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Dear Mr Trevis

Ref: BO/09/00193/FUL Burnes Shipyard redevelopment by Burhill Golf & Leisure

The Friends of Chichester Harbour strongly object to the above planning application.

The application seems to challenge many aspects of existing guidelines, advisory and statutory, issued by competent authorities for development in this area.

The specific points of our objection are well made in Chichester Harbour Conservancy's assessment 19 Mar 09 and Bosham Parish Council's assessment 13 Mar 09. The Friends of Chichester Harbour wish to be associated with these objections, in their entirety. Three points of objection are emphasised:

#### AONB Impact

Consultant's Drivers Jonas Planning Statement January 2009 argues that this would enhance the AONB in comparison with the existing derelict site. This organisation disagrees; comparison is with the remaining shoreline of the AONB. As such the density, proposed height and urban design degrades the AONB. The development would be in stark contrast to its surrounding rural tranquillity and be an irritation to walkers, sailors and all who love this harbour.

#### Harbour Villages

The Friends of Chichester Harbour place great emphasis on the site continuing to be used for light industrial purposes for local employment opportunities and consider this is essential to maintain a balanced community, including young people, in villages around the harbour.

#### Harbour Waters

Southern Water's report 23 Feb 09 states there is currently inadequate capacity to service the proposed development. There is a great concern about the frequency of disposal of untreated wastewater into the harbour. Further increases due to overcapacity will seriously affect the finely balanced marine ecosystems existing within the harbour waters.

The Friend's membership numbers some two thousand members along with local commercial companies. Its aim is the protection of this beautiful harbour. A greater understanding of the harbour's fragility is needed if its beauty is to be preserved.

This application is indifferent to beauty and would scar one of the most photographed and painted stretches of shoreline in the harbour.

The Friends of Chichester Harbour request that the application for change of use for Burnes Shipyard and Burhill Golf and Leisure's redevelopment proposal both be refused.

Yours sincerely,