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Eastleigh Borough Council Planning Department

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the proposed paddle board centre, Hamble Paddle (River Hamble Watersports Ltd), which seeks to establish its presence within the marina. As the owner of The Gaff Rigger, a thriving restaurant nestled within this vibrant marina community, I am confident that the addition of Hamble Paddle will be a tremendous asset to our locale, benefiting not only our business but also the wider community.

The introduction of Hamble Paddle aligns seamlessly with our vision for the marina as a dynamic and multifaceted destination. The prospect of a dedicated paddle board centre will undoubtedly attract water sports enthusiasts, tourists, and local residents alike. This increased foot traffic will not only elevate the appeal of the marina but also serve as a catalyst for economic growth, fostering a bustling hub of activity.

Moreover, the synergies between Hamble Paddle and The Gaff Rigger present a unique opportunity for collaboration and mutual benefit. We anticipate that the paddle board centre will complement our restaurant experience, providing our patrons with additional recreational opportunities and enhancing their overall visit to the marina. We have already agreed a partnership to host regular 'pizza and paddle' evenings for patrons.

Beyond the immediate economic benefits, the establishment of Hamble Paddle aligns with the broader interests of our community. Encouraging outdoor activities and promoting water-based sports not only contributes to a healthier lifestyle but also underscores our commitment to environmental stewardship by fostering a deeper connection with our natural surroundings.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse the proposal for Hamble Paddle and its integration into our marina community. The benefits of this venture extend beyond individual businesses and stand to positively impact the entire community, fostering growth, vitality, and a sense of unity.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. I am confident that the addition of Hamble Paddle will contribute significantly to the continued success and vibrancy of our marina.

Warm regards,
Shannon Wood
Owner, The Gaff Rigger

