

Subject: Re: hearing

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**Keep Ashurst and Colbury Green Group.
Response to Ashurst Hospital Consultation**

March 6th 2019

In response to the specific questions raised by the inspectors in their note ID22 as part of the consultation, we wish to make the following comments:

- 1) We remain disappointed that the hospital site is not being considered in place of the Whartons Lane field and would argue that as a brownfield site the hospital is a more appropriate area for development than a pristine green field.
- 2) This is a brownfield site, it has housed a large building for almost 200 years, it is also close to 2 pubs, 2 car parks, main road, main railway line and station, local shops, busy campsite and many access points to the New Forest. Consequently, it is difficult to imagine how the redevelopment will add to any damage in the surrounding area.
- 3) Given the cash crisis in the NHS, it seems unreasonable to require the NHS to pay to return the facility to pasture and given the surrounding developments and infrastructure, would there be any point?
- 4) We believe there is a need for existing residents to downsize as evidenced by our recent parish questionnaire and many would love to be able to stay in the village. This is an ideal site, being close to the infrastructure listed above (unlike the Whartons Lane field).
- 5) We note that C3 is the designation for standard housing and we believe that given the costs of redevelopment and removal of asbestos etc the site needs to be viable for a developer. We definitely do not wish to see the site abandoned and left to decay.
- 6) We believe a potential developer would need some flexibility in designing a suitable and sympathetic scheme for the site and would ask the inspector to select the most suitable framework, be it allocation or boundary change. We do not wish to see the Lyndhurst Park hotel quagmire repeated.
- 7) The proposal should allow for adequate parking for the NHS.

Please could you acknowledge receipt of our comments?

Kind regards

On behalf of the Keep Ashurst and Colbury Green Group