

## Climate Change Coordinator Comments

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| Application No   | APP/25/01015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Address          | 212-218 London Road, Waterloooville, PO7 7AJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Development      | Part retention of ground floor commercial unit (Class E); conversion of remainder of ground floor and first floor to form 8 x 1 bed flats (Class C3); construction of 2nd floor with recessed 3rd floor mansard roof to form 12 bed Shared Living Property (HMO - Sui Generis); with associated parking, refuse and landscaping. |
| Case Officer     | TP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Comments By      | EC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Date of Comments | 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

### **Corporate/Policy Position**

Climate Change and Sustainability considerations are included in the below policies of the adopted local plan and within the Councils Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Adopted Local Plan- Core Strategy

- CS13- Green Infrastructure
- CS14- Efficient use of resources

The Council adopted its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan in 2024 within which the authority sets out its net zero targets and approach to decarbonisation. The council declared a climate emergency in November 2024 to support this direction and further declared a nature emergency in 2025. Therefore, weight should be given to applications aiming to encourage the installation of sustainable and low carbon technologies and support the removal/reduction of greenhouse gas emissions being produced.

### **Assessment**

#### **CS13- Green Infrastructure**

Policy CS13 supports the inclusion and enhancement of green infrastructure within development proposals. This can be from numerous mechanisms such as the creation of community gardens, green space, parks and gardens and green corridors etc but it can also be from the inclusion of green walls and roofs.

Any planning application should be enhancing this provision where possible and outlining within the design where these measures will be incorporated through a sustainability statement, supporting information and plans that are submitted.

#### **CS14- Efficient use of resources**

Policy CS14 seeks to ensure that any planning application provides adequate land for waste management, incorporates renewable energy, achieves higher levels of carbon reduction and for non-residential development achieves the BREEAM 'Very Good' standard, unless proven to be financially or technically unviable in line with Policy CS14 of the adopted Core Strategy.

This should be demonstrated through a sustainability statement outlining these requirements and it is noted that within the design and access statement that part of this information is highlighted but not specifically around the levels of carbon reduction nor where specifically and in what quantity the measures for renewables etc will be included.

### **Climate Change Strategy**

The Councils Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan is striving to achieve a 68% reduction in emissions by 2030 with net zero targets agreed for the authority by 2035 and for the borough by 2045. Building sustainable development within the Borough is significantly important for achieving these targets and it is noted that within the Design and Access Statement paragraph 15 provides some further detail regarding how the development is considering sustainability onsite. The D&A statements outlines some of the works proposed which include:

- Reuse of the existing building structure
- Significant thermal upgrades
- Low-energy lighting and mechanical ventilation
- Secure cycle storage
- Reduced car dependency due to town-centre location
- The scheme aligns with sustainable development principles under the NPPF.

Although the approach outlined is positive, there is a lack of detail in regards to the emissions this would reduce/remove and how these works would be specifically developed and designed out to ensure the lowest carbon outputs are considered.

The application does not contain a sustainability statement showing where and how low carbon measures would be included within the development and the detail around the chosen methods and technology. The plans do not demonstrate where and how this provision would be included and therefore without further information a full assessment cannot be completed.

### **Conclusion:**

The D&A statement goes some way in outlining where and how some sustainable measures could be included onsite and it is positive to see that the above considerations have been included. However, in order to be supported the applicant would need to demonstrate exactly where and how this was going to be incorporated within the design and at this stage this is not clear. The applicant should also be outlining where and how carbon emissions are being reduced/removed as a result of the works so that the authority can make an informed decision regarding how carbon intensive the development is.