

**DC Report for HPC Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

Cllr David Evans 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Aldi Store**, Havant Road, Proposal: This Application is proceeding in the normal way with the applicant submitting additional information and evidence to EHDC Planners.

**Asylum seekers in local hotels.** You are doubtless aware that the proposal for using a property in the centre of Waterlooville for asylum seekers has been abandoned (at least for now) after concerted efforts by the Fareham & Waterlooville MP and a massive public demonstration. I am aware of the 26 bed Premier Inns Hotel in Horndean – as well as the possible purchase by the Home Offices of properties to set up HMOs – so I shall be monitoring local applications.

**LGR:** Work is progressing on the HCC/EHDC proposal. Councillors receive regular briefings. The time line for submission is:

- 16th September – report published
- 25th September – EHDC Full Council
- 26th September – EHDC Cabinet
- **26th September – submission to central government**

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Finally may I make a personal comment? It was with surprise and great regret that I learnt, at the 4<sup>th</sup> August meeting, of the resignation of Carla Baverstock-Jones as your Chief Officer. As I served on HPC from 2011 I am acutely aware that Carla's exemplary leadership was the crucial element that developed the Council into the present well-run organisation with a well motivated officer team dedicated to delivering Council Policy.