

PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE OF HOUSING

Application No:	APP/25/00979
Site Address:	7/9 London Road, Widley, Waterlooville, PO7 5AT
Development:	Change of Use of Nos 7 and 9 London Road from Bed and Breakfast and Residential Dwelling into HMO providing temporary accommodation for local homeless people in ensuite studio rooms with shared facilities (10No. 2 bed units; 4No. 1 bed units). Proposals include the remodelling and refurbishing of the building including internal reconfigurations. The proposals also include landscaping, paving , alterations to boundary treatments, alterations to materials and fenestration and a bin and cycle store building.
Case Officer:	Selina Donophy
Comments by:	Julie Clark
Date of Comments:	10/03/2026

Housing:

Current planning policy requirements Core Strategy policy CS9. 2, the Havant Borough Housing SPD (July 2011), mean that developments of 15 units or more would be required to provide 30-40% affordable housing on site.

This development is proposed for 14 units consisting of 10 no 2-bedroom studios & 4 no 1-bedroom, which helps meet the needs for both small family, and single person households.

As the proposed number is below 15 units there is no policy requirement to deliver affordable housing, however this application seeks permission for a change of use to provide very much needed temporary accommodation for our local residents approaching the Council as homeless.

The costs of privately supplied temporary accommodation (TA) for the council are very high due to the constant demand both locally & nationally; this new provision will help reduce some of these costs.

The site's location provides easy access to Waterlooville town centre and is well placed to enable any new residents to have use of local services, including retail, transport, education, and medical facilities, and will help mitigate the need to accommodate homeless people away from our area.

Moving forward Housing would support this residential development proposal in principle as there is a high need for TA locally to meet our high needs.

Julie Clark

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