

APP/13/00051 – Land rear of 76-86 West Street, Havant PO9 1LN

This proposal has been the subject of pre-application discussions. The conservation area boundary follows the rear of the properties which abuts the Retail Park. Incursion into the rear gardens for parking is unfortunate as this is one of the few remaining parts of the town centre which retains its long rear gardens. The proposal is driven by the lack of available residents parking.

At pre-app my desire was to minimise the area set aside for parking and turning. This is not fully satisfied but the areas are now broken up and some trees retained which will serve as a visual foil. There will be no impact on the conservation area when viewed from West Street, The properties retain reasonable gardens, and would benefit from private parking. Views from the rear will be partially screened by fencing. Given the significant change to the local environment arising from the establishment of the Retail Park, it would be difficult to argue the current scheme has a materially harmful impact on the character and appearance of the area. Therefore, while not ideal, I do not feel there is a reason to withhold permission from a CA perspective.

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