

Hi Lewis

Following our discussion, and to confirm - North Street Arcade is not within the primary or secondary shopping frontages of Havant Town Centre as defined by Policies CS4 and AL3.

In terms of Policy DM2, paragraph 10.05 of the supporting text in the Core Strategy clarifies that local shops are “within local centres” or “small local shops meeting everyday shopping needs outside all identified centres.” Paragraph 10.08 further clarifies that “Policy DM2 refers to shops within the primary and secondary frontages of centres identified in policy CS4 as well as small local shops located outside of these centres that meet everyday shopping needs.”

I do not consider the units would fall into the former category as the application site falls within Havant Town Centre (as opposed to a local centre).

On this basis I’d suggest that DM2 would not apply and the scheme complies with the Adopted Local Plan. Moreover, the scheme would contribute towards the Council’s objectives to regenerate Havant Town Centre in line with emerging Policy KP1 of the Pre-Submission Draft HBLP 2036, and is supported by the Council’s Regeneration Strategy.

Please let me know if you have any queries,

Thanks, Jade

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