

Planning Application Response of Planning Policy

Application No:	APP/15/01285
Address:	Childrens Play Area, Norden Way, Havant
Development:	Removal of Condition 8 of Planning Permission 03/59145/002 (requirement for childrens equipped play space).
Case Officer:	Mr D Eaves
Comments by:	Sarah Hains
Date of Comments:	2 March 2016

Policy

Policy CS1(1) of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) states that planning permission will be granted for development which, amongst other things, retains children's play spaces which are valued by local communities unless a superior alternative can be provided. The supporting text (para 2.11) notes that the availability of good quality play spaces which are safe, accessible and which children want to use, is important in tackling child obesity.

Comments

Local plan policies are supportive of opportunities which improve the health and wellbeing of all age groups, through the provision of high quality facilities. The intention of the play area at Norden Way was to provide play opportunities for nearby residents. However, evidence supporting application ref: APP/15/01285 and consultation responses from local residents, indicate that this play area does not fulfil these requirements. It does not provide a high quality facility which helps meet the objectives of local plan policies and it does not appear to be valued by local residents.

It is suggested that the views of the council's community and/or community safety team are sought, to confirm that this facility is not valued by local residents; on this basis, there is **no policy objection** to the proposal.