

Planning Application Response of Planning Policy / Urban Design

Application No:	APP/13/00418
Site Address:	4a Town Hall Road, Havant
Development:	Change of use of GF office (B1) to 1 no. two-bed flat
Case Officer:	Heather Lealan
Comments by:	Gareth Williams
Date of Comments:	4 June 2013

The Havant Borough Draft Local Plan (Allocations) was published for public consultation on 9th November 2012 <http://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-policy-design/draft-havant-borough-local-plan-allocations>. This includes a number of draft strategic, allocation and development management policies that may be relevant to this proposal. Where relevant, these are material considerations in the determination of planning applications.

Promoting Havant Borough's Economy

Local Plan (Core Strategy) Policy CS2.5 safeguards employment sites from non-employment development proposals. Policy DM3.1 complements CS2.5 and sets out the requirements an "active and exhaustive" marketing process to demonstrate that the site/premises in question is no longer fit for purpose. It would appear, however, that such information has not been provided as part of the application.

Housing

The net gain of one dwelling would contribute to the overall housing requirements of the Borough, but this must be balanced against the issue of loss of employment floorspace (above).

Policy Principle of Development: Further information required regarding the marketing of the site.