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CONVERSION OF TWO 6 PERSON HMO'S TO FORM ONE 9 PERSON HMO

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SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

The determining issues for this application relate to the suitability of the proposed HMO use within the existing community and whether the proposal complies with policy requirements in respect of standard of accommodation. Other considerations include its potential impact upon the living conditions of adjoining and neighbouring residents, SPA mitigation and parking.

The site

This application relates to a substantial 3-storey semi-detached property located on the south side of the street that was previously occupied as two flats. The property is within the 'Campbell Road' Conservation Area (No.15). Directly to the north of the site, there is a terrace of properties at Nos.39 to 83 included in the list of locally important buildings.

The proposal

The applicant seeks permission for a conversion of two 6-person HMO's to form one 9-person HMO. Ordinarily for an application of this type, the applicant would be expected to provide evidence of the lawful use of both of the flats within Class C4 since 1st November 2011, when the Article 4(2) Direction came into effect removing (city wide) the permitted development change from Class C3 to Class C4.

On 21st November 2017, Portsmouth City Council as local planning authority adopted a revised HMO SPD that is now the material consideration document in the determination of all HMO applications. This document replaces the previous version adopted in 2012.

Planning history

The applicant has replaced the sliding sash windows on the property with UPVC casement windows. Due to the property's location in the conservation area with the front elevation and window replacement subject to an Article 4(2) Direction, the works required planning permission. The application has made an application that is currently invalid ref.17/01655/FUL.

POLICY CONTEXT

In addition to the National Planning Policy Framework, the relevant policies within the Portsmouth Plan would include: PCS12 (Flood Risk), PCS14 (A Healthy City), PCS17 (Transport), PCS20 (houses in multiple occupation) and PCS23 (Design and Conservation). The revised Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (HMO SPD, November 2017), Parking Standards SPD and Solent Special Protection Areas SPD would also be material considerations.

Particular obligations fall upon the council in determining any application which might affect a listed building or its setting or a conservation area. The Town & Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended) at section 72 it is required that Local Planning Authorities pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of a conservation area.

In addition to the aims and objectives of the NPPF and Chapter 12, specific attention is drawn to paragraph 131 of the NPPF that states: 'In determining planning applications, local planning authorities should take account of: a) the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and putting them to viable uses consistent with their conservation; b) the positive contribution that conservation of heritage assets can make to sustainable communities including their economic vitality; and c) the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

Also the NPPF at paragraph 132 states that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset (listed buildings and conservation areas), great weight should be given to the asset's conservation. Significance can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting; and (paragraph 133) where the proposed development will lead to substantial harm to or total loss of significance of a designated heritage asset, Local Planning Authorities should refuse consent, unless it can be demonstrated that the substantial harm or loss is necessary to achieve substantial public benefit that outweigh that harm or loss; or (paragraph 134) where the proposal will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal, including securing its optimum viable use.

CONSULTATIONS

Highways Engineer
Standing advice: Considering the small scale of the proposal, it is the belief of the LHA that the proposal is unlikely to have a material impact upon the highway network and as such is satisfied that a traffic assessment would not be required.

Where an application property already has 4 or more bedrooms, the expected parking demand of a HMO(sui generis) would be the same as the existing use as per SPD standards and as such would not be required to provide any further spaces despite an increase in the number of bedrooms.

The Portsmouth parking SPD also gives the expected level of cycle parking that should be provided for residential developments. An existing property with 4bedrooms has an expected demand for 4 cycle parking spaces; upon changing to a HMO (Sui generis), the cycle parking provision required would remain the same as the current use and therefore additional cycle parking spaces are not required. It should however be ensured that the existing property already provides for 4 cycle parking spaces as per SPD standards.

Given the established policy position, the Highways Authority would see no grounds for objection for such an application.

Private Sector Housing
This proposal would require a mandatory license.

PSH has concerns with the usability of the shared bathrooms located on the Lower Ground, 1st and 2nd floors specifically the provision of adequate drying/changing space and the ability for a tenant to be able to use this space safely.

The proposal for the en-suite facility in Bedroom 3 is limited to a WC and WHB. Please note the minimum standards for a WC and WHB is 900x1300mm to provide the required activity space.

Bedroom 4 and Bedroom 5 raise accessibility and usability concerns, specifically the close proximity of the main doors to the en-suite and hot water tank locations proposed in these bedrooms.

REPRESENTATIONS

9 objections have been received objecting to the application on the grounds of: (a) there are too many HMOs in the area; (b) number of tenants could have detrimental impact on area; (c) increase in noise, anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and pressure on car parking; (d) at odds with the 10% limit; (e) the proposal contradicts with the Portsmouth Plan as there is a need for affordable housing; (f) not a suitable use for the conservation area; (g) increase occupancy of this building will not protect residential amenities; (h) limited demand for nine extra students rooms with the development in the city centre; (i) HMOs do not encourage pride in homes; (j) transient population; (k) inappropriate and intensive use of property; (l) No.36 has previously been sub-let; (m) is soundproofing necessary; (n) the type of tenants occupying property and how will they be occupied; and, (o) increased rubbish that cannot be stored in the front garden due to impact on the character of the conservation area.

COMMENT

The determining issues for this application relate to the suitability of the proposed HMO use within the existing community and whether the proposal complies with policy requirements in respect of standard of accommodation. Other considerations include its potential impact upon the living conditions of adjoining and neighbouring residents, SPA mitigation and parking.

Procedural issue

The applicant has indicated that the description of development in the application form was different to that as originally advertised. The description of development has since changed and those originally consulted have been advised of this by letter.

Principle of the use - request for evidence of lawful use of two flats within Class C4 use

Planning permission is sought for the conversion of two six person HMOs to use the property as one nine persons sui generis HMO.

Council tax records indicate the property has been registered as two flats for tax purposes since April 1993.

On 1st November 2011, a city wide Article 4(2) Direction came into effect restricting the permitted development change from a Class C3 to a Class C4. Properties that were occupied before this date with a continuous unbroken use would not require planning permission to continue being used within Class C4. If an applicant wished to establish the lawful use of a property they could submit an application for planning permission or a Certificate of Existing Lawful Development.

On 21st June 2017 this application was validated for a change of use from two flats with the applicant indicating they are being used lawfully within Class C4 to one sui generis HMO for 9 persons.

A statement dated 20th June 2017 does not contain any information to prove the continuous lawful use of the property within Class C4 for either of the two flats. The applicant did not submit any supporting evidence during the course of the application.

On 21st June 2017, the LPA emailed the applicant requesting evidence to prove the lawful use within Class C4 since 1st November 2011.

On 21st August 2017, Council tax emailed the LPA provided the following record to officers:

1. Between 30/04/2014 to 31/05/2014 flat two was occupied by two persons (Asiri and Brown); and,
2. Between 01/06/2014 to 31/08/2014 flat two was occupied by one person (Brown).

Both flats had a short period of occupation when they were not occupied within Class C4 use. For student HMOs, this is often associated as the period over the summer months.

On 22nd August 2017 the LPA emailed the agent confirming the findings from council tax indicating that internal works would be a material consideration in this case, given that the lawful use for flats one and two would have to be established separately. If internal works to convert the property to one sui generis HMO were not considered, the LPA would have to apply policy PCS20 and determine the application in accordance with this policy.

The agent responded on 23rd August 2017 and referred officers to Section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The applicant provided an extensive response stating:

'Section 55 of the TCPA 1990 expressly provides that converting a single dwellinghouse to create two or more dwellinghouses will result in a material change of use requiring planning permission. However, the legislation is silent on whether combining dwellings (such as knocking two flats into one) would also constitute development.

The legislation excludes internal works from the meaning of development, however, combining residential units could still result in a material change of use. This was confirmed by the High Court case of Richmond-Upon-Thames London Borough Council v Secretary of State for Transport [2000] 2 P.L.R. 115, which held that where a change of use gave rise to planning considerations (such as the loss of residential accommodation), those considerations were relevant to determining whether or not the change was material. In that case, the conversion of seven flats to a single family house was a material change of use.

Richmond confirms that the amalgamation of two dwellings will not automatically be a material change of use. As confirmed by Richmond deciding whether a material change of use has occurred rests on matters of fact and degree in each case and any other policy considerations.

Further decisions which have been drawn following Richmond have drawn on the same pattern of decision making. In ref 3028049 (Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea) the amalgamation of two self contained flats to form one self contained residential unit was tested. The development involved alterations only. The appeal site was a mid-terraced property that was originally two houses, which had been amalgamated into one dwelling in 1949 and the building was subsequently converted into flats. The proposal involved the amalgamation of the flat at ground floor level and the flat above it on the first floor so as to create a single residential unit.

The principal issue in this case was whether the amalgamation of the two flats to create one residential unit would constitute a material change of use. The amalgamation of the two flats would have no material effect on the external appearance of the property and no harm would be caused to the character of the building or to the surrounding area. The Council did not allege that the proposed amalgamation of the two flats would have any effect on the character of the use of land other than through the loss of one residential unit. However, they argued that the "…scale of amalgamation currently under way in this Borough is having a material effect on a matter of public interest, namely it is significantly reducing the number of dwellings in the housing stock".

The Inspector pointed out that prior to 2000 it was commonly accepted that a reduction in the number of dwelling units on land in residential use did not represent, and could not contribute to, a material change in use of the land.

The Inspector drew attention to the reference in the Richmond judgement to Mitchell v SSE [1994] 2 PLR 23 because it dealt with an application for planning permission and was concerned with the material considerations that had to be taken into account under section 70, and so it

would not appear to me to have been an appropriate foundation on which to base the judgement in Richmond. Nevertheless the Inspector accurately quoted the relevant passage from Richmond: "It is undoubtedly the law that material considerations are not confined to strict questions of amenity or environmental impact and that the need for housing in a particular area is a material consideration.....". But he pointed out that, in order for it to be a material consideration, the need for housing must be expressed in and supported by local planning policy.

The Inspector observed that the High Court challenge in Richmond was successful because the Inspector in that case had failed to take into account a material consideration, namely the policy factor, which he considered to be "…a question of planning merit than of law". The Inspector stated that Richmond did not establish that the policy factor can be the sole determinate factor in an LDC case but one that must be taken into account with all other considerations. But, in the instant case, the Council was wholly relying on the policy factor.

Applying the policy factor in this case the Council is reminded that it does not have a policy to preserve small HMO's. In reality it has a policy to restrict such development only where it would not result in an impact to the balance of the community. Looking wider the Council's policy on flat sub-division is set out within its Housing Standards SPD and is encouraged only when the property is above 140sqm in size. This is to preserve the stock of medium size family homes. The council has no policy to preserve smaller flats and has historically allowed every application is had determined with this description whether PP was required or not.

In respect of the policy question and other material considerations I conclude that the amalgamation does not result in development in this case. Even so it is included within my description of development. I remind you that my description on the application form is Conversion of two 6 person HMO's to form one 9 person HMO. I would therefore suggest that the description applied by the LPA is somewhat wanting.'

The full email is available on Public Access and should have been provided to the Inspector.

Section 55(1) of the TCPA 1990 states: 'Subject to the following provisions of this section, in this Act, except where the context otherwise requires, "development," means the carrying out of building, engineering, mining or other operations in, on, over or under land, or the making of any material change in the use of any buildings or other land.'

The local planning authority sought advice from Legal services who advised the following:

'You have asked for my view on whether a change of use from two C4 planning units to one sui generis unit is 'development' under s.55 TCPA 1990. It appears from the application that each property previously contained 6 bedrooms and the resulting sui generis property will have 9. The question is therefore whether this constitutes a material change of use.

The difficulty with the case law you have highlighted, including R. (on the application of Kensington and Chelsea RLBC) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2016] EWHC 1785 (Admin) and Mitchell v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another (1995) 69 P. & C.R. 60, is that it all relates to conversion from separate C3 units to a single C3 unit. Those cases have made it clear that this is a planning judgement that must be made as a matter of fact and degree. Although the facts of those cases are different, the same principle is true here.

An obvious point is that we are looking at a sui generis unit in this instance. What is curious is that for all the case law that talks about the need to look at the need to consider a material change of use by fact and degree, this sui generis use is created through simple arithmetic; >6 residents. The legislature intended for there to be a limit on the number of residents in an HMO that will be tolerated before that property is taken outside of the permitted development regime. By arguing that there is no development in the form of a material change of use while exceeding 6 bedrooms, the developer is trying to have his cake and eat it i.e. you cannot simultaneously retain two separate Class C4 uses and convert the property to a sui generis HMO and keep the

lawful use within Class C4. I struggle to see how it cannot be termed a material change of use on this basis that the use leaves the bounds of C4.

I suspect that the developer will seek to argue that the two properties must be looked at 'holistically', and that there will be a net reduction of 3 bedrooms, meaning that pre-existing impacts are in fact diluted. My concern would be that, as both are HMOs, the planning arguments (impact on housing stock, residential character of the area, parking etc.) that would be used to argue a material change of use in terms of character are likely to be rather more strained given that the uses are of at best a similar quality and already in existence; the only difference is the unification and change in scale. Intensification of use is a form of material change of use, but the test is whether the intensification of the use changes the character of the use. For the reasons just given, I think that 'intensification of use' could be a strained argument and therefore best avoided.

I would say that the most significant factor here is the unification of two previously separate planning units. There can be no argument that either property was ancillary to the other prior to the properties being joined. The works undertaken have served to combine the interiors of two buildings, which is not something that s.55(2)(i) permits. In relation to s.55(2)(ii), the developer is again seeking to bring about change to two buildings, meaning that it cannot rely on the lack of change to the external appearance "of the building [singular]". In my view, these exceptions are not applicable where the impact is upon more than one building.

The planning impacts are ultimately a question for you as a planner to reach a judgement on with the above in mind and by individual reference to the fact and degree of the change. However, from a legal perspective, I think that the merger of two distinct planning units with the effect of producing a sui generis unit can readily be described as a material change of use.'

The underlying argument here is whether the property may have lost any lawful use as two flats with Class C4 usage. Despite the arguments around the internal works at the property, a further email requesting evidence was sent on 21st August 2017 seeking proof of the lawful use of the property. Although this email elicited a response from the applicant, evidence was still not provided to the local planning authority.

The LPA has requested the applicant submit evidence to prove the lawful use of the flats as two independent HMOs since 1st November 2011 (when the Article 4(2) Direction was introduced to present day.

50 metre radius

Paragraph 1.15 of the HMO SPD (adopted 21.11.2017) states: "Where planning permission is sought to change the use of a Class C4 or mixed C3/C4 use to a HMO in Sui Generis use, the City Council will seek to refuse applications 'in areas where concentrations of HMOs already exceed the 10% threshold.' "

In defining the 50 metre radius around the property, paragraph 1.23 viii states: 'Where the 50m radius captures any part of a building containing residential flats, the City Council will endeavour to establish the number of flats that fall, in part or whole, within the 50m radius if this proves impossible then all properties inside of this building will be included in the 'count'.'

All flats fall firmly within the 50 metre radius apart from those in Campbell Mansions Nos.1-15. In having regards to paragraph 1.23 viii, refused planning permission A*31602/AL (dated 14.02.2005) indicates the typical floor plan for each floor. As the existing property is three storeys and the floor plans indicate the western side of the building is likely to contain two flats on each floor, six flats could be omitted from the count data. It is not however possible to establish, the flat number of those six to be removed.

As such, the number of residential properties within a 50 metre radius is:
o 56 residential properties (62 prior to the removal of the six properties).
o 7 HMO properties (eight if flats one and two 36 Campbell Road are included in the count.

o The current HMO count is therefore: 8/56 X 100 = 14.29%
o Although the revised SPD now requires sui generis HMOs to be included in the count data, as the proposal would result in the loss of a HMO (two flats converted to one larger HMO), it is considered that the HMO count would remain unchanged at 14.29%.

Having regards to the balance of uses in the surrounding area, it is considered that the community is already imbalanced by a high concentration of HMOs and an additional sui generis HMO is not considered to be acceptable in principle.

Standard of accommodation

In terms of internal living conditions, the property benefits from the following:

Area	Provided
Bedroom 1	18.1m2
Bedroom 2	14m2
Bedroom 3	11m2
Bedroom 4	17.1m2
Bedroom 5	20m2
Bedroom 6	12.4m2
Bedroom 7	8.7m2
Bedroom 8	14.2m2
Bedroom 9	16.2m2
Lounge/kitchen	24.1 (27m2 required, it is 2.9m2 undersized)
Lower ground floor toilet/shower	2.88m2
1st floor shower/toilet	3.01m2
2nd floor shower/toilet	2.28ms

Based on the floor sizes in the revised SPD, the following rooms could provide double occupancy: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 16. Private Sector Housing also raise concern on the usability of some of the internal floor areas. In accordance with the requirement on page 9 of the HMO SPD, the property would not provide sufficient living space for occupiers. The combined living/kitchen would be expected to provide a usable floor area of 27m2; the property would provide 24.1m2. The property would provide inadequate internal floor areas, falling significantly short of the standard required to allow for social activities that would be expected for individuals living as a group, as well as a safe environment for the cooking and consuming of food.

The licensing process would ensure adequate fire safety measures and could provide assistance should the property not be managed appropriately. In addition, other legislation is available beyond the planning system to address concerns relating to any anti-social behaviour at the property.

Each of the bedrooms would have an acceptable access to natural light and outlook with the lounge/kitchen area being serviced by an access door into the rear garden and a window.

Therefore, in light of the assessment above, it is considered that the proposed use of the property by nine persons would not provide an adequate standard of living accommodation for future occupiers.

Impact on residential amenity

Whilst the accommodation would provide living accommodation for nine persons that could result in the transmission of noise and disturbance to the adjoining occupiers, regard has been given to the following allowed appeal at 11 Malvern Road for a nine person HMO (LPA ref. 16/00839/FUL PINS ref. APP/Z1775/W/16/3158162) where the Inspector stated:

'Para 6: Houses in the locality are large and could accommodate large families. Some are subdivided into flats and there are some hotels and commercial uses. Whilst the proposed use

would be likely to generate more activity than a typical family, it would be roughly the same as that for a large family. Moreover, on the basis of the mix of uses in the locality and the juxtaposition of some hotels, flat conversions and HMOs next to single family dwellings, I am not convinced that the comings and goings and general activity that would be generated by the appeal site in use as an HMO would be harmfully out of place in this locality. Furthermore, for the same reasons, I am not persuaded that the appeal development would result in a harmful increase in noise and disturbance, such that the living conditions of neighbouring residents would be adversely affected.

Para 8: I have noted the evidence before me of incidents of anti-social behaviour and noise and disturbance at the appeal site and the concern of neighbours and local hotels that the appeal site has been a source of noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour in the past and has resulted in a fear of crime in the locality. However, such matters are a consequence of the behaviour of the occupants, which is a matter that is not controlled under the planning regime. The behaviour of future occupants is controlled by other legislation and I am making a decision on the basis of the planning merits of the appeal alone. If those matters were controlled through the appropriate legislation, the appeal development could contribute towards promoting safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion as set out in paragraph 69 of the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework).

Para 11: I conclude that the appeal proposal would not adversely affect the living conditions of neighbouring occupiers, with regard to noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour. For this reason, it would generally accord with Policy PCS20 of The Portsmouth Plan (2012) and paragraphs 17 and 19 of the Framework. These, together, seek to encourage HMOs which do not result in negative social, environmental and economic impacts of high concentrations of HMOs on communities and to secure a high quality of design and a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings.'

In light of the decision above, it is considered that the occupation of the property by nine individuals would not result in any significant increase in noise and disturbance, and is unlikely to have a significant additional impact on the occupiers of adjoining or nearby properties.

Stepping away from the planning merits of the proposal, the use of the property as a Sui Generis HMO would also require a licence from the City Council's Private Sector Housing Team who would ensure adequate and useable size standards, sanitary facilities and fire safety measures for future residents, and could provide assistance should the property not be managed appropriately. Having sought clarification with the Private Sector Housing Team, they have agreed that the proposal in its current format is unacceptable for the occupation of nine person HMO.

Highways/parking/waste

The application site does not benefit from any off-street parking and none is proposed as part of this application (the constraints of the site are such that none can be provided). However, given the sites proximity to local shops and the Albert Road and Elm Grove District Centre and transport facilities, it is considered that an objection on car parking standards could not be sustained.

Conditions to secure suitable bicycle and refuse storage would not however, overcome the harm identified above.

In accordance with paragraph 1.32 of the HMO SPD, conditions could be imposed to secure suitable refuse/recycling material storage.

Solent Special Protection Areas

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 [as amended] and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 place duties on the Council to ensure that the proposed development

would not have a significant effect on the interest features for which Portsmouth Harbour is designated, or otherwise affect protected species. The Portsmouth Plan's Greener Portsmouth policy (PCS13) sets out how the Council will ensure that the European designated nature conservation sites along the Solent coast will continue to be protected.

The Solent Special Protection Areas Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted in April 2014. It has been identified that any development in the city which is residential in nature will result in a significant effect on the Special Protection Areas (SPAs) along the Solent coast. Paragraph 3.3 of the SPD states: 'Mitigation will generally not be sought from proposals for changes of use from dwellinghouses to Class C4 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) as there would not be a net increase in population. A change of use from a Class C4 HMO or a C3 dwellinghouse to a sui generis HMO is considered to represent an increase in population equivalent to one unit of C3 housing, thus resulting in a significant effect and necessitating a mitigation package to be provided'. The SPD sets out how development schemes can provide a mitigation package to remove this effect and enable the development to go forward in compliance with the Habitats Regulations.

Based on the methodology in the SPD, an appropriate scale of mitigation would be calculated as £181. As a result, it is considered that with mitigation and payment through an agreement under S111 of the Local Government Act there would not be a significant effect on the SPAs. The requirement for this payment to secure mitigation would be both directly related to the development and be fairly and reasonably related in scale to the development. The applicant has not provided the correct level of mitigation and it is therefore considered that a sui generis HMO would, if allowed, have a significant impact on the Solent SPA.

Conclusion

As highlighted above, it is considered that the development is not acceptable in principle and would fail to provide mixed and balanced communities, would not provide an acceptable standard of living for nine occupiers and would have a significant impact on the Solent Special Protection Areas.

RECOMMENDATION Refuse

The reasons for the decision are:

1) The intensification of the use to a nine person sui generis HMO would fail to support a mixed and balanced community by further imbalancing an area already imbalanced by a high concentration of HMO uses (C4 C3/C4 and sui generis HMO uses). The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy PCS20 of the Portsmouth Plan and the Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (adopted November 2017).

2) The change of use of the building to a nine-person House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis) would, as a result of the restricted size and layout of the communal facilities (kitchen/living room) falling below the necessary 27sqm requirement, fail to provide an adequate standard of living accommodation for future occupiers and would represent an over intensive use of the site. The proposal is therefore contrary to Core Planning Principles of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policies PCS20 and PCS23 of the Portsmouth Plan.

3) Without appropriate mitigation the development would be likely to have a significant effect on the Portsmouth Harbour and Chichester and Langstone Harbours Special Protection Areas and so is contrary to Policy PCS13 of the Portsmouth Plan and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (as amended).

PRO-ACTIVITY STATEMENT

Notwithstanding that the City Council seeks to work positively and pro-actively with the applicant through the application process in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework it was not considered that the harm arising from the proposal could be overcome and the application has been refused for the reasons outlined above.