

Planning Policy Comments

Application No	APP/25/00081
Address	54 Stockheath Road, Leigh Park, Havant, PO9 5HQ
Development	change of use of a vacant retirement home to provide temporary accommodation for homeless families
Case Officer	SD
Comments By	JB
Date of Comments	18 November 2025
Policy Status The Local Plan (Core Strategy) and the Local Plan (Allocations), together with the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan form the development plan for the borough. Principle of Development The site lies within the urban area as defined by policies AL2 and CS17 of the Local Plan. There is a presumption for development in these areas. The proposal is for a change of use of a retirement home to temporary accommodation for homeless families. While there is a recognised need for specialist accommodation for older people, including care homes, local policy does not protect against their loss. In addition, there is a recognised need for all types of specialist accommodation, including for temporary accommodation. Overall, the principle of the development is supported. Its overall acceptability will therefore relate to matters of detail. Conclusion The residential use is supported in principle, subject to detailed development management considerations.	