

APP/15/01356 – Havant War Memorial, West Street, Havant

This proposal is a modification to that for one additional plaque set out in APP/15/01241. It has arisen from a desire to record the specific conflict against each named person who sacrificed their life for the nation. To provide the information in this format requires more space and therefore this updated proposal is for two plaques.

As the application is made by the Borough Council, it is a statutory requirement to consult Historic England. Advice has been provided by Historic England (letter dated 3 December 2015) in response to the earlier proposal in the knowledge the scheme may change. I feel this adequately addresses the current proposal, but in the light of the varied opinions that have been expressed and determination by Planning Committee, I will leave it to your judgement as to whether you need anything further.

The purpose of the listed building application is to safeguard the monument's special architectural/historic interest. It is not to determine the names recorded. It is therefore sufficient at this stage to agree the size, position, material, fixings font and layout at this stage. Historic England suggests the final detail could be reserved by way of condition. This seems a sensible way forward.

The requirements of Historic England set out in their letter need to be fully met.

The proposed location for the plaques has been carefully considered and is the only realistic option. I note the comments previously submitted by the War Memorials Trust. I am satisfied by adopting the WWII font and locating the plaques as proposed will provide a reasonable balance in honouring those who have sacrificed their lives, with due reverence. The proposal has my strong support.

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