

Public Health response to Land west of, Hulbert Road, Havant (Ref: APP/20/00441)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning application. Our comments henceforth refer to the document entitled '*Land West of Hulbert Road, Havant Planning Design & Access Statement Including Affordable Housing Statement & Statement of Community Involvement – April 2020*'.

We welcome the ambition to create 120 new homes to meet the needs of the growing population in Havant and Hampshire more widely.

Theme	Policy / Page	Comments
Public Realm	2. The Site and the Surroundings (pp.4)	We welcome the development being situated in an accessible, lively area near local amenities, schools and places of work. We are encouraged that due to this placement, the proposed site is well-connected by public transport and walking and cycling infrastructure. Active travel is important as it has co-benefits for health as well as air quality.
Sustainable modes of transport, promoting walking and cycling and reduced vehicle usage	4.1 The Proposal (pp. 6)	We welcome the proposal to include a new pedestrian footpath along the western site of Hulbert Road linking to existing walking, cycling and public transport networks which provides opportunity for physical activity through active travel.
Green, blue and open spaces	4.2	We welcome the design which incorporates communal areas of the central green and paved square. Green space is important for wellbeing, attractiveness as well as positively impacting the environment and air quality. The incorporation of a central square provides opportunities for social interaction.
Green, blue and open spaces		We welcome the provision of a green corridor in the western boundary, and would encourage the incorporation of the potential trail with natural play or exercise facilities. These will provide opportunities for residents to engage in easy to access physical activity. We would also welcome opportunities for formal and informal food growing such as a community orchard

		loss, is minimised and mitigated. We encourage a hierarchy of action which prioritises the <i>prevention</i> of such issues, with minimisation and mitigation where prevention is not possible.
Biodiversity	Ecology (pp. 41)	We are encouraged by the site being close to the peripheral areas of woodland. 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.