

**Public Health response to development at Land north of Long Copse Lane,
Emsworth, PO10 7UN (Ref: APP/21/00893)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application. In principle we support the development of good quality, affordable housing that meets the needs of the local community. Please see our comments on the specific features of this development below. Our comments henceforth refer to the document entitled 'PLANNING APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING, ACCESS AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING STATEMENT LAND NORTH OF LONG COPSE LANE, EMSWORTH' by the Pegasus Group, dated August 2021.

Theme	Page/Policy	Comments
Biodiversity and ecology	3.6 Page 11	We are encouraged that the proposal seeks to enhance and create ecological commuting corridors which strengthen existing tree belts and hedgerows containing the site and introduces new routes. These contribute to the local natural scenery, are beneficial for mental health and help to mitigate against the effects of climate change and local air pollution.
Green, blue and open space	3.12 Page 13; 3.39 Page 22	We welcome the proposals to provide public open space. Green, blue and open spaces promote good physical and mental health. We welcome the developer confirming ways in which the site will be made accessible, attractive and safe through providing walkways, accessible entrances, bins, seating and planting, at the appropriate planning stage.
Housing design	3.32 Page 21	We encourage the proposals to create 210 new homes with mixed tenure offerings to meet the growing need for good quality housing in Havant. We welcome the commitment to offer 30% affordable dwellings as part of this development. We also encourage 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. Best practice on this can be found in LGA Healthy Housing guidance .
Sustainable modes of transport, promoting walking and cycling and reduced vehicle usage	3.45 Page 25	Whilst cycle parking appears to be a consideration of the development, it is not clear what the exact allocation of cycle parking will be. Whilst we welcome the inclusion of resident parking spaces, we would encourage instalment of bicycle storage facilities too, complimenting the proposed cycleways in Havant, in order to encourage active travel which is beneficial for both individual and environmental health. We also would welcome the consideration of linking the local bus service to increase access to the site via a sustainable form of transport. At the appropriate planning stage, we would like to see plans for how behaviour change – from private vehicle to active travel/public transport - will be encouraged.
Local food growing	Page 42	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	4.141 Page 64 4.150 Page 67	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. 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.