

PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE OF HOUSING

Application No:	APP/24/00342
Site Address:	
Development:	Woodcroft Farm Development Site
Case Officer:	Kayleigh Taylor
Comments by:	Julie Clark
Date of Comments:	09/06/2026

Housing:

164 units are proposed, and the developers would be expected to deliver a policy compliant scheme with a % of affordable housing that aligns with the current East Hampshire District Councils development plans.

This outline application is for a development outside of the Havant Borough Council administrative area, however access to the site is intended across land within Havant's area.

I would expect that due to the proximity of the site to the Havant BC boundary, and its access across Borough land, that arrangements can be agreed with East Hants District Council for Havant waiting list applicants to be given equal priority in bidding , and subsequently being nominated to any affordable housing provided on the development. Both Havant & East Hants operate their waiting lists through the same sub-regional choice-based lettings scheme Hampshire Home Choice so this would make implementing any agreement straightforward.

We currently have this arrangement with Winchester City Council for the Waterlooville Major Development Area which considers that the site is close to the borough boundary, the fact that services in Waterlooville will be used by any future residents, and that applicants wanting to live in that area will predominantly come from the local area and the Havant Borough Council list.

As at 09/06/2026 there are 1580 active applications registered on Hampshire Home Choice (HHC) All applicants are seeking rented accommodation of all sizes in our area:

	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Grand Total
1	8	76	555	35	674
2	4	31	441	12	488
3	1	30	302	2	335
4	1	25	54		80
5		2			2
6		1			1
Grand Total	14	165	1352	49	1580

The demand for affordable housing remains consistently very high within Havant borough as applicants continue to struggle with ever increasing high rents in the Private Rented Sector, and high house prices making home ownership more difficult to achieve.

Between 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (latest available data), for Band 3 applicants, which reflects a reasonable priority for moving, the time between registration and nomination was an average of between 3 years, and 10 years, depending on the property size required. Although there are fewer applicants for 3- and 4-bedroom homes, their wait is longer.

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