

Planning Development
Havant Borough Council
Public Service Plaza
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire PO9 2AX

6th January 2026

Ref: Planning Application: APP/23/000/76

To all who should be concerned,

I object to the planning application APP/23/000/76 at Tournerbury Woods, Hayling Island, PO11 9DL.

APP/18/00943 - A material change of use of Land as a wedding and events venue and ancillary operational development to the change of use.
Refused on 25/06/2021.

This site has been given the highest level of environmental protection at the national and international level.(government guidance) (Habitat Regulations)

I quote: please ensure that 'the last remaining wilderness on Hayling Island, is not developed to harm nature and damage the heritage of Chichester Harbour.'

This venue has been operating within a 'Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)'

It is not the place for a 'Wedding and Events Venue', quote: Refusal of APP/18/00943 for the following reasons 'celebratory and social gatherings into the late evening; a high number of participants proposed; and the limitations of the access track which do not allow for two-way flow over all length through the adjoining Tournerbury Farm holding' etc.

These woods have been used as a wedding and events venue for several years. Originally without planning permission being applied for or being granted. Events, mainly weddings, which are very loud (Noise), many peopled and lasting most of the day, have occurred regularly. In 2020 I think 70 events a year were anticipated. Which is a more than one per week.

APP/19/01262 - A large marquee (33 metres x 12 metres), erection of a Victorian style gazebo structure, erection of a log cabin and adjoining decking.

Refused 02/06/2021

Gravel car parking has been made. To do this, areas have been cleared of trees and ground cover.

This application now includes overnight camping in the woods. I do not think this should

be granted. There are many sites on the Island which cater for campers and other forms of accomodation. Monitoring a camp site close to the sea 24hrs a day is not feasible. A young person who attended a party some years ago was found dead in the sea a few feet from the foreshore of Tournembury Woods. He had been attending a party locally.

This 'Site of Special Scientific Interest' SSSI.(government guidance)

The woods are a habitat for much wildlife. (Loss of .. and other natural habitats). Often deer can be seen coming along the foreshore of the creek. Many birds nest in the trees overlooking My Lord's Pond, Mengham Creek. The SSSI site has Special Protection Area for birds. The winter harbouring birds come into the creek and feed for several months. Several times during the year hunters come from within Tournembury Woods, with rifles and shoot at, I'm not sure what, maybe it's the mallard ducks. Is this allowed?

The trees within Tournembury Woods are covered by a 'tree preservation order' TPO. Many have been removed without Council Permission. (conservation of trees)

The area is also a Ramsar site and is part of Chichester Harbour Conservancy/Chichester Harbour National Landscape - formerly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.(government guidance)

A Judicial Review was brought by the trustees of Saving Tournembury Woods challenging Havant Borough Council's decision to grant retrospective planning permission. The High Court quashed the decision by Havant Borough Council to grant planning permission on 10th March 2025.

The council is now required to re-determine this application. I ask the council to look at the environmental issues involved and to protect this special piece of land.

Yours faithfully



