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Dear Sir/Madam

We have overlooked giving response to the Ashurst Hospital site being included in the Draft Local Plan. We whole-heartedly support the site being included in the plan for development during the next twenty years as it will be **reusing a large brown field site.**

This is the last large brown field site in the village and should be exploited to its full potential. This site could **probably accommodate 90 homes and a large NHS care home.** An increase from the proposed 30 homes should be considered.

House building is being severely restricted by the policy for no residential development within 400 metre of the forest boundary. This means in the 4 defined village in the National Park have very little land for development and within the next few years there will be no more new/replacement houses in the New Forest. This policy should be excluded from the boundary of the 4 defined villages so that some development can take place in all the villages not putting all development in Ashurst.

The New Forest is a enormous area of conservation which can sustain birds, insects, invertebrates and mammals etc within it own boundary. This 400 metre restriction policy is more appropriate to conserve the area around small special sites.

Hope you will be able to take our comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully