

7 Towers Garden

Havant PO9 1RZ

11 February 2023

Ref: APP/23/00067

Site Address: 7 Towers Garden, Havant, PO9 1RZ

Proposed development: Retrospective – replacement of front door of similar and sympathetic design at 7 Towers Garden within Conservation area.

Dear Ms Black,

Thank you for your email.

With regards to the invalid planning application, please find below responses to the four points raised in your letter of 30 January 2023.

1 Boundary line

I enclose two new plans which include the boundary of the property and also include the access to the adopted highway (see 2 below). The shared access is shown in blue.

2 Shared access

The assumption made in Point 2 relating to shared ownership is not correct therefore none of the actions that follow from that assumption are applicable, as you have indicated in your letter. The access land is not in shared ownership.

3 Photo of the original door in situ



4 Reasons for choosing this door as an appropriate replacement

The door shown in the picture (above) had become rotten and posed a significant safety and security threat. It is our belief that it was the last of the wooden doors to be replaced in the area. All neighbouring doors had been replaced over the years with PVC equivalents.

In seeking a new door, we chose a design that was in keeping with the original and in keeping with the modern style of door that various residents had chosen over the years. Essentially, this is a white door with frost glazing insets.

As can be shown by the pictures below, the doors on this stretch of houses on Towers Garden followed a variety of patterns but with the same essential design – white with frosted glazing.



As explained in our original letter, we were unaware of the new regulations relating to the Conservation Area that had been introduced only a few months before.

However, we were gratified to receive this notification from your colleague Sophie Bebee on 3 January, 2023.

"I asked the conservation expert who deals with Listed Buildings and conservation areas/ Article 4 to undertake a drive by site visit. I can inform you this was undertaken at the end of November 2022 and it was observed that whilst it is different design to the original doors, it is still a white front door of a traditional design and in her opinion it is not harmful enough to justify a refusal of an application."

We hope this document answers any outstanding concerns or queries the council may have. If that is not the case, please let me know so we can do our best to rectify any omissions.

Regards

Lucia Blash (owner and applicant)

