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## **Planning and Economic Growth**

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Our Ref: 21/00001/HOU Your Ref: 19 Eastern Parade -

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6th April 2021

Dear Mr Peters

LOCATION: 19 Eastern Parade, Southsea, PO4 9RB,

PROPOSAL: Construction of single storey rear extension to form enclosed swimming pool; enlargement of existing basement with extension of first floor terrace over, and extension of existing basement. (21/00001/HOU)

Please accept my sincerest apologies for the delaying in validating your planning application.

I would advise you that your **planning application** for the above proposal cannot be registered as the following information is required. If you consider the location or description shown does not accurately describe the proposal, please contact me as soon as possible.

## 1) Heritage Statement Required

The National Planning Policy Framework issued by central government in March 2012 requires that certain applications affecting heritage assets should be accompanied by a heritage statement. Heritage assets include conservation areas, listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, registered parks and gardens, sites of archaeological interest and locally listed buildings.

In this instance, a heritage statement is required due to the application site being located in a conservation area. The content and level of detail for a heritage statement should be proportionate to the importance of the asset and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposals on the significance of the asset.

I would be pleased if you could take the appropriate action as indicated above and forward the required details as soon as possible.

## PLEASE NOTE: under new guidelines if we do not receive the required information within 28 days your application will be returned to you.

If you require further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on 023 9284 1048 and I shall be pleased to help. If you bring the required details by hand please leave at the City Help Desk on the ground floor of the Civic Offices.

Once again, I apologise for the delay in validating your application, The Local Planning Authority is dealing with a large backlog of applications received since April. This has been caused by the coronavirus pandemic, staff departures and the ongoing Solent nitrates issue, which prevented most new residential developments being approved.

To remedy this, we have recruited new staff, and outsourced the processing of many applications. Our processes have been changed to support the remote submission, registration and assessment of applications, and 'virtual' planning committees now allow approvals to be granted. It is intended that all of the delayed planning applications will be registered by the end of this year. We will then continue to provide the level of service that meets our own and our customers' expectations.

Yours faithfully

Hannah Goldsmith Planning Officer