

## **SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 6.30PM AT THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SAILING CLUB**

A meeting of interested parties was held to discuss support/concerns of Morgan Marine's planning application that had been submitted to Tendring District Council.

Present were representatives from local marine businesses, clubs and local marine organisations. In total it potentially represented approximately 2100 people that have an interest in the area around the proposed plans.

Each individual representative was given the opportunity of stating their support and/or concerns that in summary were as follows:

1. The planning process that, due to lack of signage, had only been highlighted to many very recently and the requirement for a marine licence from the Marine Management Organisation was discussed
2. An improvement and addition in facilities within Morgan Marine's current footprint was generally welcomed. Although it was felt that there should be a good number of designated visitors berths to improve the local economy
3. Definite concern was raised to the extent of the proposed pontoons into the river and boats moored to them. It would effect the navigable channel thus restricting its use for current businesses and the effect the viability of up stream businesses
4. Concern that the future restriction of the channel will impact on the safe navigation of the current working wharf and future use of the up stream wharves.
5. Concern also raised by leisure user clubs and individuals that the proposed pontoons would effect the navigable channel thus impeding them to use the river for their existing activities
6. The safety of boats using the new pontoons turning out into a cross tide and blocking the river
7. The impact on the environment to birds and other wildlife, potential light pollution and dredging impacts
8. Concern that the current drawings do not have sufficient accurate data and measurements to make fully informed opinions
9. Inaccuracy of the drawings which for example differ on the position of the dolphin
10. It recognised the importance that will be put on the Harbour Commissioners decision in the consultation. The group felt the need for the Harbour Commissioners to engage more closely with the stakeholders, especially those that will be effected by the proposal. Further to the previous public meeting the group would like to ensure that any future discussion and/or concern is noted in their minutes
11. It was recognised that there was a need for sensitivity by some group attendees due to business relationships
12. There was discussion on previous restraints of overnight stays on boats in the area

- 13.Ensuring adequate parking for additional berth holders
- 14.Rights of oyster layings and land/shore/creek ownership were raised
- 15.It was highlighted that safety on the river is paramount and raised concern over the commercial activity at the wharf may be compromised by not having sufficient room in the event of incidents such as a requirement for a run off to the Folly which has occurred in the past

Actions:

- People are encouraged to attend the Brightlingsea Town Council planning meeting at 6.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June (since the meeting it has come to light that there are a restricted number of places but anyone can join the meeting by Zoom, details of which can be obtained by phoning the Council Office on 01206 303535)
- A letter will be sent inviting all Harbour Commissioners to the next meeting of the group
- Roger Tabor to be approached to inform the group of the potential impact the proposal will have on wildlife
- Next meeting for representatives - 6.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the University Community Sailing Club

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