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Dear Mr. Mackie,

**QUAY 2000, HORSESHOE BRIDGE, SOUTHAMPTON**

Thank you for your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and the opportunity to comment upon the application. Having considered the application I have the following comments to make with reference to crime prevention.

A review of the information shown as attachment 1 of the “Request” shows the following:

The submission details eight incidents (incident number 5 occurs between 23:15 hours on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and 03:20 hours 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 with 4 calls to the police at various times and incident number 8 occurs between 20:15 hours and 22:40 hours on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 with 3 calls at various times to the police), reported to the Police using both the 999 and 101 system.

Analysing these incidents:

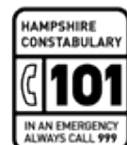
1. One incident occurs completely on the boardwalk, incident number 2 on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 21:15 hours.
2. Of the other seven incidents:
  - a. Five occur on the slipway, two of which at times spill over on to the boardwalk,
  - b. In incident number 3 the boardwalk is used lawfully to transit from Horseshoe Bridge to the benches at the slipway
  - c. Incident number 6 occurs on Horseshoe Bridge.
3. The majority of calls were made in the late evening and early morning.
4. The majority of incidents are reported by the same six apartments.
5. Incident number 5 is the only incident reported by other properties.



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6. The slipway and the grassed area adjacent to the slipway feature in the all but two of the incidents (incidents 2 and 6).

Analysing the incidents, the slipway and the adjacent grassed area is the place where many of the incidents including the most violent incidents cited have started. Often the participants arrive by motor vehicle.

Since the gates have been secured incidents have still be reported, as occurring in the area.

Reviewing incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), drug offences, vehicle crime, public order and criminal damage held by Hampshire Constabulary on their Records Management System (RMS) for the period 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, for the same area shows: four incidents reported, none of which involved the boardwalk nor the area of the slipway.

At paragraph 4 of the “Request for partial variation of planning agreement” the following assertion is made, “The gates at either end of the walkway have been kept locked since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and there has been no cause for complaint since that date. It is evident that unsociable behaviour on the walkway cannot and does not take place when the gates are locked and that, as the Police are unwilling/unable to respond to complaints of unsociable behaviour, the gates should remain closed, as a self-policing measure to control activity on the walkway.”

In response to that statement:

1. There have been complaints made to Hampshire Constabulary after the gates have been secured, but perhaps not by those flats mentioned in attachment 1.
2. If the gates at either end of the boardwalk are secured, unsociable behaviour cannot occur on the boardwalk.
3. The boardwalk does not play a part in half of the incidents reported, of those where it does it is not the main driver of the behaviour
4. For the period 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, there were only 4 incidents reported, none of which involved the boardwalk or the area of the slipway.

In summary, the data held by Hampshire Constabulary on their records management system does not show that the boardwalk has a disproportionate effect on the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area, when compared with any other local transit route.

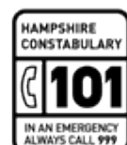


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If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Designing Out Crime Officer

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