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Dear Clare,

**Application 01043 LAND OF CREEK COTTAGE, LOWER WOODSIDE, LYMINGTON, SO41 8AJ
Installation of sea defence wall; realignment of footpath/track; access alterations; construction etc**

1. New Forest Association (NFA) comments on to this application. This letter is intended as much for the applicants as the Authority and is copied to them.
2. The occupiers of Creek Cottage do not like the footpath (part of the Solent Way) passing within inches of the front door and over the decades have tried various schemes to encourage walkers to change their habits. I have no doubt the situation has got worse since the unintended expansion of Hurst View camp site, (for which NFNPA & NFDC must accept considerable responsibility), and the encouragement of cyclists onto footpaths nearby (for which HCC are responsible). In the circumstances NFA consider that the applicants deserve a sympathetic hearing.
3. NFA relies on the Authority to ensure details of the scheme, including any boundary treatments, are such that they enhance rather than detract from the area of this wonderful old dock.
4. The main purpose of this note is to ask the applicants to commit their support to the conversion of this new section of path to a bridleway should that suggestion be made in the future. NFA have periodically campaigned for the extension of the ancient highway as a largely traffic free cycle route to Lymington and this would require the upgrade of the footpath to the Salterns. A direct response would be appreciated.
5. I live next to one of the newest and busiest cycle routes in the Forest and can say with my hand on my heart that the day the Verderers agreed to regularise the situation was the day it ceased to annoy me.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee