

Havant Borough Council
Development Control
Civic Offices Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 2AX

Our ref: HA/2026/127441/01-L01
Your ref: APP/26/00053
Date: 05 February 2026

Dear Planning Officer,

SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

13 NORTH CLOSE, HAVANT, PO9 2TE.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position and comments below.

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted.

Although there is no Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) submitted for this application, we are satisfied with the proposal from a flood risk perspective. The development lies entirely within Flood Zone 1, although Flood Zone 2 and 3 are within the boundary of the site. The flood risk posed by this development has been assessed to be minimal with the development being outside of the flood zone, including any climate change allowances.

Advice to Local Planning Authority and applicant

Environmental permit

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 requires a permit (called a 'Flood Risk Activity Permit') to be obtained for any activities which will take place:

- On or within 8 metres of a main river (16 metres if tidal);
- On or within 8 metres of a flood defence structure or culvert (16 metres if tidal);
- On or within 16 metres of a sea defence;

- Involving quarrying or excavation within 16 metres of any main river, flood defence (including a remote defence) or culvert; and/or
- In a floodplain more than 8 metres from the river bank, culvert or flood defence structure (16 metres if it is a tidal main river) and you do not already have planning permission.

Please see the details below regarding requirements for Flood Risk Activity Permits (FRAPs) for any terrestrial construction works planned at main river watercourse crossing points.

In addition, there will also be a requirement for Flood Defence Consents (FDC) for any ordinary watercourse crossing points and the potential requirement for a Marine Licence for any works proposed below the Mean High Water Spring (MHWS) mark.

The Applicant should note that a permit is separate to and in addition to any planning permission granted. The granting of planning permission does not necessarily lead to the granting of a permit.

For further guidance, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits>.

To enquire about the permit application process, the Applicant should contact our National Customer Contact Centre on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk. We would advise the Applicant to contact us at the earliest opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown below should you have any queries regarding the above information.

Yours faithfully

Environment Agency – Solent & South Downs Sustainable Places

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