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Subject: Proposed development of the Ashurst Hospital Site

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To: bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com

Dear Sir

We would like to comment on the proposed development of the Ashurst Hospital site.

We are totally in favour of the development of the site. We are replying to the relevant sections as follows:-

1. Yes, by offering housing to those from the local community needing care in their older age it will free up housing often occupied by one tenant in the Ashurst residential estate for families. The locality would offer accommodation close to their known local community, friends and family, which is extremely important. There has also been demonstrated a need for affordable housing in the area for those with a local connection. It is already a developed area so there will be no further loss of green fields. It would be even more justified if considered as an alternative to ploughing up the green fields in Whartons Lane, although we understand that this is not an option!
2. Yes and Yes. As (1) housing freed up locally for families rather than many homes occupied by one person as at present as a lack of opportunity to move to suitable smaller residences locally. It is worth noting that the hospital has had C2 use in the past.
3. Limited but acceptable development because of the green boundary.
4. There is likely to be an increase in the traffic exiting the site which can be a problem at peak times - consider traffic control? There is control over the number of buildings being erected so that there is not an over dense development hence limiting the impact on the forest across the green boundary.
5. Yes
6. Yes as there is a need for the already identified elderly population to be catered for within the Ashurst village enabling them to be close to friends and family and continue to interact with their community. There are easy transport links to the shops, health care etc and for visitors to access the site. It is part of Ashurst as it is the only real commercial hub, and as such the centre of the village and should be included in the settlement boundary. The hospital is unsafe in parts structurally and needs to be demolished it is also asbestos ridden. We are delighted that the chapel will be saved and will offer character to the development. The development would benefit from a mix of age group interaction because of the affordable element proposed and the easy transport links will be beneficial for this element to access jobs, shops and healthcare.

Yours sincerely

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