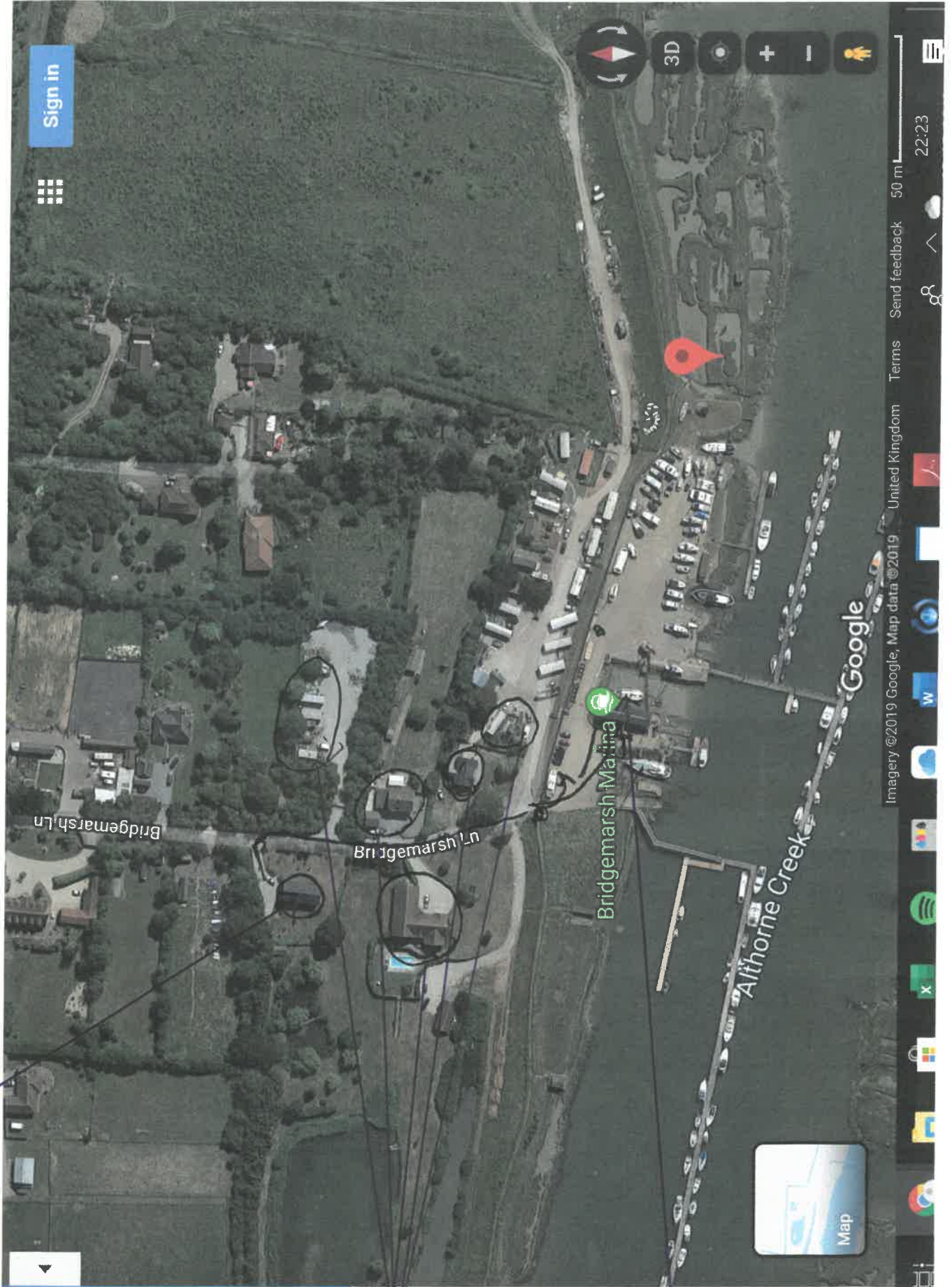


# Appendix A



Property of Mr. Bassenger.

other residences

Site of planning application

*Transcript of part of audio recording provided  
by Cllr Bassenger at interview with MO on*

D declares non pecuniary interest

29/7/19

*Appendix B*

H - declares pecuniary interest

F - agenda item 5, my dog came from AA dog rescue

F - the applicant commodore Wilsden I'm known to him and he to me just in the openness and transparency, thank you.

M - **I've got a non-pecuniary interest in item no 7.** I am a neighbour, I live in Bridgemarsh Lane, I know the applicant and I know the objectors and I have made objection as a resident before I was a Councillor.

D - so are you taking part or are you leaving the room

M - I would like to take part, I don't know if that's possible.

*There were sucks of breath from the floor. ETC*

D - The decision is yours.

*From the floor - it's up to you. ETC*

M - Why, as in because being a new councillor I don't know what that actually means.

D - Not knowing - you said you were a neighbour whether how near a neighbour whether it affects, could affect the **value of your property** or anything else which would then

M - okay, I personally don't believe it does

D - so if you are confident of that, that's alright, if you have any doubts I would suggest you leave the room

M - it's very difficult to say that because in my capacity as a new Councillor I live, I would say, 200 yards away from the Marina. I'm not directly connected to the Marina. I don't know, perhaps maybe some of the Officers that have been down there could give me some assistance

D - its not really for anybody else to say

M - I see, okay

D - it's a personal decision. Unfortunately it's something you should have discussed with the monitoring office in advance but if you are in any doubt I would suggest you leave the room for your own sake

*From the floor - "hear, hear" and whispers from the floor*

*Discussion ensues in whisper between Officers, the Chair and Clerk*

M said to himself "I don't know, I just don't know"

M – "it seems" (*discussion still going on in background*)  
***And whispering to me from F.***

D – Cllr Bassenger?

M – Yes

D – you can give a personal viewpoint, not a Councillors viewpoint, but a personal viewpoint and then leave the room without a problem.

M – okay

D – but if you're staying as a Councillor, I wouldn't.

M – okay, well then also within this pecuniary I was actually the Cllr that called this in so yes, okay then.

D – that's fine.

M – so yes okay then taking your advice I shall give a personal opinion if that's okay and then I shall leave the room

D – your not speaking as a Cllr when you do so. Ok

M – is that okay

*Discussion ensues between Chair, Officers and Clerk*

*Whispering to me from the floor I reply off record to the floor "can you believe it, that's all I'm going to say"*

D – We are a bit uncertain ourselves

M – Yeah

D - but believe, the 3 of us believe that you can give your viewpoint but you then leave the room. It's the safest way for you if we've got it wrong then we're in trouble because could this be bad advice for you, I'm in trouble. I should be careful what you do as a neighbour. It's your decision, (*whispering from F – your decision, your decision*) I can't tell you what to do, I can only give you a bit of advice.

M – ok

D – Think about it we're not there yet.

**Moving on to agenda item 5**

B - Mr Bassenger wants to speak.

M – Again, I’m left in this position of can I speak or can I not speak as a Cllr or a resident

D – You can make a personal statement, it’s up to you, I mean

M - It can’t be up to me can it, I’m a new Cllr so I’m asking you as a Chairman will I be in trouble although I’ve declared a non-pecuniary interest

D – **if it’s a non-pecuniary interest then you are not in any difficulties** but if it’s a pecuniary interest then you are

M – **but I did declare that it was a non-pecuniary interest**

D – well if it’s a non-pecuniary interest and you are happy with that then it’s your decision

M – surely that faces everybody (I meant – why wasn’t everybody questioned)

D – we are all in the same

M – exactly, so I’m not sure why I’ve been singled out for this

D – well you sort of asked a question at the beginning

M – no, I declared a non-pecuniary interest and then I was told that I live nearby

D – well you said as a neighbour

M – well I am a neighbour, I live 2 houses or the house behind the house before the seafront

D- the decision is still yours, we can only offer advice. I told you what I would do in your position.

M – then my position is as an elected Cllr with probably more rights to sit here than most, based on the elections, I’ve been asked by my constituency to represent them and I feel that if I then leave the room and I’m not able to vote because I’m sort of being pressured with this idea that I shall be in trouble in some way, then I feel that slightly unfair really and I think maybe this should be deferred until we can clarify my position.

D – Well that should have been done in advance.

M – Well then perhaps I should have been made fully aware of this.

D - You attended the training session

*F – Point of Order*

M – Mr Chairman, I did attend the training session

F – Mr Chairman, I raised a Point of Order. *(NB What is the point of order?)* We are here to consider a planning application not to consider whether or not Cllr Bassenger has a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in this. He has said that he lives a **couple of doors away** or whatever, we heard that. Early on he said that this application, I think you asked him Chairman would it affect the value of his house, either way and he said no, so it's up to him whether he sits in this Chamber and it's up to him Mr. Chairman how he conducts himself in this Chamber **bearing in mind that he does live 2 doors away** but likewise this application will not affect the value of his house **and it's up to somebody else to report him to the Monitoring Officer or whatever Chairman** so I would propose we go ahead and we leave Cllr Bassenger to make his own mind up in the same way as everybody else does.

H – I'll second that.

F – Thank you. Can we move on?

D - Cllr Bassenger if you'd like to continue but it is, you have to make the decision for yourself we cannot make it for you, you've heard what other people have said you've heard advice has been given to you. It is not for us to make that decision we cannot tell you what you can or cannot do, you've made that decision. If you wish to stay, you declared a non-pecuniary interest and if you wish to stay and speak that is your decision.

**M – Thank you Mr. Chairman so therefore I will make the decision that I have a non-pecuniary interest and will stay.**

D – Ok so if you'd like to continue then.

**F – whispers "very dangerous"**

D - Cllr Bassenger, have you anything?

**M – I've just had a whisper "very dangerous" and I don't know why**

**F – Well Mr Chairman I mean I've heard that Cllr Bassenger lives 2 doors away from him and you will remember Chairman that Cllr Sydney who resigned from this Council who lived 1 door away from a strategic application and felt the same as you do etc etc**

W – Chairman, can I please just say something. Can the Cllr not pass on any relevant information he feels that may help this committee coming to a decision and maybe then not vote?

**F – "no" in a whisper.**

H – We can all make decisions.

D –Everybody in this.

All the Councillors in this room have attended the training day etc  
(again asking whether or not M will speak or leave the room etc )