

Havant

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Economic Development - Consultation Response

Planning Reference:	APP/20/00990
Site Address:	Havant Thicket, adjacent to Sir George Staunton Country Park, Reservoir and Pipe Line, Middle Park Way, Havant
Proposal:	Outline application for (matters to be considered outlined in Table 2.2 in the submitted Development Specification) control house partially incorporated within landscaped earth mounding adjacent to the south west embankment; together with provision of other earth embankments. Construction of a visitor centre / cafe, with storage areas and welfare facilities to the northwest of the reservoir to be used for recreational and education purposes; Provision of picnic area(s) and children's play area(s).
DC Case Officer:	
Date of Response:	16 th March 2021

The proposed development will provide employment space as well as a new landmark in the area to grow the local tourist/visitor economy. This development would follow the Havant core strategy focus on providing new employment to the borough. This is in line with Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy.

The Economic Development Office therefore considers that the proposal supports Local Plan Policies in so far as it provides for local employment and provides new sites for business growth. This growth will support the borough's local economy on a business and tourist level.

Given the scale of the development, the Economic Development office seeks that the applicant enters a Local Employment & Training Agreement to increase apprenticeship jobs, promote career opportunities and secure jobs for local residents to contribute towards a reduction in out commuting. This comprises the following mitigation measures:

- An agreement to assist in the placement of the apprentices and unemployed from the local area into jobs during occupation phase.

Negotiation of obligations including; direct labour agreements, training, work experience/ placements and apprenticeships to be implemented before completion of the development.

The proposed development presents an opportunity to build and enhance the skills of the local workforce by providing training and employment opportunities for local residents during the occupation phase.

The Pre-submission Havant Local Plan 2036 sets out in Policy DR2 the council's view on boosting local skill levels and community integration. It states that 'significant new residential and commercial development will be expected to support local people in accessing employment and skills training'.

Also, by providing for local employment and skills needs the proposal would advance the NPPF, in particular paragraph 80 which seeks to enable each area to build on its strengths, counter any weaknesses and address the challenges of the future.

This development will not only provide employment to the borough, but it will also be a significant boost the visitor and tourist economy. The Economic Development Office therefore considers that the proposal supports Local Plan Policies CS2 and CS3 and the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 80 in so far as it provides for local employment. The office also recognises the need for a Local Employment & Training Agreement as stated within Havant Borough Council's local plan.

Thank you for your consultation.

Kind Regards,

Joseph Gamlin

Economic Development Officer

Havant Borough Council