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**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order
2015**
Refusal of Planning Permission

Application Number: APP/16/00098

Site Address: 151 (rear of) and 153 Southwood Road, Hayling Island

Proposal: **Proposed construction of one pair of 3 bed, semi-detached houses and 2 No. two bed bungalows with access from Southwood Road.**

Further to your application received on 27 January 2016 (which was valid from 28 January 2016) Havant Borough Council, as Local Planning Authority, **Refuses Planning Permission** for the above proposal.

The reason(s) for the Council's decision to refuse planning permission is/are:

- 1 The site is a windfall site situated within a Flood Zone 2 and the development proposed is classified by the Environment Agency as a More Vulnerable Use. The National Planning Policy Framework requires that the Local Planning Authority undertake a Sequential Test to steer development to areas with the lowest probability of flooding. It is considered that there are sequentially preferable sites within the Borough and that the Local Planning Authority can demonstrate a 5 year housing supply. Therefore, there is no overriding justification for the development of an additional dwelling within a Flood Zone 2 which would result in an unacceptable risk to life and property from tidal inundation. In particular it has not been demonstrated that:
 - (1) the proposed development has a safe means of access and/or egress in the event of flooding. Consequently, there would be an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of the occupants in a flood event; and
 - (2) the site is currently not defended to the appropriate standard, taking into account climate change over the lifetime of the development, and no provision is made in the application to improve the existing defences to the required standard.

As such, the proposal would be contrary to the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy CS15 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011.

- 2 The proposed development would represent a cramped form of development and as a result units 3 and 4 would have inadequate living environments with restricted outlooks and inadequate private amenity space with parking and maneuvering of vehicles in close proximity to the front of the dwellings and their restricted gardens. The development would therefore conflict with policy CS16 of the Havant Borough

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- 3 The proposal, without completion of the appropriate binding arrangements to secure a contribution towards the Solent Recreation Mitigation Project, is contrary to the Council's Policy on contributions towards measures of mitigation adopted by the Local Planning Authority. These seek to ensure that the provision is made from new development towards mitigating against increasing recreational pressure on the Solent SPA. The development is therefore contrary to policies CS11 and CS21 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and Policy DM24 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations) 2014 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

In coming to its decision the Council considered plans and other documents submitted with regard to your application and the relevant policies of the Havant Borough Local Plan and other planning policy documents including the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

Other Important Information:

- (1) This notice only relates to the decision of Havant Borough Council as Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts. It does not relate to any other application that may be required under the Building Regulations or under any other Act, Regulation, Byelaw or Order where the Council's approval may be needed. For further guidance as to the need for consent under the Building Regulations please phone 023 9244 6571.
- (2) Your attention is drawn to the attached information regarding firstly your right to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, if you are aggrieved by the Council's decision, and secondly the rights of an owner to, in certain circumstances serve a purchase notice on the Council. See www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs
- (1) In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF Havant Borough Council (HBC) takes a positive and proactive approach and works with applicants/agents on development proposals in a manner focused on solutions by:
- Offering a pre-application advice service, and
 - Updating you of any issues that may arise in the processing of your application and where possible suggesting solutions, and,

In this instance:

- The application is considered unacceptable in principle as it fails to meet the requirements of the flood risk sequential test.
- (2) The applicant is advised that if this application had been acceptable in all other respects, the scheme would be liable to the Community Infrastructure Levy Schedule which became a material planning consideration on 1st August 2013. Therefore, if this decision is appealed and subsequently granted planning permission at appeal, this scheme will be liable to pay the Council's CIL upon commencement of development.

Andrew Biltcliffe

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24 March 2016