

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to Application APP/23/00076 and would like the Application to be refused.

My reasons are as follows:

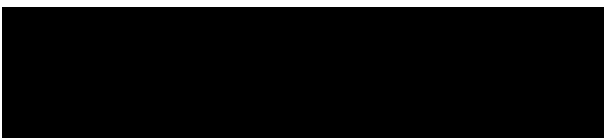
The Tournurbury Woods site falls within an SSSI, the Chichester Harbour AONB and is a Ramsar site, a designation showing its international importance for birds. I find it astonishing that the Council has even contemplated approving commercial development in this area which is covered by so many protections. It is also astonishing and wrong that the Council has for many years turned a blind eye to the ongoing illegal development there. The protected status of this site should mean that any development is refused, and that the site should be fully restored to its natural state by the developer.

Hayling Island is vulnerable to flooding, increasingly so as sea levels rise with global heating. Havant's Draft Local Plan shows the Council is aware of the Island's vulnerability, and the plan is against further commercial development on the Island. This is particularly relevant for businesses which attract traffic onto the Island rather than serve the local community.

The developer has shown disregard for this rare coastal forest landscape by cutting down protected trees without consent. This is a criminal offence. Again, the Council appears to have ignored these breaches of the law, and no action has been taken.

Like many residents on Hayling Island, I am against this Application. I am grateful to the Saving Tournurbury Woods action group for their work to highlight the refusal of previous Council members and officers to act against the developer to ensure the law is upheld. I hope the Council will show resolve and responsibility by refusing the Application and by ordering the developer to remove all illegal development and to restore the site.

Yours faithfully

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