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Dear Sirs

**APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE – FORMER ST JOHNS AMBULANCE SITE,
HULBERT ROAD, WATERLOOVILLE**

Havant Borough Council wishes to apply for a change of use for the above site from its current permitted use as 'St John's Ambulance' to 'Community Use'.

The previous tenant St Johns Ambulance declared the site surplus to their requirements and vacated over a year ago. The land remains unlet and under the circumstances it is extremely unlikely that a user satisfying the very specific permitted user requirement will be found.

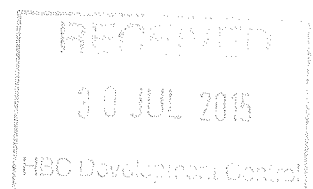
The Council has been approached by TS Active MTC (a non-MOD sponsored Naval Cadet Training Ship) which is looking for a permanent base for its members. It is currently operating from a church hall on one evening a week. This is insufficient for its needs and activities and has led to a drop in membership.

TS Active wishes to take occupation of the site and renovate the existing temporary buildings so that it may use the land and buildings in connection with its training activities and to provide an HQ for its members. The size of the group can vary from its current membership of approximately 7 (due to the constraints of its current base) to approximately 30. The group is supervised by 8 members of staff.

The group currently meets on Wednesday evenings between 18.30 to 20.30. It is anticipated that these meetings will continue, but given the opportunities presented by the site, there is likely to be additional and further use on additional evenings and during weekends and holidays. It is anticipated that such activities will generally take place between the hours of 09:00 to 22:00. The terms of any lease granted by the Council would not permit the overnight occupation of the site.

Whilst the group has a band which practices on one evening a week, it has advised that it does not propose to rehearse at the Hulbert Road location so as not to create any disturbance to local residents. It will also be a condition of the lease that such activity may not take place on the site.

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Under the circumstances it is considered that the proposed occupation of the land by TS Active would be an appropriate and consistent use of the site subsequent to use of the site by St John's Ambulance. The group draws its membership from youths within the local area. It provides training and recreational activities for its members and as such provides a service to the community. I should therefore be grateful if you would approve the Council's application for a change of use from 'St John's Ambulance' to 'Community Use'.

Yours faithfully

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