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Dear Richard,

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The Itchenor Society was formed in 1989 to represent the local community and promote best practice in design, development and enhancement of the village. We represent the majority of the village and other local households who wish to be members. To that end we have worked with other organisations wherever possible. As you are aware from the very well attended presentation that you made to us, your proposal to create a new extended Jetty has been strongly criticised and this community view is that increases the hazard to small craft moving between The Hard and the Harbour and seems to offer little or no positive benefits to the users of the hard or to harbour users as a whole.

We feel that this is an undesirable attempt at commercial development within the AONB, albeit on the water rather than the land.

You have confirmed your determination to proceed to a planning application imminently and then proceed to development if the Conservancy board agree your business plan (which remains confidential).

At this stage, before more money and time is wasted we ask you to seriously consider the following:-

- 1/ The unedited drone footage showing the real difficulties encountered by watercraft around the existing jetty that have received NO consideration in your risk assessment. (26th-29th July 2022)
- 2/ The expert critique of the Navigational Risk assessment which you presented for consultation. Clearly this was misleading to the public and not fit for purpose.
- 3/ A brief initial commentary on your Landscape and visual appraisal highlighting the conflicts with the Conservancy's Management plan, that have been reduced to insignificance by the David Hare Landscape Architecture report who appear to have been briefed that any visual damage would be outweighed by improved safety and other benefits. This is unproven and we would argue is more likely to be the opposite.
- 4/ For the reasons above we believe that the consultation process was based on unsound information and should be repeated using new, corrected information. Also that its inclusion of villages that have their own harbour facilities and lie to the West of Itchenor have little or no right to participate in a survey that does not impact on their use of the harbour other than to skew the results by outnumbering the responses from those who are truly affected. We believe that the focus of any survey should be the users of the Hard at Itchenor and those who regularly pass the jetty.

It is regrettable that a closed decision making process has been followed by the Advisory and Conservancy boards where the minutes of meetings are not made public until after they have often been actioned and then agreed at the following meeting.

I would like to encourage you to issue minutes in Draft form a few weeks after meetings take place so that the public are aware of discussions before it is too late to comment. I believe that this is consistent with best practice in any public body.

I must therefore for the reasons above ask you to STOP.....

Revisit the process conducted thus far, and if you are intent on this unwanted development, to start again by commissioning accurate current and valid information to make your case for permission.

Kind Regards,  
Jim Dunn