

**DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe**

**Comment 1**

I am surprised that DNHA have a say on what I understood to be a private construction from a private beach over fundus owned by the installer. However if they do have some form of veto I believe their requirement that it is for public use is sensible and my only concern would be liability for maintenance and liability for an injury for a member of the public using it. If either of these are in doubt I would oppose the pontoon.

**Comment 2**

I just wanted to voice how wonderful it is to have a jetty in Mill Creek. I am a huge cold water swimmer – [...]– and it is a complete joy to be able to have such brilliant access to the water through the new jetty. And we are now able to swim for so much longer as we are not so reliant on the high tide.

IN the past we have always had to wade through mud and often ended up with various cuts due to concealed debris in the mid .. concealed in the mud. We are overjoyed to be able to now enter where it is cleaner and safer and we couldn't be more supportive.

[...] we often visit with our children. We all love making the most of swimming in the creek. Every generation enjoys it, [...]. I have to say I'm delighted the jetty is now there. It has made swimming a joy! We're so pleased.

**Comment 3**

I just wanted to write and voice my complete approval for the wonderful new jetty that has been installed in Mill Creek. It was TRANSFORMED swimming there! IN the past we have always had to wade through mud up to your knees to get to clear swimming water and there are many sharp stones concealed in the mud. We have emerged post swim more than once in the past with children with bleeding feet. No more! You can now use the steps at the end of the jetty to gently lower yourself into lovely deep water at high tide. It means you enter where it is cleaner and safer and we couldn't be more supportive.

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**Comment 4**

Our neighbours have very generously constructed a jetty in Mill Creek , and have made it available to all Dittisham residents and indeed to visitors to the village .

Finally swimmers are able to enter the water at the top of the tide , without fighting their way through mud and underwater obstacles; and boaters can access their craft easily ,

We urge the Parish Council to support this venture which in our view greatly improves enjoyment of Mill Creek at no cost to this Parish.

**Comment 5**

I was amazed to see the new jetty when I went down to the water in Mill Creek- I have been wading through mud for years to go for a swim, often wobbling away and ending up in a heap when putting my feet on a bolder or something squelchy underfoot.

I was astonished that it had not been built before - I have been coming too Mill creek for the last 20 years and annoyed that I had not thought of the idea myself. I very much hope too remains as I know that it will benefit my wider family considerably and its also a perfect way to appreciate the surrounding area with out retreating to the edge of the creek

Well done to the creators

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**Comment 6**

We live in Lower street and very much welcome the arrival of this jetty. It provides additional utility to the creek and a much safer entry/exit point for those keen on an early morning dip!

Those I have talked to. in our street, have all expressed a positive view of the jetty.

**Comment 7**

We write in support of the small wooden jetty erected in Dittisham Mill Creek.

We live in Lower Street and have seen for ourselves how much fun the jetty is providing for young families and wild swimmers alike. Laughter and joyous shouts often float up from people just having a good sociable time together and enjoying the outdoor life. Simply put it makes access to the water a far more pleasant experience without the need to undergo the rigours of dealing with the mud.

Likewise it will certainly make it easier and more comfortable to get on and off small water craft such as rubber dinghies and kayaks for both residents and visitors. We ourselves have already benefited in this way. People on yachts anchored in the river close by may well find it a useful way to drop their crew off to access the village and use the shop and pubs without everyone getting wet and muddy feet.

We would not want to see permission given for any more similar structures along the shoreline, neither would we want to see this jetty used for more than a drop off/collection point for boats small enough to get in to it, but as a facility for swimmers, families, kayakers etc - or just walkers wanting to sit and admire the view - it has immense positive possibilities.

Overall it seems a small structure which could bring significant benefit to a wide cross section of residents and holiday makers out enjoying fresh air and exercise which is to be commended.

**Comment 8**

Please may we keep the new jetty. It's would mean so much to us as a local family with 2 young children. The jetty has meant we no longer have to walk in the sluggish thick mud with the girls to get to the water. We are down there enjoying the outdoors on a weekly basis. It's a special family spot for us all. We enjoy water sports with the girls alot more since the jetty was put up. They no long get knee high in thick mud. It's wonderful. We were really delighted when the jetty was built. It makes life so much easy. I thought the council put It up for people to be safer. It makes getting in and out the water alot easier for us too. We would be absolutely devastated if it's gets removed. Please can we keep it ? Not just for us, but for the other children and people in Ditsum. We would be really upset to see it go. Thanks so much

**Comment 9**

As residents of Lower Street, Dittisham for the last 20+ years we would like to register with you how much we value the new Mill Creek jetty.

It has transformed our ability to use and enjoy Mill Creek. It is an asset in so many ways:

- a) our children and grandchildren when visiting use it everyday (tide permitting) for paddle boarding and swimming
- b) our boat can now enter Mill Creek to pickup and offload family and friends for a considerably extended period around high water
- c) again, because of the extended high water accessibility, my wife and I swim regularly from the jetty
- d) the Lower Street community comes together through using this jetty for their various swimming/paddle boarding/boating activities.

It should also be emphasised that the residents of Seal House who constructed the jetty have gone out of their way to encourage all our community to use and enjoy the benefits that their initiative in building this jetty can deliver.

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We trust that this new jetty will be supported by both Dart Harbour & Navigation Authority and Dittisham Parish Council thereby enabling us, as residents, to use and enjoy this simple but imaginative addition to our creek.

**Comment 10**

I understand the Parish Council as well as the Dartmouth Harbour office are looking to solicit views on the wooden jetty recently erected in Dittisham Mill Creek.

If so, [...] would like it known that we wholeheartedly support the jetty. It provides a very pleasant location for Dittisham residents, particularly those in Lower Street, to meet, swim and paddleboard. The fact that the jetty extends out into the creek affords additional time either side of high tide during which the calm waters of the creek can be enjoyed by residents, their children and grandchildren.

I do appreciate that some residents are wary that the jetty might encourage motorised craft into the creek, but that has not been our experience to date. If that concern does materialise in the future, I would support the introduction of signs prohibiting motorised craft from using the jetty but for now that appears to be unnecessary.

**Comment 11**

As a resident of Lower Street, I am writing in support of the Jetty that has recently been erected in Mill Creek.

The new jetty has enabled us to enjoy mud free wild swimming in the creek, and I know my children will enjoy this later this summer together with easier paddleboarding. As a boat owner it will also enable us to pick up and drop off friends, rather than having to make the journey to the main pontoon.

The look and construction of the jetty is in our opinion very fitting for the area.

We very much support this new addition to Mill Creek.

**Comment 12**

I notice that the parish council have asked for comments from members of the public about the new jetty.

We are not residents of Dittisham but we have been regular visitors for several years and therefore hope our perspective might be of interest to you.

When we stay in Dittisham we normally walk down to Mill Creek several times a day and it was a really pleasant surprise to see the new jetty there this year.

Our children have just got a new paddle board but one of our main concerns was the amount of mud they would bring in to our rented cottage if they launched at Mill Creek. We were therefore delighted to find that thanks to the jetty it is possible to get 'mud free' access at least a couple of hours more either side of high water. It also means that in a week like this with early morning and evening high water, they have been able to use the paddle board at a reasonable time of day. I am sure we will be using the jetty on most days during our visit which is a fantastic benefit.

Visually I think the jetty is not intrusive in the Mill Creek setting and for someone like me who loves all things related to yachts and boats it provides added interest to the foreshore.

We really hope that the parish council will support the jetty and the pleasure it brings to visitors.

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**Comment 13**

I am writing in support of the new pontoon that the applicant has built in Mill Creek. I am grateful for the opportunity to swim in the river away from the boating traffic that is always a danger around the pontoon in front of the FBI and it gives good access over the mud that is a disincentive by the sailing club.

Until the last few weeks I hadn't appreciated that public access was allowed and therefore hadn't used it. I understand from other friends in the village that they were similarly unaware. I wouldn't be at all surprised if once it is known it becomes a popular spot with villagers, and also wild swimmers looking for new spots.

I regularly use the footpath to walk our dog and I don't find the pontoon to be an obstacle or eyesore. In my humble opinion it is much more in keeping, and less of an obstruction, than the reconstructed pier near the Ham.

**Comment 14**

I am writing in support of the jetty at lower street Dittisham Mill Creek. Although I have been slightly involved with this structure I have heard local residents saying how welcome this community facility is. Not only does it provide a landing stage so they can access their dinghy's without getting their feet muddy or wet but we have seen it's popularity for swimmers wanting to use the steps at the end to access the deeper water.

There have always been boats laid up on this shore which have protruded further into the creek than this jetty structure. How satisfying that a jetty here is proving a popular asset to locals as well as being a far more aesthetic element than an abandoned wooden or fibreglass hulk.

As a fellow river user I support it wholeheartedly.

**Comment 15**

I just wanted to write to support the lovely new jetty in Lower Dittisham.

It is not very long and is well sited in the smaller area of Dittisham - tucked away at the upper end of the mill creek.

I notice it is already being well used on a daily basis by the local swimmers who all love it.

I do hope this gets approval.