

Public Health response to Havant Borough Council: Development comprising 175 apartments together with associated access, parking and landscaping (Ref: APP/20/00658)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning application. We welcome the creation of new housing in response to the growing population of Havant and the need for accessible, affordable housing for all.

We welcome the developer's proposal to create C3 housing, a suitable use of a Brownfield site in response to a growing need for adequate, safe housing in Havant and surrounding areas, as a result of population increase. We hope that these apartments will be accessible and affordable to couples and single individuals, or at least that there will be a mix of affordable and more aspirational dwelling, in line with NPPF standards. From the mock-up provided, we anticipate that these dwellings will be tenure blind, making the affordable units equally attractive from the exterior. We welcome the developer's recognition of the principles as set out in the Havant Borough Core Strategy, stating "*The Council aims to achieve an average of 30-40% affordable housing on sites of 15+ dwellings, with a tenure split of 65-70% rented and 30-35% intermediate*" to which we encourage the developer to adhere.

We welcome the use of a well-connected Brownfield site which facilitates active and sustainable travel for residents, due to its proximity to bus stops, local amenities and its integration of existing cycling and walking paths, as well as making the site attractive to prospective residents.

We welcome the developer to create cycle storage and encourage motions to introduce adequate storage to serve the majority of dwellings, to promote active travel, and only using motorised vehicles where necessary. Equally, we welcome the development of resident parking to facilitate travel for less able users and for those who cannot access public or active transport means. We welcome the acknowledgement made by the developer that "*Cycle parking is required at a rate of one space per 1-bed and two spaces per 2-bed unit, plus an additional 20% for visitors.*" according to the Havant Borough Core Strategy, to which we anticipate the developer will adhere.

We welcome the proposal to surround the housing development with additional planting and lawn space as we know it is important for citizens to have access to greenery at home even in the absence of a garden, for mental and physical wellbeing. We also acknowledge that peripheral greenery will encourage biodiversity in the area.