

APP/15/01241 – Havant War Memorial, West Street, Havant

This proposal has been the subject of pre-application discussion and has strong community support.

As the application is made by the Borough Council, it is a statutory requirement to consult Historic England. I also advise consultation with the War Memorials Trust. 42a Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE info@warmemorials.org . The WMT is the specialist organisation for War Memorials. In involving them the Council will be covering all bases in ensuring it is acting as a “responsible” body in discharging its duty.

The proposed location for the plaque has been carefully considered and is the only realistic position. It is appropriate to record all those who have laid down their lives with suitable reverence. The design, form and method of recording the names has been the subject of consultation with a wide range of interests and the proposal is the resulting outcome. The design is intended to mirror that of the WWII plaques. Although this is stated in the application, I have asked the applicant to embellish the information provided. The contractor’s specification for the work should suffice for this purpose.

Historic England was informally consulted at pre-application stage. The response was generally favourable the only real issue being in relation to the detailed positioning. The objective is to sit the plaque centrally within the stone quoins. The contractor has been made aware of this and to organise the position of the fixings accordingly.

The proposal has my strong support.

To ensure the Council can determine the application itself, Historic England need to be on board. It is therefore important to consult asap and address any matters raised.

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