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To save time may I say that I concur entirely with Community Groups response to Welborne. The only specific point that I would like to raise ties in with

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Since the end of the examination I have spent considerable time and effort trying to ascertain what level of consultation has taken place between the Council and the major health providers. It would appear that virtually NO communication has gone on between them, as far as I can find out the Council haven't even been talking to the correct organisations as they appear to have been consulting with the South East Hampshire CCG whose remit ends somewhat east of Portchester.

I have contacted the relevant CCG – Fareham and Gosport about whether they have been consulted and have received the following answer from their Lisa Medway in response to my question

Have Fareham and Gosport CCG specifically been invited to and involved in the consultation process about this development?

Her reply:

There has been no specific proposal put forward at this stage, and so there is no *formal* role for the CCG – or any other organisation – to play at this time. When the proposal is put forward, the process of consultation begins, and we will be formally invited to comment. Having said that, I should stress that we are not simply sitting back and waiting because of course this process is of great importance to us. As you may know, the CCG has an open dialogue with the local authorities about housing developments, we are now regularly attending the Welbourne Standing Conference.

If there has been no *specific* proposal put forward yet it means that they have had nothing to respond to. Will they only get involved AFTER the plans has been approved? The whole situation is backwards their involvement needs to be one of the first things in a project like this as Welborne is likely to affect the health of the whole area at least until the new Health Centre is open and staffed, currently planned for 2022-2026.

The local north Fareham practices seem to have very little knowledge of how the development is going to affect them and are already stretched to the limit. As far as I can see their only course of action to try and alleviate the problem would be to close their lists which will remove any local health care from Welborne because anything that they can do to alleviate the problem will only be on a temporary basis.

Queen Alexandra Hospital has recently been ranked third WORST in the country for waiting times and have said, in response to a similar question above

“In regard to the major expansion of homes in South East Hampshire, this would be a matter for the South East Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group and you may wish to contact them.”

This certainly gives the impression that they have not been involved in this consultation either.

For these reasons I believe that the Welborne project is unsound and will cause major problems not only in Fareham but in the whole of South East Hampshire as well.

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