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Subject: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0284/24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/04/2024 6:24 PM from Ms Jane Cato.

Application Summary

Address:	26 Riverbank Shoreham-by-sea West Sussex BN43 5YH
Proposal:	Development of a replacement house boat (Retrospective)
Case Officer:	Gary Peck

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Customer Details

Name:	Ms Jane Cato
Address:	Houseboat Happy Medium, 9 Riverbank, Shoreham-by-sea, West Sussex BN43 5YH

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I have visited family in Shoreham since 1980. One of my highlights over the years was to stroll on both the north and south banks of the Adur and delighted in visiting the houseboats. I moved to Shoreham 24 years ago and value and appreciate how much the whole of Shoreham has developed and grown over the years...embracing inevitable change....economically, housing demands, social developments, national legislation, regeneration etc. It has included the inspiring alternative way of living on a houseboat and the diversity, creativity, the championing the of the environment...being part of a vibrant Shoreham Community. I

have since been a houseboat owner and resident for the last 9 years, where many of the original boats have needed to be broken up as they expected shelf life ended, and replacement boats have been towed in or new houseboats built. My experience has been that the majority of both Shoreham residents and visitors to Shoreham have shown positive interest in the houseboat community and valued the variety and novelty of each individual houseboat and the stories behind them. It enriches our town.

In relation to the design of this new houseboat, Kingfisher replaces an old MTB whose hull was deteriorating and it was regularly leaking and flooding. It has a contemporary design and offers two floor living space...much like all the houseboats along the towpath that have upper and lower decks. It is no higher than some of the other larger houseboats on the Riverbank both east and west.

Design and taste are individualistic and what one person likes another person may not. Some people like to keep to a nautical theme and some appreciate something different. You only need to walk along the towpath to see the vastly different array of designs. That is what makes the Riverbank special and unique. Kingfisher brings its own unique contemporary flavour to the Riverbank and I welcome it. The Riverbank reflects and positively includes diversity and embraces difference in many ways. We need inclusivity, kindness and compassion in our lives for everyone.

Kind regards