

Recommendation: **GRANT PERMISSION**

Submission Version Havant Local Plan

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Pamela Crellin - Barncroft

No comment

Councillor Yvonne Weeks - Barncroft

No comment

Hampshire Constabulary

Having considered the application I have the following comments to make with reference to the prevention of crime and disorder (Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)). The National Planning Policy Framework makes clear the Government's continuing commitment to "create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion and resilience".

National Planning Practice Guidance advises, that planning has a role in preventing crime and malicious threats. It reminds Local Authorities of their obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended), specifically "to exercise their functions with due regard to their likely effect on crime and disorder, and to do all they reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder."

The guidance advises: "Planning provides an important opportunity to consider the security of the built environment, those that live and work in it and the services it provides." It continues, "Good design that considers security as an intrinsic part of a masterplan or individual development can help achieve places that are safe as well as attractive, which function well and which do not need subsequent work to achieve or improve resilience." "Good design means a wide range of crimes from theft to terrorism are less likely to happen by making committing those crimes more difficult."

Middle Park Way is a place from which we receive regular reports of crime and disorder.

The type of drugs and the amount of drugs held within the machine effect the risk to the machine and those using the machine. The documentation does not provide any details as to what medicines will be dispensed by the machine. Will class A and or B drugs be dispensed?

Those using the machine and the machine itself are vulnerable to crime. To provide for the safety of those using the automatic dispensing machine, I recommend:

1. External lighting is provided, the lighting should be designed to work in conjunction with the external CCTV cameras.
2. External Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras should be deployed to provide images of those using the dispensing machine and the area about the dispensing machine.

To provide for the security of the dispensing machine I recommend:

1. The dispenser is secured to the floor slab using a recognised fixing system. The system should be designed to frustrate a ram raid type attack. Further details can be found within the ATM Security Working Group Best Practice Guidance.
2. The installation of a monitored intruder alarm system with appropriate sensors to

detect early signs of an attack to the premises or the dispensing machine.

6 Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 4

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment
No comments received	

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

- (i) Principle of development
- (ii) Impact upon the character and appearance of the area
- (iii) Impact upon residential amenity
- (iv) Safety

(i) Principle of development

7.2 The application site is situated within an urban area where further development is considered acceptable subject to the usual development control criteria.

(ii) Impact upon the character and appearance of the area

7.3 This proposal comprises a self dispensing pharmaceutical unit which would allow for the self dispensing of prescription medicines. This would have dimensions of approximately 1.8 metres height and 1 metres width. The machine would have a pin pad to make payments and would have a collection box where medicines can be collected from. There would be an internal area as shown in the submitted floor plans where the machine would be accessed via the shop by staff.

7.4 The plans also comprise other alterations to the shop frontage which includes brining the window line forward to be level with the front wall and this would also include a new door. The alterations to the front facade are not judged to appear out of keeping with the surrounding row of shop fronts which comprise of flat window frontages similar to that proposed. The alterations to the shop front as well as the proposed

pharmacy machine are not judged to result in harm to the retail unit or the wider surrounding area.

- 7.5 The design and appearance of the proposal is deemed appropriate in context to the main building and is therefore considered to be acceptable, meeting the requirements of Policy CS16 of the HBLP (Core strategy). It is considered that the scheme would not result in an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the locality.

(iii) Impact upon residential amenity

- 7.6 The proposal is not judged to have any harmful impact upon neighbour amenity . Consequently, it is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the requirements of Policy CS16 of the HBLP (Core Strategy).

Safety

- 7.7 The shop siting is located at the end of the row of shop frontages adjacent to an open area next to the main road and widely visible from the public realm including the petrol station and residential properties.
- 7.8 National Planning Practice Guidance advises, that planning has a role in preventing crime and malicious threats. It reminds Local Authorities of their obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended), specifically “to exercise their functions with due regard to their likely effect on crime and disorder, and to do all they reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder.”
- 7.9 Following a consultation with the police over the safety of the dispensary machine , the detailed response set out in Section 5 above sets out a number of concerns which must be taken into account in determining this application. However, it is not considered reasonable or practical in planning terms to condition the internal security arrangements relating to the facility, although the advise of the Crime Prevention Design Advisor has been included within this application by way of informative.
- 7.10 The Design Advisor has identified 2 areas of security and protection be reviewed within this application. These are 1) The safety of those using the prescription dispenser, 2) The security of the machine itself. The Design Advisor has suggested that CCTV cameras are deployed to provide images of those using the dispenser machine and the immediate area surrounding it. Also, the installation of a monitored intruder alarm system with appropriate sensors to detect early signs of an attack on the premises. It has also been suggested that lighting be provided as well as a fixing method to fix the dispenser to the floor.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 The scale, siting and design of the proposal is considered to be acceptable with limited and acceptable impact on the locality and residential amenity and would be in accordance with relevant policies of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) and HBLP Core Strategy; the proposal is therefore recommended for approval.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Planning be authorised to **GRANT PERMISSION** for application APP/21/00542

subject to the following conditions

- 1 The development must be begun not later than three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

02 Proposed elevations

04 Proposed plans

Block plan received on the 27th May 2021

Location plan received on the 27th May 2021

Additional Information received on the 27th May 2021

Reason: - To ensure provision of a satisfactory development.