SCOUTS WEST SUSSEX SEA SCHOOL

RYA Training Centre

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PLANNING SERVICES

Dear Mr Appleton,

As the official and RYA technical Water Training School of West Sussex Scout County, it is wished to bring a serious matter to your attention.

Recently the Shoreham Slipway Group applied for and received conditional planning permission for a new public slipway at the Adur Recreation Ground, adjacent to the 3rd Shoreham Sea Scout Group HQ building and slipway.

Whilst we all agree that provision of a new public slipway for Shoreham is excellent news, the Sea Scout Group, adjacent Adur Centre Sailing Club, RYA Registered Training Establishments and Sea Cadets sited there were not consulted in anyway. Had all or any been spoken with, it would have clearly been realised that all have identical concerns and would have objected vigorously. The Scout Group and Adur Centre Sailing Club are the only neighbours and the only ones affected.

All fully agree that no organisation has any right to stop others from using the water and would support this right. However as official water Training Centres, have very major and real concerns about the aspect of building a public slipway in a very small water area that is already overcrowded with moored craft and bounded by two low bridges reducing assess. Also containing sailing dinghy users restricted in movement because unable to get under the bridges due to having masts taller than the bridge supports. The slipway proposed location is exactly in the middle of the **ONLY** available water training and turning area for children which the centres can use from their HQs. To go ahead would mean stopping all water training and render the centres useless. This in turn would cause all youth training to end.

If people now launch power craft at this point (which is all that will use this slipway due to tidal and bridge restrictions), it will mean that they will be reversing directly into this very busy training area. Live outboard propellers will be in conflict with young children and being inexperienced they regularly capsize as with all novices. An outboard propeller is described as the most efficient meat slicer known to mankind. As most of the powerboat launches will be by occasional helms so inexperienced, there is an extremely high and unacceptable risk of injury if not fatalities. Something that we are sure we are all would wish to avoid.

We ask that in support of safety, you use your influence to stop this slipway build going ahead at this location.

Yours Truly

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R.N.Eager Principal and County Leader for Water Activities

Please reply to The Principal

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