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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION NUMBER H/23/96029 TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION & FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION TO INCLUDE A NEW FIRST FLOOR REAR TERRACE AT GUILLEMOT HOUSE, 9 MARINERS CLOSE, HAMBLE, SOUTHAMPTON SO31 4PD.

I am writing to object to the planning application for 9 Mariners Close, Hamble SO31 4PD.

**Effect on Wildlife in Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Mercury Marshes Nature Reserve.**

I am a regular visitor to SSSI Mercury Marshes nature reserve and enter the site using the footpath from Mariners Close. I have seen Lapwings and Curlews which are both UK Red listed on 'Birds of Conservation Concern 5' as well as Kingfishers, Cetti's Warblers and Water Rail at Mercury Marshes.

The proposed development of 9 Mariners will cause considerable disturbance to these endangered birds during the months of construction. Additionally there will be ongoing disturbance caused by people on the proposed 5m wide balcony.

**Loss of Public Open Outlook**

The approach to the SSSI from Mariners Close has a pleasant open outlook over the reserve and river. The proposed development would block the view and mean visitors to Mercury Marshes or TS Mercury memorial would no longer be able to enjoy the open aspect.

**Out of proportion, out of character and overbearing.**

The Mercury estate (which includes Mariners Close) was built with spacing between properties enabling the nature reserve, river and trees to be enjoyed by residents and visitors. The proposed development would build over the garage removing the current spacing. It is in close proximity to the adjacent property so the end result would be a contiguous mass of buildings which would be out of character and overbearing.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jeremy Cullen

