**APP/25/00403 | Addition of a second story to existing changing facilities with additional balcony and external stairs to create a new sports facility (clubhouse and changing rooms)(Use Class F2). Alterations to doors and windows and installation of disability access ramp. | Havant College, New Road, Havant**

Date: 27.06.2025

Dear Lesley,

Thank you for the consultation request for the above proposed scheme to add a second story to the existing changing facilities at Havant College, to create a new clubhouse and changing rooms for the use of the Havant Hockey Club.

The proposed development is in alignment with the Havant Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy and directly delivers an action of the strategy which identifies that the existing facilities require replacing. The existing changing rooms are inadequate and not for purpose to host community sport. The lack of a social space at the site is hindering the club's development and impacts the sustainability of the Clubs hockey programmes for the community, as attracting and retaining players and support can be difficult given the poor quality of existing facilities. The proposed scheme will address this.

The provision of a refurbished and extended facility will create a welcoming space which facilitates the delivery of sport and recreation. The development will also align positively with the 'Active Facilities' theme of the Havant Active Wellbeing Strategy. Specifically, the proposed facility supports physical activity opportunities for priority communities who experience the greatest inequalities in access to physically activity opportunities and who as a result are more likely to live in poor health. The facility will enable more children, young people and adults in the borough to be active.

Whilst appreciating the limitations of a refurbishment and extension of an existing facility, we would wish to ensure that England Hockey, as the governing body for the sport, together with Sport England can confirm that proposals meet with the required technical guidelines regarding accessibility and safeguarding. This is to ensure the design is compliant with modern standards and is fit for purpose for its intended use. Providing this is the case, this application is supported by the Council's Active Wellbeing Team.

Kind regards

Simon Hasted

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