort of holding a public consultation exercise and also making a presentation to the local Residents Association. Many of the people who attended commented that this scheme was much better than the previous application and were generally complimentary about the project. There were, of course, others who attended who said that they would not support the proposals. The applicants have endeavoured to engage with the local community in a fair and open manner.

Unfortunately, it would appear that the campaign to discredit the current application is being orchestrated by a number of individuals who wish to remain anonymous (i.e. they have not put their contact details on the flyer). They asked passers-by to support them in objecting to the application by telling them that 'There is an alternative proposal for **BOATYARD BASED SMALL BUSINESSES AND SHOPS** that could thrive again if given the chance.' No details of this "alternative proposal" have been provided. Sadly, it would appear that a fair number of people have been motivated to object to the application on the basis of speculation about an alternative proposal.

At this point we would also like to point out, that not only is this a fabrication as no 'alternative proposals' have been provided but is also an infringement of our copyright.

We would ask that you post our letter online, together with the attached flyer, and trust that the submitted application will be looked at for its own merits and not judged on hearsay proposals.

Yours sincerely,



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