

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Consultation on Planning Application

MEMORANDUM

From:	Environmental Health	To:	Development Control
Our Ref:	CONS/24/03165	Your Ref:	APP/24/00743
EH Case Officer Extn:	6654	Date:	15 October 2024
DC Case Officer:	Robert Riley		
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Application Number:	APP/24/00743		
Site Address:	27 East Street, Havant, PO9 1AA		
Proposed Development:	Proposed internal and external alterations to introduce air-conditioning units and associated services. I attach a copy of the above application that has been received under the Town and Country Planning Acts. Any views you should wish to make should be returned to me no later than 18/10/2024.		

Observations / Comments:

I refer to the above application under the Town & Country Planning Acts passed to this Service for comment.

I have some concern with respect to the potential for noise issues associated with the new air conditioning units proposed to be installed at the above premises. The nearest neighbouring residential windows are approximately 7 to 10 metres from the two wall hung units. Other residential receptors are within 25 metres of the other 3 units intended to be installed elsewhere on the property.

I would recommend refusal of this application at this time, as insufficient information has been provided about the proposed air conditioning / condensing units, for this office to make an informed decision as to the potential for noise nuisance.

If you were minded to consent, I would ask that the following condition be attached to any consent granted:

Condition 1:

The applicant shall provide an acoustic assessment to show that the rating level of any air conditioning plant will be at least 5 dB below the existing background levels, which must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The assessment must be carried out by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant / engineer and be in accordance with BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound. Background levels shall be established at nearest residential receptors.

Reason: In order to safeguard the amenities of adjoining residential occupiers and having due regard to policy DM10 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Bearing in mind the type of commercial business that will likely be operating from this site, it would also be helpful if some indications were given as to the proposed times of usage of the airconditioning units e.g. 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 13:00 on a Saturday, which would indicate that the units would probably not be in use overnight.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above matters raised or would like further explanation.

Mr. Mark Moss
Regulatory Officer, Environmental Health