

REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LICENSING, LEISURE SERVICES AND PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

(Special Joint meeting held 14 September 1999)

1. PROPOSED ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT LYMINGTON QUAY (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO. 4).

A draft scheme for works to Lymington Quay was approved for public consultations on 14 September 1999. The proposals were subsequently displayed at an Exhibition held at the Town Hall, Lymington from 27-30 October 1999. Discussions had also continued with interested parties. As a result of the responses to the consultation exercise the proposals had been amended, and details of the changes were explained to the meeting. A summary of the main points raised by the public was set out as a schedule to the Report A.

It is now proposed to use a more traditional form of building for the public conveniences, although the position on The Quay remains the same. It is essential, for security and servicing, that the conveniences building remains in a central, well-lit position with access for vehicles all around. The building also needs to have access to the yacht pontoon. It can be used as a design feature to divide the expanse of car parking.

A number of members expressed disappointment at the loss of the innovative design for the conveniences, although others preferred a more traditional form of building. Other members expressed concern that the main visual feature, at the centre of The Quay, would be the public conveniences.

Members were advised that the Harbour Commissioners felt unable to fund any capital expenditure for the provision of showers for yachtspeople. It was estimated that this would cost in the region of £75,000. It was considered that the project should be progressed on the basis that the showers would be provided, and options for funding should be considered at a future meeting. Discussions had already been held with the Harbour Commissioners on the possibility of rental payable by them to include an element to recover the capital outlay. It was reported that the Environmental Services and Licensing Committee had only made budgetary provision for the replacement of the conveniences and would wish to recover the cost of providing any additional services. The Environmental Services and Licensing Committee has approved an additional bid of £168,000, for the period ending 2000/01 to cover the expected shortfall in the budgetary provision made for the coast protection and other works. The total cost of the works over the 3-year period to 2000/01 is estimated as £763,000. If MAFF approval is sought for the works to The Quay wall, then it is estimated that grants totalling £234,000 will be received.

There was also concern about the proposed narrowing of Bath Road, at the entrance to The Quay, to 3.5 metres to allow a footway to be provided. A lane priority system would have to be introduced to manage traffic flows. Some members considered that this was unlikely to be successful, on a blind corner, without the introduction of traffic lights. Members requested that the highway arrangements should be given further consideration, bearing in mind the current problems with heavy goods vehicle movements both onto and off The Quay, particularly for the commercial fishermen.

Following detailed discussions, the revised proposals were endorsed so that the scheme may be advanced through a detailed brief to tender stage, and planning applications can be submitted to include applications for the public conveniences building, with and without the yachting facilities.

It was agreed that a report should be submitted to a future meeting on ways of meeting the cost of providing showers within the conveniences building. It was also agreed that further consideration should be given to the highway arrangements, and a report submitted to a future meeting.

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