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I hope my comments will be of use to the technical aspect of this proposed project. In the 38yrs working within South Hampshire NHS one of my responsibilities was the maintenance and development of the Estate. I know Ashurst Hospital well.

This input will no doubt bring a few smiles to some NFDC Planners faces. [REDACTED] We have had many friendly hours of discussions over the size, shape and use of a proposed development but these issues do not apply in this case. I am concerned about a football pitch, yes a football pitch.

Many years ago I approved the formation of a football pitch on the rear field for the Health Staff Club and many voluntary hours were spent forming it. As the first winter approached the area turned into a typical New Forest bog. The pitch was remarked 3 times in as many weeks, only to sink each time into the sub soil.

A temporary car park was created a few years later in this area. Despite many lorry loads of asphalt shavings the structure finished like a floating pudding.

I am sure ground conditions will be tested as part of the design but I thought I should point out the above.

I would be more than happy to meet on site (free of charge) if this would help in any way.

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