

**Public Health response to Land at Forty Acres Farm, Havant Road, Havant
(Ref: APP/21/00605)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning application. Our comments henceforth refer to the document entitled Land at Forty Acres Farm, Bedhampton, Havant Planning Statement dated May 2021.

We welcome the ambition to provide healthy housing to support the growing population of Havant and Hampshire more widely.

Theme	Policy / Page	Comments
Public Realm	3.5 (pp. 5)	We welcome the retaining of previous health-promoting infrastructure such as the Nature Park open space and the allotment and orchard. We encourage developers to ensure these are accessible to residents in the new dwellings as they provide an opportunity for both formal and informal physical activity, which is beneficial for mental and physical wellbeing. Connectivity has been recognised as a key aspect of reducing obesity and encouraging healthy habits in the TCPA's Planning for Health guidance. Please refer to Sport England Guidance for further steering on how to implement 'Active Design'.
Healthy Housing	6. Affordable housing statement (pp. 12)	We welcome the proposal to provide a mix of dwelling types including affordable housing, we would welcome developers to adhere to the 30% minimum affordable housing as the total of 29.94% falls very close to the lower limit. Maximising affordable housing is important as it allows all residents to access safe and secure housing, which affects their ability to live happily in good health. We encourage the developer to ensure housing units 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 disabled people, and that the housing is tenure blind. Best practice on this can be found in LGA Healthy Housing guidance.
Promoting walking and cycling and reducing car use	7. Design 7.4 Parking and Internal Road Network	Whilst we welcome the inclusion of resident parking spaces, we would encourage instalment of bicycle storage facilities too, complimenting the proposed cycleway along Havant Road, in order to encourage active travel which is beneficial for both individual and environmental health.