

Further to our site visit to the application site on 6/5/21 and an assessment of the application documents, I have the following interim comments:

The application is significantly lacking in detail relating to the heritage asset and how the significance would be affected by the proposed change of use and associated alterations to the fabric of the building. Policy DM20 of the Local Plan (Allocations) advises the following:

‘Planning permission will be granted for development that conserves and enhances the historic assets of Havant Borough. Applications that affect, or have the potential to affect, heritage assets are expected to provide a Heritage Statement that:

- 1. Describe the significance of the asset and its setting, using appropriate expertise and where necessary original survey, at a level of detail proportionate to its significance and sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal.**
- 2. Sets out the impact of the development on the heritage assets and mitigation that is proportionate to the impact and the significance of the heritage asset, including where possible positive opportunities to conserve and enjoy heritage assets.**

It was clear from the site visit that historic fabric clearly remains within the building however, there is no record of what survives and what is proposed to remain / be removed. Also, I am not able to ascertain from the application documents whether a full structural survey has been carried out? A demolition plan is included however, given the amount of structural changes proposed, it would be necessary to see a survey plan for comparison purposes to ascertain which structural walls, if any are proposed to be removed and if so, what is proposed in terms of support beams.

I advise that the above information is required in order to further assess the impact of the proposal in terms of its impact on the designated heritage asset.

Kind regards

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