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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to the Key Issues informing the Draft Local Plan for Fareham. Whilst many of the issues raised are not directly relevant to the provision of Healthcare, as previously discussed we do see an important overall link between policies governing the provision of new residential dwellings and the sustainable provision of healthcare to the new and existing communities.

The consultation statement says: *“Large or small developments The Government stipulates that at least 10 per cent of the new developments in the Local Plan must be on small to medium sites of up to one hectare (around two and a half acres). The Council’s preference to date has been to see most new houses built in a small number of larger cluster developments. Ensuring that the right infrastructure is in place for our growing population is vital. The Council is looking to continue with its large ‘cluster sites’ approach, where infrastructure improvements are typically easier to design and deliver. Often schools and road improvements can be incorporated into larger development schemes, and when land is required for medical and healthcare facilities, this can be provided for. Developers are responsible for the delivery of suitable infrastructure through legal (Section 106) agreements signed with the Council.”*

The response from University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) is as follows:

We request that the Council uses this consultation as an opportunity to communicate a positive message to residents (existing and new) that health is a high priority and will be given the same scrutiny as the provision of affordable housing and schools within the planning process.

The creation of new dwellings places additional pressure on local NHS health services. Due to Fareham’s location and the nature of services delivered by local acute Trusts, historical data evidences that many residents will access treatment at UHS.

A strategy to encourage clustering of new dwellings will enable UHS to calculate the health needs and therefore the additional services required by new residents of each development. On the basis that Fareham Borough Council (FBC) will target developers to build 520 new houses per year; UHS will welcome a policy that seeks contributions from these developers towards the delivery of healthcare services.

We would expect that health needs assessments are aligned to the future housing trajectory and reflect the requirements of all health system partners: Primary Care, Secondary Care (Acute Trusts), Community and Mental Health plus Emergency Services.

We would therefore like the Council to clearly articulate within the Local Development Plan, Supplementary Planning Documents, and other relevant policies, a requirement that developers will support healthy sustainable communities through making both CIL and S106 contributions for health services, including hospitals.

The expectation is for these to mitigate both short term unfunded impacts upon unplanned care (revenue claims) and shortfalls in capital programmes that deliver essential services to the catchment population.

These contributions will recognise both the service and built infrastructure requirements of the provision of additional healthcare services for new residents. For larger developments, we welcome the use of the EIA as a tool to examine the impact of the development on health services provision.

We believe it is important that FBC is able to work with all NHS partners in a co-ordinated way to ensure continued investment across the local health system. This means that not only are developers considering the allocation of land for primary care use, but that wider consultation across the NHS is undertaken during the planning process to understand the impact of any proposed development on acute, ambulance, community, mental health, and GP provision. The NHS will work with FBC to create an approach whereby a unified NHS funding request can be submitted for new developments.

There are multiple examples across England of Councils working with Developers and the NHS to ensure that developer contributions are secured in a legally compliant manner to support the health needs of the residents, both for services and built infrastructure. We would be happy to provide further information as requested.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

