

Our Ref.: 3890

24 September 2015

For the attention of Mrs D Haywood



Planning Service
Havant Borough Council
Civic Centre Road
Havant PO9 2AX

Dear Mrs Haywood,

Land adjacent to the Station Theatre, Station Road, Hayling Island

Application Ref.: APP/15/00919

I write regarding the above planning application for a mixed use development adjacent to the Station Theatre. The Theatres Trust does not object to the application. Please see our detailed comments below.

Remit: The Theatres Trust is The National Advisory Public Body for Theatres, safeguarding theatre use or the potential for such use. Established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976, the Trust delivers statutory planning advice through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, requiring the Trust to be consulted on planning applications 'involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Advice/comment: A noise assessment has not been provided and without any detail about the construction materials or noise insulation measures proposed in the light industrial units, it is difficult to determine if the normal use of the units will have an impact on the adjoining residential use or the operation of the Station Theatre.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) includes extensive directions and guidance on the importance of protecting cultural assets. Notably paragraph 70 states that in 'promoting healthy communities', planning decisions should 'plan positively for cultural buildings'.

Further, item 123 and the Planning Practice Guidance on Noise require new developments to ensure that appropriate noise mitigation is provided and should not affect existing businesses, such as the Station Theatre. Any proposal that may have a negative impact on the long term operation of the Station Theatre would be contrary to the Framework.

Provided this issue is satisfactorily addressed, we would not object to the granting of planning permission. Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Anthony
Planning Adviser

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