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Dear Richard,

Draft Fareham Local Plan 2036

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the Fareham Borough Council Draft Local Plan 2036.

We appreciate the sharing of information which will help us to plan future health services for the Fareham area. The key concern for us as an organisation is to ensure that workforce is available to meet the needs of any additional population forecasts. As you will be aware the model of care is changing in order to meet increasing demand. This also influences the way that health services are being commissioned.

Fareham & Gosport CCG has developed a local plan for the Fareham area which identifies the health infrastructure required to support the area as a whole. The scale at which services are delivered is critical to ensuring their sustainability. Whilst acute hospitals are under significant pressure to meet demand, Fareham is fortunate to have a high quality modern community Hospital building, with access to local community (nursing home) beds. These facilities are also co-located with Primary care services, which is the model that we are rolling out in other areas.

The consultation has sparked some concern from patients regarding how health services will be impacted in the Fareham area, where anecdotally the length of time to obtain a routine appointment is between five and three weeks. The practices who have responded to us have raised concerns that whilst some of the small pockets of development may be able to be absorbed, some of the larger areas of development may have a destabilising effect on practices, particularly if recruitment of healthcare professionals remains an issue.

The increasing number of people in the local population will inevitably seek registration with a local GP surgery and place additional pressure on existing NHS services in primary, community and secondary care settings. However, our estimate of the level of additional demand that will be placed on NHS primary care does not in our view warrant the commissioning of an additional GP surgery. The increased demand will be accommodated by the existing GP surgeries open to new registration requests from people living in the area of the proposed development, however additional capacity within the premises will be required.

In order to meet the additional demand on health services that new housing will bring, the Clinical Commissioning Groups would wish apply for s106 or CIL Contributions on individual schemes, on behalf of local GP practices, to enable targeted infrastructure improvements for existing local practices, to ensure that quality of service is not compromised.

Our colleagues at West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning group have also requested the opportunity to make S106 or CIL requests for developments that are on the boundaries of both Eastleigh Borough Council and Winchester District Council areas. Local practices in West Hampshire CCG in some cases will be more affected by certain developments than Fareham & Gosport CCG due to the geography and boundaries of local GP practices.

All requests would relate to the specific requirements of the practices to enable continued delivery of high quality care to patients registering at the practices.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with Fareham Borough Council to understand the types of housing being provided and the phasing of developments, which will enable us to work with our GP Members to mitigate any disruption.

One item for clarification of note: On page 122, Section 11.10 of the document it refers to Healthcare linked to community halls. This is not how healthcare is provided as General Medical Services have to be delivered from CQC registered premises.

Fareham & Gosport CCG is currently undertaking a strategic study of healthcare sites in the Fareham area, with particular emphasis on the central area provision. A workshop has been set up for January which representatives of Fareham Borough Council will be invited to. The final report will be shared with Fareham Borough council colleagues.

