Comments on proposed development at the Ashurst Hospital site

Ashurst needs accommodation for elderly people. We know there are elderly residents in Ashurst whose current accommodation is no longer suitable for their needs as they age and become less able physically. They wish, however, to remain in this village and would like to be in accommodation designed for elderly people.

We therefore support redevelopment of the site to meet these needs. The developed area must be confined to the currently developed land and retain a buffer zone between the development and the New Forest SPA/SSSI.

This development should be in addition to retaining the current healthcare provision on the site and if necessary allowing for expansion.

The chapel should be retained.

The site should not be included within the settlement boundary for Ashurst.

