

Economy Team Service

Consultation Response

Planning Ref:	APP/22/00439
Site Address:	The South Downs College, College Road, Purbrook, Waterloooville, PO7 8AA
Proposal	Redevelopment of southern section of site to provide 102 dwellings comprising 56 No. 2, 3 & 4 bed houses and 46 No. 1 & 2 bed flats with associated parking, landscaping, waste, and cycle storage. New roundabout access from College Road.
Planning Case Officer	Mr G Christie
Date of response	17/06/2022

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In principle, Economy Team office does not object to this application. However, given the scale of the proposed development, the Economy Team office seeks that the applicant enters a S106 Local Employment & Skills Agreement to increase apprenticeship jobs and promote career opportunities.

The proposed development presents an opportunity to build and enhance the skills of the local workforce by providing training and employment opportunities for local residents during the construction phase. The developer benefits by being able to draw on a resident workforce for local development projects and mitigate the economic impact of the development on the area - mitigation measures include onsite and/or offsite provision of jobs during the construction phase.

This is in accordance with Local Plan Policy CS3 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (adopted 2011) which seeks to promote skills provision particularly with regard to construction skills. Also, by providing for local employment and skills needs the proposal would advance the NPPF, in particular paragraph 80 which seeks to enable each area to build on its strengths, counter any weaknesses and address the challenges of the future and hence promote sustainable development (paragraph 8).