

Community Involvement Statement

1. Introduction

This Planning Community Involvement Statement has been prepared in support of an application for the installation of a sewage treatment plant at Val Wyatt. The purpose of this document is to set out the approach taken to community consultation, summarise feedback received, and demonstrate how the proposal has been informed and refined in response to stakeholder engagement.

2. Consultation Objectives

The objectives of the consultation process were as follows:

- To ensure that local residents, businesses, berth holders, and relevant organisations were made aware of the proposed development at an early stage.
- To provide accessible and accurate information on the scope, purpose, and potential impacts of the development.
- To demonstrate how community and stakeholder views have been taken into account in the evolution of the scheme.

3. Consultation Methodology

Engagement activities undertaken to date include:

- **Notification and Information Distribution:** Mailshot emails were distributed to berth holders and small businesses operating on site. Notification of intended work has been communicated to the immediate neighbours of Willow Lane.
- **Stakeholder Meetings:** Direct discussions have taken place between stakeholders.

4. Summary of Consultation Responses

Feedback received during the consultation process highlighted the following key themes:



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- Questions relating to the impact of construction activity, including vehicle movements and potential disruption.
- Broad support for improved wastewater management, with recognition of associated environmental benefits.
- Support for more efficient waste management, both financially due to twice-weekly pump out of existing septic tank and logistically, due to some toilets being closed if septic tank is full.

5. Response to Consultation Feedback

The design and management of the proposed development has been refined in response to the above feedback, including:

- Notice to on-site businesses of what the likely impact will be. Due to location of proposed works, businesses will be able to run without impact. Work will be completed during opening hours to keep disruption to a minimum for mooring holders and residents. Location of work will not impact mooring holders' parking availability or access.
- Commitment to ongoing water sample monitoring to ensure compliance with water quality standards.

6. Ongoing Community Involvement

The applicant is committed to maintaining a clear and transparent line of communication with stakeholders throughout the planning, construction, and operational phases of the development. Updates will be provided through the marina's social media, email mailshots, and direct correspondence as appropriate. A designated contact has been identified for handling enquiries.

7. Conclusion

The process has enabled constructive dialogue with the community and statutory stakeholders, and the proposal has been positively influenced by the feedback received. The applicant is satisfied that the approach taken to community involvement is proportionate to the scale and nature of the proposed development and that the concerns raised have been appropriately addressed within the submitted application.



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