Dear Resident/Owner of Hythe Marina,

HYTNE AND DIBDENNEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND BUFFERZONE FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT ON DIBDEN BAY RECLAIM

In 2015 Hythe and Dibden Parish Council agreed to take up an opportunity to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. It was recognised that the Neighbourhood Plan would enable this Council, working with the community, to provide a formal framework aligned to the District Council's Local Plan setting out the local wishes for 'what and where' any infrastructure and buildings would be developed.

Following a series of consultations and with assistance from a planning consultant the Neighbourhood Planning Group drew up a draft plan based on the information received from the community; this draft plan and the associated documents can be accessed at:

https://www.hytheanddibden.gov.uk/media/uploads/final%20draft%20for%20Reg%202014%20consultation%20Version.pdf

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has received information that indicates that ABP are likely to make an application to develop a new port on land on the Dibden Bay Reclalm at some point during 2020. Such a project is a National Strategic Infrastructure Project that is decided at a National Government level. The Neighbourhood Planning Group is very concerned about the impact on the local community by such a project and has investigated ways to mitigate against impact on the local community. The Group has developed a Buffer Zone policy and we would like to draw your attention to the Neighbourhood Plan at page 61.

We are asking people to feedback to us their thoughts on the Neighbourhood Plan and we have an online consultation open at
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemiRhQg4wLeVJq3rVP9copKhBEPOaHLVh-6Bb32Bh45eN9w/viewform

If you would like a hard copy of the questionnaire and/or the Plan please pop into the Grove where we have the plan available. If you would like to speak to us we will be on a stall on Hythe Market on Tuesdays in January; please come and see us. The next stage of the Plan is that it must pass formal inspection by the Planning Inspectorate and then we will be required to hold a referendum for the Plan to be voted on.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us by telephoning Stephanie Bennett 02380 841411 or by e-mailing Stephanie.bennett@hytheanddibden.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

Graham Parkes
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