

**Public Health Hampshire Response to Development at Phase 3B West of Waterlooville
MDA, Land adjacent to and north of the Allotments, Forest End, Waterlooville (Ref:
APP/21/01259)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application. We welcome plans to increase the availability of affordable, accessible housing for a growing population in Havant and Hampshire more broadly, and acknowledge that this application is a tranche of wider development of the Berewood site. Our specific comments below refer to the document entitled 'Planning, Design and Access Statement' dated November 2021, authored by the developers Bloor Homes Ltd.

Theme	Policy/Page	Comments
Public Realm	Introduction (1.6. pp. 2)	We note that this development forms part of a wider development, including town centre regeneration, which we look forward to supporting with Havant Borough Council and developers. We welcome consideration being given to ways in which the design of the public realm can maximise opportunities for social interaction and connect the proposal with neighbouring communities. To promote both human and planetary health, the TCPA recommend the '20 minute neighbourhood' approach.
	Site Context (2.4. pp. 3)	We note that only 20 units in the new development are located within Havant Borough. We encourage developers to consider the impact on Havant's public services such as schools and GP surgeries as a result of the development, consulting with NHS South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group.
	2.7.	We welcome clarification on plans for the feature named 'Town Park'. It is unclear from the Planning Statement and the diagrams as to what this feature entails.
	Access and Movement (2.16. pp. 5)	We note the plans for the forthcoming Berewood local centre and Waterlooville Town Centre which we welcome and look forward to supporting – we encourage development which supports social cohesion and creates healthy and attractive places to live, work and play within.
Promoting walking and cycling and reducing car use		We welcome that key pedestrian routes have been designed to provide increased access opportunities to the adjacent allotments and open spaces, and that cycle links bound the site, with routes to local open, green and blue spaces. We welcome further clarification around how new and existing sites will be connected and permeable in order to promote active travel.

	Access and Movement (2.14 – 2.16 pp. 5)	We encourage the developer to create segregated cycle and pedestrian routes within the site to increase attractiveness and safety of using these routes. Active travel has important co-benefits for physical and mental health as well as for the environment and air quality.
Housing	Housing Mix (2.17 – 2.21 pp. 6 – 7)	We strongly welcome the proposals to create homes with mixed tenure offerings to meet the growing need for good quality, affordable housing in Havant. We particularly welcome the provision of 40% affordable housing and we encourage developers to maximise this where feasible. Whilst we welcome provision of cycle parking, we would like more details around how this will be incorporated into sheds and how this will encourage residents to buy and use bicycles, particularly for families for whom a general shed may not provide adequate space.
Local food growing	Landscape (2.22 – 2.23 pp. 7)	We welcome that the site is being developed with regard to enhanced visual links to the local landscape. We also welcome the anticipation of links to forthcoming open and green spaces for leisure and recreation and look forward to receiving details at the appropriate stage. We note that there is reference made to 'residents having access to food growing opportunities', we assume this indicates local allotments. Whilst we encourage the use and promotion of allotments, we note that the waiting list for existing allotments are between 12 months and 5.5 years. We encourage the developer to consider whether food growing space could be provided within the new sites for new residents, rather than relying on access to existing, over-subscribed sites.
Air & noise pollution	Not mentioned in document	We welcome any measures to mitigate the air and noise pollution during the pre, during and post-construction phase. It is important to recognise that there is no safe level of pollution (even where impacts are labelled as 'negligible' or 'not significant' in the accompanying Air Quality Assessment), and prevention should be prioritised. We also welcome measures to minimise air pollution arising from the car parking spaces and vicinity, primarily by encouraging modal shift to active forms of transport where possible.

		When considering the impacts of noise pollution, the developer and planning authority should take into account the long- and short-term impacts on mental health, physical health, the environment and ecosystems. Please refer to the following guide for Planning for Noise.
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