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Dear Mark,


Planning Application Reference: P/15/1279/OA

Thank you bringing the application for development for the site at Longfield Avenue to our attention.

We are writing to formally raise an objection to the proposed housing development on this site, for the construction of up to 1,100 new dwellings. The current position of Primary Care medical provision for this area is under significant pressure and any additional population growth will destabilise the existing services.

Capacity in primary care provision in the Stubbington and Lee on the Solent areas is already much stretched. The wider area has high numbers of GP vacancies, and the availability of GPs coming into general practice to fill these vacancies is low. The existing surgery at Stubbington already has a high ratio of GPs (per whole time equivalent) to patients, with the practice averaging more than 400 patients per GP over the average. In addition to the high numbers of patients per GP the local practices have high consultation rates per patient, which further impacts on GP time and overall practice capacity. Further significant housing development in the area at this time would exacerbate this already significant pressure. The inclusion of an 80 bedded care home in this application would require additional healthcare support for this community and subsequently create greater pressures on the local practice who would be required to provide home visits to this facility.

The provision of a new health centre in this location would not address the issues of healthcare provision, within this area.

I hope that we have been able to articulate sufficiently why we would be unable to support an application of this size at present. If you have any questions I would be grateful if you would direct them to 

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wood
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