



## **SOLENT PROTECTION SOCIETY**

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Planning Department  
Isle of Wight Council  
Seaclose Offices  
Fairlee Road  
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PO30 2QS

Dear Sirs

**Reference: Planning Application Number TCP/32391-P/01065/15  
Venture Quays/Trinity House Depot and Wharf/Red Funnel Marshalling Yards located in  
vicinity of Dover Road and Castle Street, East Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO32**

As you know the Solent Protection Society was founded in 1956 to protect all aspects of the Solent, its waters and shoreline, including its harbours and creeks, and views of the coastline from the water. We have two members of the Royal Institute of British Architects among our Councillors.

We are well aware of the need to improve the waterfront and access and parking in East Cowes for the Red Funnel ferry, and also the need to improve the centre of East Cowes to restore its heart, which this scheme has the potential to achieve.

We are however concerned by the application for outline planning permission for the mix of uses including dwellings and a hotel. Although the Illustrative Masterplan and the Design and Access statement shows two well spaced buildings on the water front, we note that the drawing Parameter Plan Building Heights applies for four storey (19 metres) height across the whole of the water front. We therefore consider that more detail should be given for this area before planning permission is considered, to avoid the risk of a slab four storey (19 metres) high building across the whole of the waterfront.

Yours faithfully

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Council Chairman

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