

PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE OF HOUSING

Application No:	APP/16/01059	
Site Address:	17 Lockerley Road, Havant, PO9 2HB	
Development:	Change of use of 4 bed dwelling house into 6 bed dwelling of multiple occupation with communal lounge, kitchen and utility room and staff facility.	
Case Officer:	Tina Pickup	
Comments by:	Julie Clark	
Date of Comments:	04/11/2016	

Housing: The proposal is for change of use and internal re-modelling of a derelict 4 bedroom detached property to provide a 6 bedroom (all en-suite) dwelling with communal facilities.

This proposal would not normally be expected to comply with Core Strategy policy CS9. 2 and provide a minimum of 30% affordable housing on site as the number of new dwellings would fall below the threshold for this policy to apply. However the applicant has submitted an application which if granted will provide short term supported temporary accommodation at an Affordable Rent level for single households who have engaged with both Havant Borough Council and East Hants District Council.

Demand for affordable housing remains high in the Havant borough; currently there are 1787 households registered on Hampshire Home Choice seeking accommodation in our area. Of these over half (933) are waiting for a one bedroom home. The latest Hampshire Home Choice Annual Report (July 2016) confirmed the current average waiting time for 1 bedroom accommodation as 5 years 7 months therefore highlighting the acute need for this kind of scheme here in Havant.

Should this application proceed to final development it will provide an extremely valuable resource that currently is in very short supply in this borough.

Principle of Development: Housing supports this development.