

Public Health response to development at Cabbagefield Row, opposite 123-133, Swanmore Road, Havant (Ref: APP/21/00989)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application. We strongly support the creation of new residential dwellings to provide 100% affordable housing for the growing population of Havant. Our comments henceforth refer to the document entitled Planning Statement A118140 dated August 2021.

Theme	Page/Policy	Comments
Housing/building design	7. Key Planning Considerations 7.4-7.5 100% Affordable Housing (pp. 24-25)	We strongly welcome the proposals to create around 150, 100% affordable homes with mixed tenure offerings to meet the growing need for good quality, affordable housing in Havant. We welcome consideration from the developer to ensure houses meet certain standards. Firstly, to ensure that these dwellings provide adequate internal storage and space with separate kitchen and living areas. We welcome plans to ensure noise between units is limited, and are adequately ventilated. We also welcome plans to ensure the units are accessible to older people, as well as people with disabilities, and that the housing is tenure blind. We encourage the developers to promote social inclusion and diversity through this development. Best practice on this can be found in LGA Healthy Housing guidance.
Neighbourhood design	7.6-7.7 Layout and scale (pp. 26)	We welcome that the development has been proposed with connectivity to neighbouring green space, public transport and local services, as well as with respect to the character of the local area. 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. At the appropriate stage, we welcome consultation between Portsmouth City Council and the Southampton, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group to assess the impact of increased housing on local health infrastructure.
Sustainability, climate change, air quality and transport		We welcome the proposal that pedestrian connectivity will be improved, and that sustainable modes of transport will be encouraged as part of this development. We welcome the consideration of safe cycle storage as part of this development

	Highways and Access 7.8 – 7.9 (pp. 27)	to encourage residents to cycle where possible. Active travel has co-benefits on both the environment and on physical and mental health.
Biodiversity and ecology	Ecology 7.11 (pp. 28)	We are encouraged that the proposal seeks to provide opportunities for people to engage in activity and improve their health and wellbeing through the proposed open greenspace to the north of the site. We also welcome that a number of ecological enhancements and mitigation features are proposed to avoid the fragmentation on the local ecological network.
Green, blue and open space		Green, blue and open spaces promote good physical and mental health. We welcome the developer confirming ways in which the proposed public open space will be made accessible, attractive and safe through providing walkways, accessible entrances, bins, seating and planting, at the appropriate planning stage.
Local food growing		We would welcome any opportunities for community food-growing initiatives such as an orchard, in an appropriate zone upon the open green space of the development as identified in the statement.
Air & noise pollution		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.