

Havant Borough Council
Civic Centre Road
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[By email]

Subject: Formal Objection – Planning Application APP/21/00601

Dear Mr. Eaves / Councillor Brown,

I write on behalf of both NHS service providers based at the Bosmere Medical Centre: the borough's largest GP practice and one of Hampshire's busiest pharmacies. I have acted as the GP practice's patient representative since 2019 and since 2024, have also supported the co-located pharmacy following its change of ownership.

This joint objection is submitted on the following grounds:

1. Failure to Engage Material Stakeholders Despite the proposal's direct impact on the access route serving both the practice and pharmacy, neither entity was consulted at any stage. The pharmacy's current owners confirm that during their due diligence on acquisition of the business, no reference was found to the existence of the subject planning application. This omission highlights a breakdown in stakeholder engagement and undermines the procedural fairness of the application process.

2. Planning Recognition of Access via 2006 Consent The red line plan approved in 2006 - recently identified - clearly encompasses the site entrance now in question. While ownership of the intervening land is not disputed, the access at Solent Road has been used continuously and exclusively by the medical centre for nearly two decades. Its inclusion in the original red line confirms that its use was integral to the approved planning permission.

3. Material Risk to NHS Operations and Public Safety The application jeopardises vehicular access to both providers - affecting emergency response, pharmaceutical deliveries, and access for patients, including those with limited mobility. Any impairment to this access risks undermining continuity of care for thousands of residents.

4. Inadequate and Unrepresentative Transport Assessment The submitted transport assessment makes no reference to the medical centre's trip generation or existing use. Its data is based on a traffic survey conducted on a single day in 2020 - shortly after the second COVID-19 lockdown was announced - when road activity was abnormally low and medical centre visits unrepresentative. Despite a 2023 revision of the transport documentation, no updated source data was provided. The assessment therefore fails to present an accurate or credible basis for decision-making.

5. Conflict with Planning Policy and Public Interest This proposal fails to safeguard essential healthcare access and appears contrary to local and national policies aimed at protecting community infrastructure and inclusive transport networks. It also conflicts with the local authority's responsibilities under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to reduce inequalities in healthcare access.

Conclusion: In view of these concerns, we respectfully request that this application be refused or deferred until full consultation and a robust access assessment has been undertaken in collaboration with both NHS providers.

Yours sincerely



Volunteer Patient Representative at the Bosmere Medical Centre

