

## Climate Change Coordinator Comments

Application No	APP/26/00154
Address	154 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5SR
Development	Detailed application for the erection of 111 dwellings at the former Goodwillies Timber Yard
Case Officer	KT
Comments By	EC
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### **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.

The Council adopted its Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan in 2024 and has ambitious goals to be a net zero borough by 2045 and to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 68% by 2030.

The council declared a climate emergency in November 2024 acknowledging the need and transformative action in response to the climate crisis and in 2025 the authority declared a nature emergency.

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.

Within the Councils adopted Local Plan (Core Strategy) the following policies are relevant

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

### **Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan**

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.

It is noted that a sustainability assessment has not yet been submitted with the application and therefore a full assessment is not able to be completed at this time.

New development is required to follow a fabric first energy hierarchy in order to design out and minimise carbon demand onsite. This can be through measures such as orientation, fenestration, ventilation and insulation. It also includes installing low carbon design technologies, renewable energies onsite and enhancing green infrastructure where possible as well as considering recycling and re-use of materials and other measures similar but not limited to the above.

Without a sustainability statement showing exactly where and how this will be included there is limited information in order to support a full assessment of the site. However, it is considered that with any planning application further consideration would need to be given, and not limited to, the following considerations:

- Access onto the site and how sustainable transport methods would be used throughout the development and for future residents accessing and using the site.

- An energy hierarchy should be followed with a fabric first approach taken when it comes to any detailed proposed.
- A waste hierarchy should be followed and considerations made as to where and what materials are being sourced, how these can be recycled and better used to reduce carbon emissions.
- Connectivity throughout the site should be enhanced via pathways/access to encourage sustainable travel methods from users on the site, removing the need to use/rely on a car.

### **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, specifically around the levels of carbon reduction and where specifically and in what quantity the measures for renewables etc will be included.

### **Conclusion:**

At this stage a limited amount of detail has been submitted for a full assessment to be completed and therefore it is not clear where and how within the development, carbon is being reduced/ mitigated against.

It is considered that with a site of this scale that there are multiple methods and approaches that could be accommodated and it would be requested that further information is submitted in this regard to demonstrate how the proposal and works are in line and compliant with policy requirements. This needs to demonstrate how and what quantity of greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced, removed and mitigated against as a result of the proposed development and where sustainable design has been included.

Once this is submitted a full assessment as to how carbon intensive the development is can be determined.

It is positive to review and see the proposal for EV infrastructure on the site which should ensure that the development can support this move into renewables.