

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/21/01368

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/21/01368

Address: Former Taxi Office, Havant Railway Station, North Street, Havant, PO9 1PP

Proposal: Change of use from Sui Generis Taxi Office to community space including storage of cycle and other repair equipment, storage and issuing of items for a Library of Things, occasional meeting space and advice on cycle repairs and other small events to serve the local community.

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Comments

The unit is integral to the frontage of Havant Railway Station. Local Policy promotes the social, physical and economic regeneration of the whole Borough, but in particular certain locations, including the station area of Havant Town Centre (Policy CS6). Keeping units in active use in the town centre is important in this regard. The proposed use is considered to be a suitable use in the mix of uses in the town centre, and one which is likely to attract visitors to the town centre, providing activity and footfall, and the potential for linked trips to other shops and services in the centre.

In transport terms, it is important that this use is located in an accessible and central location to maximise the benefits to potential users. Further, the development plan actively supports development which contributes to opportunities for increasing cycling (Policy CS1), an objective shared with the proposed use.

Overall, the proposed use of a community cycle repair shop is considered a suitable addition to the offer in the town centre in policy terms.