

The application is for provision of two new industrial buildings, comprising of 12 individual units, within business use classes B1, B2 and B8 together with ancillary office use, landscaping, servicing, care and cycle parking and access. The proposed development is subject of Local Plan Policy CS2 and Local Plan Policy CS3 of the Havant Borough Council Core Strategy Adopted Core Strategy - Adopted March 2011).

Economic Development Office notes that:

The proposed development will provide for much needed business floorspace, enabling new and current businesses to grow and expand within the local area. Economic Development continually engages with businesses requiring floorspace in Havant Borough. The redevelopment of the Buttericks site will contribute towards an increase in supply of modern business use floorspace to meet increasing demand.

As noted within the applicant's planning statement this site can lead to 122 proposed new jobs within the borough. This follows the Havant core strategy focus on providing new employment to the borough and the reduction of out commuting. This will allow for businesses to relocate within the Borough, containing their employees and allowing them to grow at a base that meets their needs and plans. The proposal therefore, advances the National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 80 which recognise the need to support economic growth and productivity, considering local business needs and wider opportunities for development.

Emerging Local Plan Policy C1 seeks to retain existing employment sites by reinforcing their function and role and therefore the proposal for redevelopment of the site to retain it in business use class is in accordance with the emerging Havant Borough Local Plan 2036.

We therefore consider 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 as well as the needs of businesses to grow and expand through provision of modern business use premises within the borough.

Thank you for your consultation.

Kind Regards,

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