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Dear Mrs Haywood

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I am not a resident of Langstone but I am one of the many who came looking for the view that I have seen many times on Havant Council's literature. I came to see and now have enjoyed walking there many times.

I continue to walk there and every time I visit I admire the view of the old village: the Mill, the Royal Oak pub and the old cottages.

I believe that this planning application (APP/17/00928) has caused anxiety to many people in a much wider area than Langstone alone, or even Havant Borough.

I have photographed it many times in different lights, as have countless others from all over the world, and in past years I have seen many artists painting it.

When I read any news items about the Borough of Havant they are invariably accompanied by a photo of the old Mill, the Royal Oak pub and the row of 3 old cottages of which this is one. This clearly says: 'This is the only view worth looking at in the whole Borough of Havant'.

There is very little left now of what I am told was once the port of Havant, and I believe it's now crucial to protect what remains. I imagine this is why the area is a Conservation Area and is also designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This does not mean that there should be no change but that any change should enhance the area, which this extension clearly does not.

Everything in this view is Grade II Listed and this should surely protect it from inappropriate extensions. Could anything be less appropriate than a glass extension with a flat roof on an Eighteenth Century cottage made of brick and timber?

I strongly urge that this proposal is rejected.

Yours sincerely


John E Boulton