

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/19/00703

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/00703

Address: Langstone Technology Park, 2B Langstone Road, Havant, PO9 1SA

Proposal: Part-demolition of Building 1000 and associated works; the erection of new flexible use industrial units; and a new parking layout with associated works to layout and access.

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Economic Development Office Comments:

The proposal is for part demolition of the existing Building 1000 premises (B1 Use Class) and the erection of new flexible use industrial units (B1/B2/B8 Use Classes). We understand that the proposed development will provide for a much-needed change to the facilities at Langstone Technology Park and subsequently, result in an improved offer for Langstone Technology Park (Paragraph 4.5).

Economic Development Office supports this application and notes that the proposed development will provide for new and modern flexible industrial units in B1c, B2 and B8 Use Classes to meet the growing needs of the businesses in the area. We do acknowledge that there is an increased need for modern industrial premises required to meet modern standards and enable local businesses to compete effectively in a globalised market. As such, the proposed development will allow existing businesses to grow and expand locally while attracting new businesses to the borough.

This proposal advances the Havant Borough Core Strategy (adopted March 2011) which seeks to provide employment to the borough and contribute towards a reduction in out commuting. We consider that the proposed development is in accordance with the emerging Havant Borough Local Plan 2036 and, emerging Local Plan Policy C1 which seeks to retain existing employment sites by reinforcing their function and role. This proposal also supports policy KP6 of the emerging

Local Plan 2036 in so far as it provides a comprehensive redevelopment of Langstone Technology Park, providing new or converted B1, B2, and B8 floorspace as well as a range of employment opportunities and support the needs of emerging sectors.

The proposal is also in line with Paragraph 80 of the National Planning Policy Framework which recognises the need to support economic growth and productivity whilst considering local business needs and the wider opportunities for development.

Overall, we consider that the proposed development supports Local Plan Policies CS2 and CS3 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy, Emerging Local Plan Policies C1 and KP6 as well as Paragraph 80 of the National Planning Policy Framework in so far as it retains the existing site in business use (UCO) purposes, provides for local employment and contributes towards addressing local business needs.

Thank you for your consultation.