



30th August 2021

To: Planning Policy Team
Havant Borough Council
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 2AX

Dear Sir,

Planning Application 21/00814 - 5 and 7 East Street Havant

1. I write to object to the above application for the following reasons.
2. **The proposed skyline.** The skyline of East Street with its mix of Victorian and older buildings is a feature of Havant. Numbers 5 and 7 are within the conservation area. The original roof of No, 5 was a tiled pitched roof with the ridge parallel to East Street. The ridge came up to a point about 60 cm below the level of the eaves of the rear half Number 3. In this respect, see the photograph in my letter of the 13th November 2020, ref 20/00936. The proposed roof line is much higher than the original roof, it will be unsightly and spoil the look of the town centre for those approaching from the East. Such a development should not be permitted in a conservation area.
3. **Its effect on No. 3 East Street.** Number 3 East Street, The Havant Club, is a very fine building designed and built at the end of the Victorian period by Mr. Stallard who was, at the time, the Borough Surveyor of Havant. The proposed development of Nos. 5 and 7 would completely overshadow the building and impose a party wall which would completely cover the existing East wall of the Club except for a small light well towards the rear which is opposite the Club's one window on its East wall. This window is used as an alternative fire escape route. The light well is 1.70 metres deep (5 ft. 7 in.) and about 3.80 metres (12ft. 5½in.) long and appears to have no external access point at ground level. This would be of insufficient size for the Club's personnel and contractors to carry out any maintenance on the Club wall and, without external access, would be of no use as a fire escape route.
4. I would also draw your attention to the Club's response to the Council's questionnaire regarding the regeneration of the centre of Havant contained in my letter to you of 10th September 2012 of which I attach a copy. At that time it was clear that the Club's views, on the preservation of the character of the area, coincided with those of the Council. You should particularly note the first sub-paragraph of paragraph 1 relating to East Street generally and the second sub-paragraph of paragraph 2 which specifically deals with the building between Numbers 3 and 11 on the North side of East Street.

