

Deputation Submitted by Dr Austin CHC

Your ref: APP/18/00943



CHICHESTER
HARBOUR
CONSERVANCY

Our ref: Tournerbury Woods

22 June 2021

Mr M. Gregory
Democratic Services Officer
[Delivered by email]

Dear Mr Gregory,

APP/18/00943 - Tournerbury Woods, Tournerbury Lane, Hayling Island

With respect to the above planning application, on behalf of Chichester Harbour Conservancy, I would like to make the following points. The Conservancy welcomes the Case Officer recommendation to **Refuse Permission**.

However, the Conservancy does not believe the rationale for refusal is sufficiently robust in three regards.

- A function of the Conservancy, as established by the 1971 Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act, is “the conservation of nature” within the amenity area. Tournerbury Woods is entirely within the amenity area. **APP/18/00943** does not conserve nature and is therefore in direct contradiction of the function of the Conservancy. (Ref: Chichester Harbour Management Plan, 2019-2024, Function p15, Amenity Area, p89). The Conservancy hereby requests that the Planning Committee cite this as a reason for refusal.
- Tournerbury Woods is entirely within Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), one of England’s protected landscapes. The purpose of the AONB is to conserve and enhance natural beauty. **APP/18/00943** does not conserve or enhance natural beauty. The Conservancy hereby requests that the Planning Committee cite this as a reason for refusal.
- **APP/18/00943** must be viewed as a major development within a protected landscape, given the extent of the works and the likely impact on road traffic. The test of exceptional circumstances has not been met and there is no overriding public interest. The Conservancy hereby requests that the Planning Committee cite this as a reason for refusal (ref: NPPF).

Yours sincerely

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