



Eastleigh Town Council, PO Box 7078, BASINGSTOKE. RG24 4RJ

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FAO: ELAC – Eastleigh Local Area Committee

REF: F/24/97188 Creation of headquarters for Hampshire Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) and other healthcare services to include offices; the creation of a helipad; change of use and minor alterations to existing building to form a mixed use comprising B2, B8, E(e) and E(g); and other associated works.

Eastleigh Town Council Planning and Highways Committee met on 9th May 2024 to discuss application F/24/97188, the creation of headquarters for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA). After reviewing the application and having the opportunity to gain further information on the submission from HIOWAA, the committee confirms the **full support of Eastleigh Town Council to this application and raises no objection.**

HIOWAA provides an essential service that plays a crucial role in saving lives. This service ensures rapid medical assistance reaches those in critical need, often making a life-or-death difference in emergency situations where every second counts. The committee agreed that moving HIOWAA closer to the areas that they are required most will reduce emergency response times.

The overwhelming public support for this application was noted, with several hundred positive comments made on the EBC Planning Portal and very few objections. It was discussed that such a move might raise some concerns regarding noise and emissions and time was spent debating this. However, ultimately the benefits outweighed these concerns.

It was apparent to the committee that the HIOWAA team has a history of operating efficiently and respectfully within local communities. They are committed to minimising any potential disruption and ensuring their operations are as seamless and unobtrusive as possible.

This application will be decided by the Eastleigh Local Area Committee at their meeting on 4th June 2024. It is the opinion of Eastleigh Town Council that permission should be **granted**. Should this be the case, Eastleigh Town Council wishes HIOWAA the best for their move and we look forward to potentially working with them in the future.

Regards,

G Richardson

Chair of Eastleigh Town Council Planning and Highways Committee
On Behalf of Eastleigh Town Council (Resolution 38/23 9 May 2024)