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Dear Sir,

Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2032 Submission Consultation

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council on the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2032. At this submission stage of neighbourhood plan making, the County Council provides the following response in its capacity as the Local Public Health Authority.

Overall, the County Council is supportive of the objectives and policies of the Neighbourhood Plan, specifically objective 2.2 iv "To maintain and ideally improve recreational and sporting facilities and other community amenities including footpaths and cycleways". This aligns with the visions and policies set out in the County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), especially the Healthy Streets Policy, by promoting active travel and putting people who are walking, wheeling and cycling as the priority. This creates other health benefits such as improved mental health through physical activity, social cohesion and reductions in noise and air pollution. It is noted that items 4.5 and 4.7 in the proposed plan make references to future car parking capacity and traffic management concerns respectively. The County Council would also encourage an emphasis on parking provision for cycles and other forms of micromobility to support the use of active travel modes.

The LTP4 is again supported by objective 2.2 iv as it looks to "sustain, and where possible, improve and extend footpaths in the Parish and Odiham Core Walking Zone" which are identified within the Hart District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Public Health feel that there could still be further opportunities in the Neighbourhood Plan to enhance and improve this network of footpaths in the Parish by working with local landowners and the public rights of way team, to improve accessibility so that access to green spaces can become more inclusive to a wider population.

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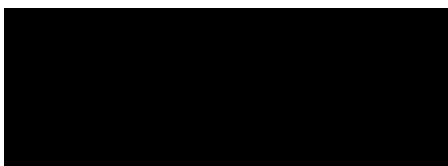
It is noted that at Site vii (the Land next to Crownfields), a residential nursing care home will be provided. Public Health would support the principle of a residential nursing care home in the Parish, to help address a rise in dementia and poor mobility in the ageing population nationally and in the district. To ensure that any care provision meets the needs of an ageing occupancy then the inclusion of the HAPPI Guidance for its design is considered important. This ensures the site, access, building and landscape are designed to respond to the needs of an ageing demographic. [Happi Final Report.pdf \(housinglin.org.uk\)](#).

In regard to Policy 4 – Housing Mix, Public Health welcomes affordable housing options being offered on proposed sites. Hampshire County Council Public Health supports the Town and Country Planning Association’s (TCPA) Healthy Homes Principles for building new homes ([Healthy Homes Principles - Town and Country Planning Association \(tcpa.org.uk\)](#)) and would recommend that the 11 principles are considered in new housing developments, which ties into the County Council’s Public Health Strategy where Healthy Homes is an area of focus.

The County Council is also supportive of how the Plan places emphasis on increasing opportunities for walking and cycling in relation to accessing green space, which is elaborated further in Policy 11. From a public health perspective providing access to green space and increasing opportunities to be physically active can provide benefits to both physical and mental wellbeing. The plan could consider highlighting the importance of this issue to the community as well by adding a specific objective related to increasing the health and wellbeing of the community.

Finally, the County Council take this opportunity to reaffirm its broad support for the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan. I trust that these comments are of assistance to you. If you wish to discuss any of the comments raised, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Neil Massie on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,



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