
**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England)
Order 2015**
Notification of Decision: Approve with Conditions

Application Number: APP/26/00212

Site Address: Hayling Light Railway, Sea Front, Hayling Island, PO11 0AG

Proposal: Construction of a Heritage Centre, including facilities of a shop selling Railway and Heritage Memorabilia adjacent to the existing Eastoke Corner Station and depot.

The new building to include provision for an accessible toilet and first floor mezzanine floor incorporating a small office and storage area accessible by stairs and a lift.

Further to your application received on 16 March 2026 which was valid from 31 March 2026, Havant Borough Council, as Local Planning Authority, **Approve with Conditions** the above proposal in accordance with the submitted plans and particulars as detailed below.

This permission is subject to compliance with:

- (i) The plans and other documents submitted with regard to your application; and
- (ii) The following conditions:

Conditions:

1	<p>The development must be begun not later than three years beginning with the date of this permission.</p> <p>Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p>
2	<p>The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:</p> <p>Location and Block Plan 578 PL01 P1</p> <p>Ground Floor Plan: Proposed 578 PL14 P2</p> <p>First Floor: Proposed 578 PL15 P1</p> <p>Roof Plan: Proposed 578 PL16</p> <p>Elevations (East & West): Proposed 578 PL17 P1</p> <p>Elevations (North & South): Proposed 578 PL18 P1</p>

	<p>Parking Plan 578 SITE01</p> <p>Preliminary Ecological Appraisal by Arbtech dated 24 November 2025</p> <p>BNG Summary Report by EcoSupport dated 02 March 2026</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain Statutory Metric by EcoSupport</p> <p>Car Parking Statement received 30 March 2026</p> <p>FRA Form received 21 August 2026</p> <p>Flood Risk Assessment received 21 August 2026</p> <p>Reason: To ensure provision of a satisfactory development.</p>
3	<p>The external materials used shall match, in type, colour and texture, those of the existing building so far as practicable.</p> <p>Reason: In the interests of the amenities of the area and having due regard to policy CS16 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>
4	<p>The hours of operation for the Heritage Centre and Shop hereby approved shall be restricted to between 10:00 and 17:00 Monday to Sunday. Outside of these hours the premises shall be vacated and closed to the public.</p> <p>Reason: To protect the amenities of nearby residential properties and having due regard to policy DM10 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>
5	<p>A Biodiversity Gain Plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Biodiversity Net Gain Statutory Metric (EcoSupport, March 2026) and must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) information about the steps taken or to be taken to minimise the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the on-site habitat and any other habitat; (2) the pre-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat; (3) the post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat; (4) any registered off-site biodiversity gain allocated to the development and the value of that gain in relation to the development; (5) any biodiversity credits purchased for the development; and (6) any such other matters as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.

	<p>Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.</p>
6	<p>The development shall not commence until a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP), prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The HMMP shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a non-technical summary; (2) the roles and responsibilities of the people or organisation(s) delivering the HMMP; (3) the planned habitat creation and enhancement works to create or improve habitat to achieve the biodiversity net gain in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan; (4) the management measures to maintain habitat in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan for a period of 30 years from the completion of development; and (5) the monitoring methodology and frequency in respect of the created or enhanced habitat. <p>Notice in writing shall be given to the Council when the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (6) HMMP has been implemented; and (7) habitat creation and enhancement works as set out in the HMMP have been completed. <p>The created and/or enhanced habitat specified in the approved HMMP shall be managed and maintained in accordance with the approved HMMP. Monitoring reports shall be submitted to local planning authority in writing in accordance with the methodology and frequency specified in the approved HMMP.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.</p>
7	<p>Prior to first beneficial use of the extension hereby approved, details of the proposed secure bin store including the size, appearance, and means of access shall be submitted in writing for approval by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter operate in accordance with the approved details.</p> <p>Reason: To protect the amenities of the local area and having due regard to policy DM10 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>

Informatives:

1	<p>In accordance with Policy DM3 of the NPPF Havant Borough Council (HBC) takes a positive and proactive approach and works with applicants/agents on development proposals in a manner focused on solutions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offering a pre-application advice service, and• Updating you of any issues that may arise in the processing of your application and where possible suggesting solutions, and, <p>In this instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You were updated about issues after the initial site visit, additional information was requested and forthcoming, making your proposal acceptable.
2	<p>Construction of the development including site traffic and deliveries shall only be carried out between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm Mondays to Fridays and 8:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays.</p>
3	<p>The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition “(the biodiversity gain condition)” that development may not begin unless:</p> <p>(a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and;</p> <p>(b) the planning authority has approved the plan.</p> <p>The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if one is required in respect of this permission would be Havant Borough Council.</p> <p>There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply.</p>

Other Important Information:

1.	This notice only relates to the decision of Havant Borough Council as Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts. It does not relate to any other application that may be required under the Building Regulations or under any other Act, Regulation, Byelaw or Order where the Council's approval may be needed. For further guidance as to the need for consent under the Building Regulations please phone 023 9244 6571.
2.	Your attention is drawn to the attached information regarding firstly your right to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, if you are aggrieved by the Council's decision, and secondly the rights of an owner to, in certain circumstances serve a purchase notice on the Council. See www.planningportal.co.uk
3.	Any failure to adhere to the details of the approved plans , and other documents or to comply with any conditions listed above may lead to enforcement action being taken by the Council. If you wish to depart from the approved details or conditions in any way you should contact the Planning and Development service at the Plaza or by telephoning 023 9244 6015.

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Havant Borough Council
22 September 2026

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BE READ
ALONGSIDE YOUR NOTIFICATION OF DECISION**

1: APPEAL INFORMATION

**NOTIFICATION TO BE SENT TO AN APPLICANT WHEN A LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY
REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION OR GRANT IT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS**

- These notes are for information only and do not purport to set out the law on the subject.
- Only the applicant possesses the right of appeal.

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If this is a decision on a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application, then you must do so within 28 days of the date of service of the enforcement notice, or within 6 months [12 weeks in the case of a householder appeal] of the date of this notice, whichever period expires earlier.
- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a householder application and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- If this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- If this is a decision to refuse express consent for the display of an advertisement and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 8 weeks of the date of receipt of this notice.
- If this is a decision to refuse consent to work on a tree which is subject to a Tree Preservation Order and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 28 days of the date of this notice.
- If this is a decision to refuse any other type of application and you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision-for-householder-applications>; <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision-for-full-applications>; <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> for anything else.

- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry, then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

2: BUILDING CONTROL

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS WITH REGARD TO BUILDING REGULATIONS

This notice only relates to the decision of Havant Borough Council under the Town and Country Planning Acts. It does not relate to any other application that may be required any other Act, Regulation, Byelaw or Order where the Council's approval may be needed.

For further guidance as the need for consent under the Building Regulations, please telephone Havant Borough Council's Building Control team on: 023 9244 6571

3: FURTHER INFORMATION FOR APPLICATIONS RELATING TO NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS/DROPPED KERBS

If your application includes a dropped kerb, please visit Hampshire County Council's guidance here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/droppedkerbs>

This page provides essential information for residents, explaining that planning permission and dropped kerb consent are two separate requirements. While planning permission may be granted by the local planning authority, dropped kerb consent must still be obtained from Hampshire County Council, as they are responsible for managing access to the public highway.

It is particularly important to highlight that for applications involving classified roads (A, B, and C roads), applicants must provide evidence of planning permission as part of their dropped kerb application. This ensures that all necessary safety, traffic, and infrastructure considerations are properly addressed.

4: SOUTHERN GAS ADVISORY NOTE

In June 2021 SGN issued a comprehensive advisory note

There are a number of risks created by built over gas mains and services; these are:

Pipework loading - pipes are at risk from loads applied by the new structure and are more susceptible to interference damage.

Gas entry into buildings - pipework proximity increases risk of gas entry in buildings. Leaks arising from previous external pipework able to track directly into main building from unsealed entry.

Occupier safety - lack or no fire resistance of pipework, fittings, or meter installation. Means of escape could be impeded by an enclosed meter.

Please note therefore, if you plan to dig, or carry out building work to a property, site, or public highway within our gas network, you must:

1. Check your proposals against the information held at <https://www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk/> to assess any risk associated with your development and
2. Contact our Plant Protection team to let them know. Plant location enquiries must be made via email, but you can phone us with general plant protection queries. See our contact details below:

Phone: 0800 912 1722 / Email: plantlocation@sgn.co.uk

In the event of an overbuild on our gas network, the pipework must be altered, you may be temporarily disconnected, and your insurance may be invalidated.

Further information on safe digging practices can be found here:

Our free Damage Prevention e-Learning only takes 10-15 minutes to complete and highlights the importance of working safely near gas pipelines, giving clear guidance on what to do and who to contact before starting any work <https://www.sgn.co.uk/damage-prevention>

Further information can also be found here <https://www.sgn.co.uk/help-and-advice/digging-safely>

SGN personnel will contact you accordingly.