

RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

Hayling Padel - Mill Rythe Lane, Hayling Island

Planning application: APP/26/00391

Environmental Health reference: PR202607-113254, dated 3 August 2026

Date: 20 August 2026

Thank you for the Environmental Health comments on this application. We apologise that our original submission did not make the proposed construction method sufficiently clear and did not include enough information about the existing surface-water drainage. We are pleased to provide that clarification below.

1. Existing slab and contamination

The three padel courts and their covering structure will be installed entirely on the existing concrete slab. The slab will remain intact: there will be no excavation or other penetration into the ground beneath it.

The court carpet and levelling layer will be laid over the existing slab. The development will therefore neither expose the underlying ground nor create a new direct-contact pathway between any material beneath the slab and players, staff or visitors.

We appreciate that this was an important point and accept that it should have been stated unambiguously in the original application documents. We hope the construction clarification now addresses Environmental Health's concern about the risk of disturbing potentially contaminated ground.

Because the existing slab will not be disturbed, we would be grateful if Environmental Health would consider a watching-brief condition for unexpected contamination requiring work to stop in any affected area and the Local Planning Authority to be notified if previously unidentified contamination is encountered.

This approach is similar to the approach EH recommended for the adjoining MOT application APP/26/00367.

2. Surface-water drainage

We also apologise that the original submission did not explain how roof water from the covered courts would be managed. We are pleased to address that omission by submitting Drawing A116, included at Appendix A below and as a separate full size attachment.

Roof water from the padel structure will be directed to the existing linear drainage channels serving the top yard. These discharge through the existing attenuation tank and oil interceptor to the confirmed filtered outlet, as shown on Drawing A116.

This drainage system was approved under planning permission 01/53376/011, dated 29 April 2004. The landowner has confirmed from direct knowledge that the drainage channels, attenuation tank and oil interceptor were installed, remain operational and continue to serve the top yard. The landowner also retains responsibility for maintaining this drainage system.

We hope Drawing A116 and the above confirmation provide the information needed to address the drainage point. If Environmental Health requires any specific further clarification, we would be pleased to provide it.

3. Potable water

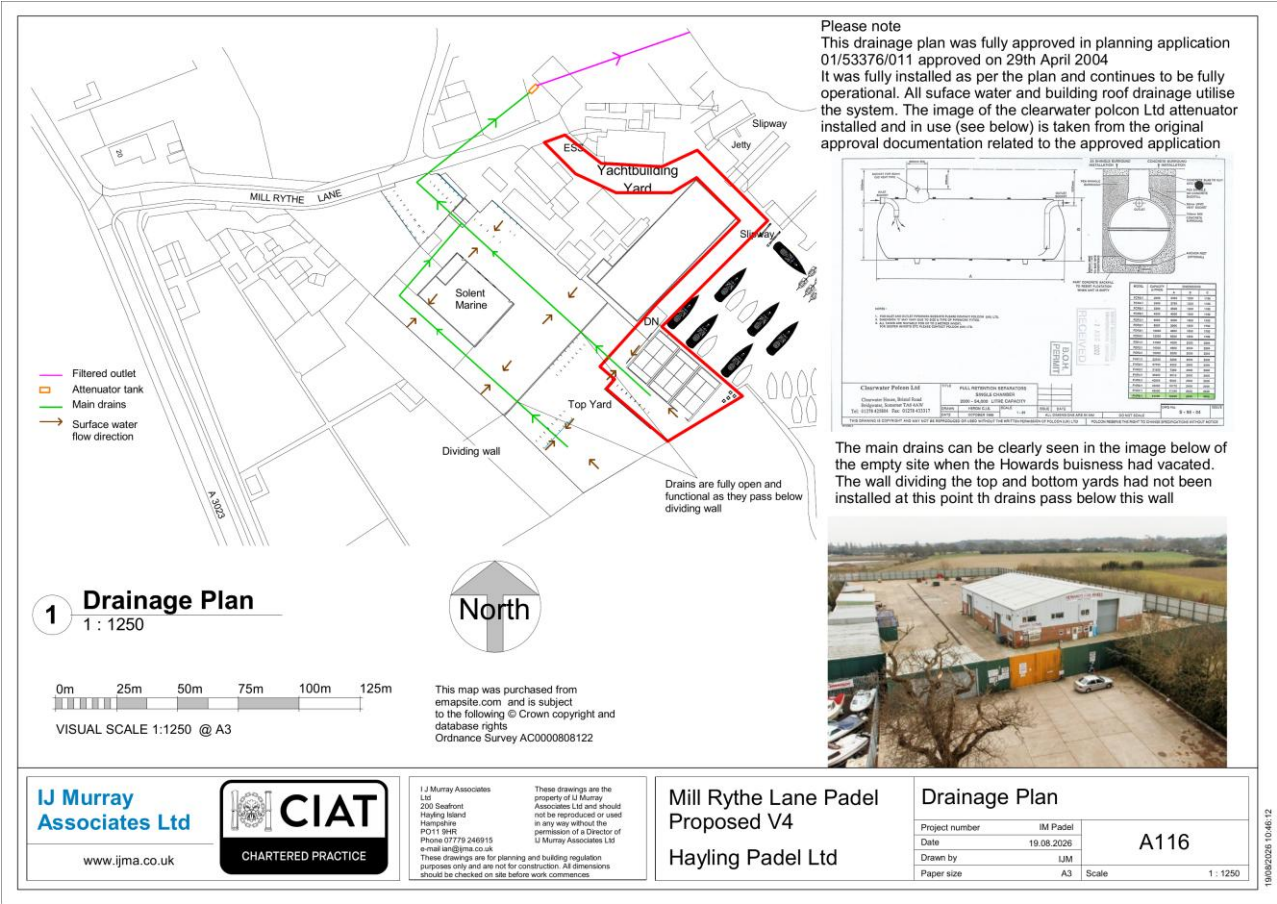
For completeness, the development will use the existing water supply and facilities on the site. No new potable-water supply will be laid through the ground.

4. Conclusion

We hope this additional information resolves the matters arising from the original submission. In particular, the existing concrete slab will remain wholly intact, and the proposed drainage connection is now shown on Drawing A116. On that basis, we would be grateful if Environmental Health would be minded to raise no objection subject to an appropriate unexpected-contamination watching-brief condition, as applied to the adjoining MOT proposal.

Thank you for considering this clarification. We would, of course, be happy to respond promptly to any further questions.

Appendix A - Drawing A116 Drainage Plan



Drawing A116: Drainage Plan, Mill Rythe Lane Padel (IJ Murray Associates Ltd, 19 August 2026)