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REDEVELOPMENT OF MOD FLOWERDOWN ESTATE (SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS) RESPONSE TO THE FIRST PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE

1. **Introduction.** Thank you for the briefings in November and the public consultation Webinar on 16th December 2020. Residents reported some reassurance following briefings, but the poor timing and short length of the Public Consultation Exercise conducted during a Pandemic and across the Christmas period have received adverse comments. LHPC has also received reports that your initial information flyer did not reach some residents. As a member of the Strategic Stakeholder Board (SSB) for the MoD Flowerdown Site (Sir John Moore Barracks) Redevelopment, LHPC offers you the following preliminary comments with more detailed appendices. LHPC reserves the right to comment further and develop its views about proposals as they emerge.

- a. Appendix 1. The LHPC initial response which follows the structure of your Consultation Questionnaire.
- b. Appendix 2. A map showing the Civil Parish boundaries.
- c. Appendix 3. Notes about Littleton road traffic issues.

2. **Master Plan Concepts.**

- a. So far, you have only provided vague conceptual Master Plan proposals with probes to see how residents react to some development ideas. You must remember that the Flowerdown site is closed to public access, only parts of it are visible, and residents will not be aware of all the issues. At some point, the MoD might consider opening the Flowerdown site for public viewing as part of further public consultation.
- b. The Webinar (16th December 2020) presented the outline Master Plan proposal and answered questions thematically in 'broadcast mode'. The Webinar allowed for no discussion, unlike a public meeting. Some of the verbal responses from your team even introduced new material, which was confusing, e.g., ideas about a management company and meeting the costs of green spaces. LHPC awaits further emerging details of the Master Plan and the conceptual vision for this important north Winchester area, e.g., the building proposals for two-thirds of the site (currently rural greenfield land) and the southern quarter of the site (the Littleton Settlement Gap).

- c. LHPC has received suggestions that the Master Plan should make more of Flowerdown's valuable and distinctive natural features, taking forward the opportunity to preserve and enhance the sites' natural assets. Perhaps the development could be better conceived more as a 'Heritage and Country Park' with a mix of housing and associated facilities developed mainly in the existing brownfield areas. A broader parkland setting might allow the MoD to leave a lasting, valuable and beneficial legacy.

3. **Civil Parish Arrangements.** The Planning Team applies the term 'separate community' to the proposed Flowerdown development. The Flowerdown site is positioned within the Littleton and Harestock Civil Parish Boundary, as illustrated in Appendix 2. There are no proposals to change the current Civil Parish boundary, although LHPC may need to modify its name. LHPC assumes:

- a. The future Flowerdown community will remain within the current Civil Parish Boundary and be part of the Wonston and Micheldever Ward of Winchester City Council.
- b. Flowerdown will become a source of potential parish councillors for an enlarged Parish Council.
- c. Flowerdown residents will contribute to the Civil Parish Council Precept collected as part of the Community Charge.

4. **Extant Planning Policy.** The MoD is now taking on the role of a property developer in the civilian market. The Flowerdown site is outside of the Littleton Village, Littleton Conservation Area and Harestock Boundaries. The current Winchester District Local Plan (WDLP 2013) shows the Flowerdown site subject to rural development planning policy. Unfortunately, the update to the WDLP, due early in 2021, appears to have been delayed because of anticipated, but not yet approved, Government policy changes. You should note there has been no consultation about the future of the Littleton Settlement Gap. You are now proposing a dense civil housing development within the Littleton Settlement Gap, which will trigger additional unwelcome planning applications for growth in the Settlement Gap and beyond. LHPC awaits a public Winchester City Council response to the Flowerdown development during this turbulent policy period with its changing housing requirements.

5. **Brownfield Area.** Most Littleton and Harestock residents appear to support or are unconcerned about the redevelopment of the Sir John Moore Barracks 'brownfield' area (one-third of the Flowerdown site) to assist with proven District housing targets. See further comments in Appendix 1.

6. **Greenfield Areas.** Please do not underestimate the public unease about potential development in the remaining 'greenfield' areas, representing two-thirds of the Flowerdown site. LHPC understands the entire MoD Flowerdown site is subject to surveys from historical, ecological and groundwater perspectives. LHPC looks forward to seeing these reports, although we are concerned about their independence when the site is not open to public inspection. LHPC notes you have already earmarked some development areas for a park and ride, residential accommodation, roads, or even industrial units before receiving these technical reports.

- a. **Northern Greenfield Area.**

(1) **Remnant Open Downland.** This open area is rare 'agriculturally unimproved' calcareous grassland developed without herbicides or inorganic fertilisers. Therefore, this grassland would appear to be a candidate for

classification as a Hampshire Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). The area might even have the potential to be classified for protection as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of its fauna, flora and geomorphological features. This relict grassland probably exceeds the standards expected for land in the nearby South Downs National Park. There will be community resistance to building developments in the open downland area. You may need to reflect on a more sensitive and less contentious approach (*See Paragraph 2c above*). There are potential long term maintenance propositions for this grassland area which need to be explored at a National level or perhaps through intervention by other Government Departments, e.g., support from Defra.

(2) **Park and Ride in the Northern Area.** At this stage in the consultation, LHPC does not support and will resist a park & ride facility at the northern end of the Flowerdown Estate. There are other prospective areas for a north Winchester park and ride, perhaps even beyond the Flowerdown boundary.

b. **Southern/Eastern Greenfield Areas.**

(1) **Hampshire SINC WC0066 (2017).** The SINC area (7.6ha) is classified as calcareous grassland, which has become impoverished through improper management but retains sufficient relic grassland elements to enable recovery. LHPC does not yet understand how this existing SINC will fit into your emerging Master Plan.

(2) **Woodland Screen.** There is a belt of woodland of variable age, quality, and maturity that borders the Flowerdown site's outer boundary. This woodland appears to be listed in the National Forest Inventory and provides a screen for the Littleton Gap. LHPC does not understand how this woodland, some of which is immature and of low quality, fits into your emerging Master Plan.

7. **Vehicular Traffic.** Access to Kennel Lane, Littleton may appear attractive to provide the Flowerdown development with a 'rear' entrance. LHPC might support such an access point for emergency services, buses, amenity vehicles and emergency diversions controlled by the County Council. Please note LHPC will not support and will resist proposals for general traffic access to the Flowerdown site from any part of Kennel Lane for the reasons explained in Appendices 1 and 3. Therefore, LHPC wishes to understand your expectations about Chestnut Avenue (a private unadopted road). As an alternative, you might consider vehicle access direct to the Harestock Road, where structural improvement would be required.

8. **Historical Characteristics.** The Flowerdown site has a history of use by the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Airforce and other government departments which have left artefacts, memorials, statues, and structures. LHPC proposes that the Master Plan should include a scheme for preserving the site's historic aspects. There is scope to develop and support educational opportunities. Further historical details and references are in Appendix 1.

9. **Groundwater, Flooding and Sewage.** Please note LHPC is a stakeholder member of the Outer Winchester Strategic Study (Flood Alleviation) and is familiar with the Hampshire Local Flood and Water Management Strategy (2019). LHPC expects the Master Plan to include a scheme for sustainable drainage and sewage disposal. The northern part of the site is only a small part of the more expansive River Itchen Catchment Area. LHPC believes the geology and topography of the Flowerdown site will continue to present groundwater problems even if you attempt engineering solutions. There are likely to be public safety issues with any standing floodwater or

in balancing ponds. There is also the potential for surface water contamination originating from flooding further upstream in Littleton. In the context of our suggestions above, LHPC recommends you minimise disturbance to the groundwater flood field through the Flowerdown site to maintain its natural stability. Any development will need to protect as much as possible the communities and amenities further down the slope towards the River Itchen.

10. Please note this consultation response has been published on the LHPC Website and sent to our elected Parliamentary, County and District representatives.



Stephen Burgess
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Appendices:

1. Public Consultation Response by Littleton & Harestock Parish Council (LHPC)
2. Map of Littleton & Harestock Boundaries.
3. Notes about traffic Issues in the Littleton & Harestock Area

APPENDIX 1**PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSE BY LITTLETON & HARESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL (LHPC)**

This Appendix follows the structure of the Public Consultation Questionnaire (with LHPC comments in blue text.) The comments below have been made in the following context:

- **Webinar.** *The Webinar (16th December 2020) presented the outline Master Plan proposal and answered questions thematically in 'broadcast mode'. The Webinar allowed for no discussion, unlike a public meeting. Some of the verbal responses from your team introduced new material, which was confusing, e.g., ideas about a management company and meeting the costs of green spaces.*
- **Alternative Site Usage.** *In previous years the residents of Littleton and Harestock were exposed to many ideas about redeveloping the Flowerdown site. Suggested developments for the site have included a 'knowledge park', 'University expansion', 'light industry' and even a new hospital. Some residents consider parts of the site should be taken into public ownership. Therefore, you should not be surprised if public consultation responses continue to suggest alternative approaches.*
- **Questionnaire.** *LHPC notes you published the public consultation questionnaire on your website without passing it through the Strategic Stakeholder Board for comment. LHPC would have questioned some parts of the questionnaire, mainly where it avoided potentially contentious issues.*

1. Biographical Section.

- Age. **N/A.**
- Residency. **Local Civil Parish Council.**
- Household. **N/A.**
- Organisation: **Local Government.**

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2. The site has been identified for disposal by the DIO and redevelopment as a mixed-use scheme (including housing). In addition to housing, which of the following other uses do you think should be included within the emerging masterplan for the site? **The LHPC perspective is that redevelopment of MoD Flowerdown as a 'mixed-use site' is subject to planning permission. In this context, the Parish Council understands the MoD (as a developer) is now subject to civilian planning rules for this civilian development and Winchester District Local Plan policies.**

- Publicly accessible green space.** **Green spaces should be provided to meet at least, and ideally exceed, the national minimum standards and follow the Winchester District Local Plan. A distinction should be drawn between informal recreational green space provided by the open northern downland, and more formalised open spaces. The latter green spaces should be located throughout the developed site for access by children, older residents and the disabled.**
- Offices.** **It is assumed office accommodation could be a useful source of commercial employment for the immediate residents of the new development and possibly the broader areas of Littleton, Harestock, Weeke, and Winchester District. However, commercial office accommodation would not appear to be a regular part of rural development. LHPC would not wish to see office development pull most employees from beyond the Winchester area.**
- Industrial (manufacturing and/or storage/distribution).** **LHPC would like to see specific proposals, particularly for employment opportunities. In general, LHPC does not**

support industrialisation of the site, especially where it would increase commercial traffic along local roads.

d. **Park & Ride.** LHPC notes the proposal to place a park & ride facility at the north end of the site. While the functional advantage is the proximity to the Three Maids Hill Roundabout, LHPC is concerned about potential damage to a 'pristine' part of the North Winchester rural infrastructure. At this stage, LHPC does not support a park & ride facility located at the northern end of the Flowerdown estate. There are other places where a park and ride could be located.

e. **Retail.** LHPC would like to see specific proposals for retail. You will be aware of existing supermarkets and retail facilities already located in Weeke and two larger supermarkets about 5km away. LHPC expects you will allocate some space for a convenience store (with sufficient car parking). Your proposals should consider the impact on the surplus retail capacity of Winchester.

f. **Other types of uses.**

(1) **Self Build Housing.** The term 'self build' appeared in the questionnaire. The term has several meanings, and clarification is required. Your proposals need to be clear about the use of 'freehold' and 'leasehold' land. Do you mean using different groups of builders delivering parts of the overall development? LHPC would like to see specific proposals.

(2) **Reuse of existing buildings.** Can you redevelop any existing accommodation into flats/affordable property/offices/medical/dental/school/pre-school facilities?

g. **Street Lighting.** In 1994 there was an agreement between Hampshire County Council and the Parish Council that there would be no street lighting along Littleton Main Road or in the developments off Main Road (See **Note 1**). LHPC expects you to respect this Street Lighting Agreement when considering the impact of Flowerdown lighting so that Littleton village can maintain a low level of light pollution.

h. To the extent housing is to be included within the masterplan, it will be essential to provide a mix of different sizes and styles. A mixture of the following types of home should be provided, to accord with Planning Policy requirements and/or demand assessments which are being undertaken (*Flats or apartments, Terraced houses, Semi-detached homes, Detached homes*). Are there any other types of housing which you think could be included within the masterplan? Given a housing development in the mid-2020s will be quite different from the 20th-century settlements of Littleton and Harestock, LHPC believes it is inappropriate to be asking this question in a public consultation. Please remember you are building between a 20th-century rural Littleton settlement well served with garden spaces and the Harestock estate built to urban standards. LHPC would like to see specific proposals in the context of the existing and forecast provision of housing types in Winchester and the Winchester District Local Plan.

3. If housing is to be provided on the site, which tenure of housing do you think should be included?

a. **Private Housing.** LHPC assumes the implementation of various forms of such housing in the Master Plan, subject to the Winchester District Local Plan policies. The Littleton Village and the Harestock estate contain mostly two-storey dwellings. There are only a few buildings which are 2.5 storeys or above located in Littleton and Harestock. Sir

Note 1: S38 Agreement Street Lighting dated 31 Oct 1994.) between HCC & LHPC.

John Moore Barracks has buildings of limited heights, and LHPC expects height restriction to be maintained.

- b. **Shared Ownership/Intermediate Housing.** LHPC assumes such housing will be included in the Master Plan, according to Winchester District Local Plan policies.
- c. **Older Persons' Accommodation.** LHPC assumes such housing will be included in the Master Plan, according to Winchester District Local Plan policies. The area already has a range of accommodation for older people. LHPC is not clear where you propose to place this accommodation in the proposed development, but we would expect it to be close to any transport hub.
- d. **Self-build Housing.** It is understood that areas for self-build housing are not common in the Winchester Area. LHPC would like to see specific proposals in the context of the Winchester District Local Plan (See Appendix 1, Paragraph 2f).
- e. **Any other tenure.** LHPC will resist any potential for **multi-occupancy** of houses.

4. The current masterplan includes proposals to deliver a new local centre. What types of small-scale uses would you like to see included within the new local centre? LHPC is not clear about what you mean by the term 'new local centre'. Littleton is a linear settlement without a 'centre' and Harestock is a suburban-style estate with a small row of neighbourhood shops with a car park. Are you going to propose a new centre for the Civil Parish or just a centre for the brownfield area development?

- a. **Retail Uses (Convenience).** See the LHPC response (Appendix 1, Paragraph 2e).
- b. **Cafes/Restaurants.** LHPC would like to see specific proposals for viable businesses in the context of the current availability of pubs, restaurants and cafes in the Winchester area.
- c. **Leisure Uses.**
 - (1) **Indoor Sports Facilities.** The potential retention of the swimming pool and gymnasium facilities appears attractive. However, LHPC is cautious about this outline proposal. Repurposing the ageing indoor sports facilities for public use will require a detailed business model, well-understood costs, sound management and a stable income source. You are in danger of implementing Master Plan design decisions about leisure facilities, without the issues of ownership, control and funding being investigated or decided. LHPC, in its present form, would find it difficult to operate a sports centre. It is unclear if Winchester City Council would be willing to sponsor and manage it either. Otherwise, LHPC expects the indoor sports centre to be retained and operated by either a commercial service provider or a sustainable community ownership model.
 - (2) **All-Weather Pitches.** It does not appear you have included the all-weather pitch near the Church in a list of retained resources. We urge you to retain the all-weather pitch in the Master Plan as it will be a valuable asset for the local sports clubs.
- d. **Community uses.** The proposed retention of the Church as a community asset for leisure activities is welcome. LHPC assumes this Community Hall would be managed and funded in much the same way the Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall (not a Parish Council asset), is managed by a committee of trustees, including Parish Council members. How much of the attached low-level building do you expect to retain?

e. Other.

- (1) **Sports Pavilions.** Please consider retaining existing sports pavilions associated with the playing fields as these will be valuable assets for the local sports clubs.
- (2) **Legacy/Historical Retention.** LHPC recommends you need to develop a scheme which will preserve and respect the heritage and historical aspects of the site:
 - (a) The Chapel is dedicated to those men and women from The Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force who served at Flowerdown over the last century.
 - (b) The inner gates (originally from Peninsula Barracks Winchester).
 - (c) The three statues on granite plinths, e.g. Sir John Moore, Royal Green Jacket Rifleman and Field Marshal Wavell.
 - (d) The Queen Mother visited in 1989 and planted eight trees to commemorate the eight Light Infantry soldiers killed in Northern Ireland at Ballygawley. The MoD ought to preserve these trees.
 - (e) The Flowerdown site had an important role during WWII, and there are historic ground artefacts. Please note a project to present the history of Flowerdown within the Littleton Recreation Ground, hopefully using Lottery Heritage Funding, could be extended into the Flowerdown site. The Pandemic has delayed this Project.
- (3) **Reuse of existing buildings.** Can you redevelop any existing accommodation into flats/affordable property? (See Appendix 1, Paragraph 2f).

5. How important do you think it will be to deliver the following types of open and/or public spaces within the masterplan?

a. Ecological Areas.

- (1) Two-thirds of the Flowerdown site are already ecological spaces. This development will reduce the available environmental space, probably leaving something no better than parkland or relict woodland. If you provide 'ecological areas', this implies a strategic long term plan, management and perhaps some public use restriction. LHPC would like to see specific proposals about ownership, maintenance and long term development of open green spaces.
- (2) LHPC already has a Conservation Field (1.4ha). The Master Plan creation offers an opportunity to extend this Conservation Area into the Flowerdown Site through the woodland along the northern boundary.

b. Sports Pitches/Playing Fields.

- (1) **Sports Pitches.** The idea of retaining some sports pitches and playing fields is attractive to the community. LHPC would like to see specific proposals about the functionality, ownership, maintenance and accessibility of retained recreational spaces in the Flowerdown site, and urge you to include the local Sports Club in discussions at the earliest opportunity.

(2) **Harestock Road Football Field.** LHPC assumes you will retain the Harestock Road Football Field as an open space (currently rented by LHPC from the MoD and is a defined open space in the District Local Plan) for continued recreational use by the local population.

c. **Informal Green Spaces.** LHPC expects the Flowerdown site to be provided with informal green spaces to at least the minimum standards defined in the Winchester District Local Plan. LHPC would like to see specific proposals with your ideas for ownership, management and funding.

d. **Childrens' Play Areas.** LHPC expects the provision of play area capacity, according to Winchester District Local Plan policies. You also need to include recreational space and equipment for older children/teenagers. Play areas require close management and a regime of a regular inspection. Equipped play areas are expensive to maintain. LHPC would like to see specific proposals with your ideas for the ownership, management and funding of childrens' play areas.

e. **Allotment Space.** Most Littleton properties have relatively large gardens by modern standards; most Harestock properties have some form of garden space. However, work is underway to modify some of the Littleton & Harestock open spaces as part of the Winchester City Council Greening Project. The new development should provide horticultural space associated with individual properties or in public areas. There is also interest in developing a community orchard. Otherwise, LHPC recommends the Master Plan is coordinated with the Winchester City Council Greening initiative and the LHPC contribution.

f. **Other Types.**

(1) **Street Lighting.** You should note that Littleton village has no street lighting and LHPC would like to see proposals for limiting light pollution in the area (See Appendix 1, Paragraph 2g).

(2) **Public Safety in Open Spaces.** The general area (Grid SU 463327) and some of the steep slopes and woodland on the site might present issues of public safety. The Master Plan should contain proposals for ensuring public safety, particularly near the existing small arms range.

6. The current masterplan seeks to 'open up' the site to the public by introducing a series of new routes, roads and connections and delivering a new Movement Strategy through the site. *(Do you agree with the following potential parts of the proposed Movement Strategy at this stage?)*

a. New pedestrian and cycling routes from Andover Road running through the site. LHPC assumes this will be a significant part of the Master Plan design.

b. New pedestrian and cycling routes from the village of Littleton running through the site. The only access points for pedestrian and cycling routes would be via the Littleton Recreation Ground or via Kennel Lane. You will need to discuss your access expectations with the Parish Council.

c. Along the Parish Council owned Recreation Ground (eastern boundary). You will need to discuss your access expectations with the Parish Council.

d. The Flowerdown Barrows Site (English Heritage). Flowerdown Barrows is a national heritage site, and it is unlikely to be acceptable for the location of a cycleway.

e. Chestnut Avenue. LHPC understands Chestnut Avenue is a private unadopted Road. See further comments in Appendix 3.

f. A new separate route near Chestnut Avenue to Kennel Lane (see below). LHPC would like to see specific proposals. See further comments in Appendix 3.

g. New pedestrian and cycling routes from Harestock Road running through the site. Consideration should be given to:

(1) Connecting the Harestock Road to Footpath 501 (at the north end of the Flowerdown site) which runs from Church Lane east (Grid SU 455330) to the Andover Road (Grid SU 464330).

(2) Connecting a north-south pedestrian and cycling route close to the Harestock Road/Priors Dean Road Junction. You should note that the traffic density along the Harestock Road is increasing and when the Andover Road is closed (part of the Kings Barton Plan) traffic flow will increase further. Some form of pedestrian/cycle crossing will be required on the Harestock Road to support such a cycle/pedestrian route south into Harestock, e.g., for access to the local secondary school.

h. New pedestrian and cycling routes from Kennel Lane running through the site. LHPC cannot see the benefits of such a route unless the access point would be near Chestnut Avenue, Littleton (a private road) and/or a route to the south-west corner of where Kennel Lane joins the Harestock Road (perhaps both).

i. New public roads running through the site (accessed from Andover Road). LHPC would like to see specific proposals but would be opposed to roads crossing the open northern downland in particular. The Parish Council would also like to see proposals for parking arrangements.

j. New bus routes running through the site. LHPC would like to see specific proposals in the context of existing bus services, bus frequency, relationship to any park & ride facility and potential circulation around the north Winchester area linking Littleton, Harestock, Weeke, Flowerdown, Kings Barton, the 6th Form College, the Royal Hampshire Hospital, the University, railway station and Winchester City Centre.

k. The potential introduction of a new vehicular access to/from the Site from Kennel Lane is also being considered. Do you have any comments on this potential addition to the masterplan (*i.e. would you be happy for this to be used by cars, by buses etc.?*) The Parish Council might support restricted road traffic access to the Flowerdown site from Kennel Lane for emergency services, buses, amenity vehicles, e.g. waste collection and emergency diversions controlled by the County Council. **Please note the Parish Council will not support and will resist the development of private or commercial vehicle traffic access to the Flowerdown site via Kennel Lane for the reasons explained in Appendix 3.**

7. The masterplan will seek to ensure that new development at the site is as sustainable as possible. Do you agree that the following sustainability measures should be included within the emerging masterplan? (*Photovoltaic solar panels, Electrical vehicle charging, cycle opportunities throughout the site, car club opportunities throughout the site.*) Are there any other sustainability measures which you think should be introduced within the new proposed masterplan? LHPC expects sustainability measures to conform to the Winchester District Local Plan policies and be significantly more advanced than in Littleton and Harestock, and perhaps even Kings Barton, including the use of net zero carbon homes and other buildings.

8. The emerging masterplan has been informed by a series of technical considerations and surveys.

- a. **Flood Risk.** Given the nature of the geology and topography at the northern end of the Flowerdown site, you should expect continued groundwater issues whatever mitigation is attempted. You might consider creating multi-step channels and water holding areas, but the general flood track is boggy for most of the year, and there are dangers to the public. Flood water from Littleton village is potentially contaminated. LHPC would like to see your specific proposals.
- b. **Landscape & Visual Impact Considerations.** Please note **Table A**, which contains example statements from the proposed Supplementary Planning Document - Littleton Village Design Statement, currently being considered by Winchester City Council, before being put to public consultation in early 2021.

**TABLE A. LANDSCAPE (EXTRACT OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT
LITTLETON VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT PLANNING GUIDANCE)**

A1. Landscape (Vistas). Outstanding public vistas within the parish to be protected and not obstructed by any new development, extensions or changes to existing properties. Conversely, views of new or adapted buildings should not detract from the village's existing character and unobtrusive appearance when viewed from the open countryside. *(Note: The area of open land and woodland around the MoD Flowerdown Estate to the north and west of the Sir John Moore Barracks buildings, as identified on LVDS Map 2, is of important landscape value. It separates the barracks site from Littleton and protects the setting of Littleton in long views from Andover Road and from the footpath from Church Lane to Andover Road. Development in open areas that would be unduly intrusive will be resisted.) (Supports LPP WIN3 – contribution to the Winchester landscape.)*

A2. Landscape (Features). New developments to be landscaped to blend into the rural character of the village. This may involve adding new landscape features or retaining existing ones (particularly historical features) as well as providing new open spaces. *(Supplements LPP DM6 Open space provision for new developments.)*

A4. Settlement (Development outside of current boundaries). Any development on greenfield/brownfield areas outside the present limits of the Littleton Village Development Boundary (LVDS Map 4) must meet the defined criteria of the extant District Local Plan, and not undermine the existing character of the village. It will be subject to careful scrutiny and will be resisted. *(Supplements LPP DM1 Location of new development.)*

- c. **Transport Considerations.** See LHPC Response, Appendix 3.
- d. **Impact on Amenity (Noise/Air Quality).** Are you aware of the two separate, but nearby aggregate recycling facilities that are currently being assessed by Hampshire County Council for planning approval?
 - HCC/20/01765HCS (Three Maids Hill).
 - HCC 20/01188HCS Down Farm.
- e. **Heritage Considerations.** See Appendix 1, Paragraph 4e.
- f. **Land Contamination considerations.** Please remember that Littleton has no mains drainage or sewage disposal. In flooding conditions the surface water arriving onto the Flowerdown site from the direction of Pitter Close, Littleton is likely to be contaminated.

9. We would like to hear from you concerning how you think the new masterplan will integrate with its surroundings and the local communities there. Do you think the emerging masterplan should deliver? (An extension to Littleton, an extension to Harestock, a new community) LHPC found this question confusing and misleading. You need to discuss your ideas further with the Parish Council. (See Covering Letter, Paragraph 3.)

APPENDIX 3

NOTES ON TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK AREA

- **Routes to the Strategic Road Network (North & South).**
 - One advantage of the Flowerdown site is its proximity to the strategic road network via the Three Maids Hill Roundabout (A34 dual carriageway) with a link to the M3 Junction 9 (Winnall Roundabout) about 5km away. Therefore, there are excellent north-south links to the M3, M4, M27, A303.
 - Many drivers, use Well House Lane, Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy to take a short cut to the M3 Junction 9 using the A33 and A34 (South) or travel towards Basingstoke using the A33 (North). The junction with the A33 is problematic and challenging to negotiate, leading to significant delays at peak times. The minor roads' capacity to support additional future traffic from both Kings Barton and Flowerdown is likely to be contentious.
- **Routes East and West.** In general terms, there are poor east-west road links near to Flowerdown.
 - The A31 East (Petersfield Road) can be accessed to the south-east of Winchester via the M3 Junction 9 roundabout.
 - The Stockbridge Road (B3049) provides a route to the west/north-west and on towards Salisbury or Andover. Currently, travel along the Stockbridge Road (B3049) towards Winchester during peak periods can be subject to delay. The Stockbridge Road capacity to support additional traffic from both Kings Barton and Flowerdown for access to Winchester is likely to be contentious.
- **Routes into Winchester** (*including railway station, local amenities, schools, hospital and the University*).
 - The Andover Road (B3420) is due to be closed (as part of the Kings Barton implementation), and traffic will route towards Winchester via:
 - The Kings Barton Development.
 - The Harestock Road to a 4 way Junction with the Stockbridge Road.
 - The Harestock Road/Stockbridge Road Junction (Grid SU 462312) is becoming increasingly difficult to negotiate. This junction's capacity to support additional traffic from both Kings Barton and Flowerdown for access to Winchester is questionable, and there are safety issues to be resolved.



Example Harestock Road safety issue: HGV and Horse Box (pavement mounted) attempt to pass each other (2020)

- **Littleton Traffic Risk Areas.** The Littleton Village Design Statement identifies two key issues: the increasing volume of vehicular traffic through the village and its speed. There are four main risk areas shown on the attached map.
 - **Risk Area R1.** This part of Main Road, Littleton links the Littleton Conservation Area with the Littleton 20th century settlement. There are no pavements and no escape zones for pedestrians. Traffic along this road should continue to be minimised.
 - **Risk Area R2.** This area is the Kennel Lane/Main Road Junction with entry from Dene Down Drove and Chestnut Avenue characterised by poor sightlines, changes in slope and ambiguous road priorities. Pedestrians have to cross the roads several times to keep to single pavements. Note that Dean Down Drove, although a bus route of low frequency, is unsuitable as a general route to the Stockbridge Road. LHPC does not support and will resist the use of the Main Road/Kennel Lane junction for access into the Flowerdown site.
 - **Risk Area R3.** R3 is the pedestrian/cyclist risk along Main Road up to the Stockbridge Road. For most of the route, pedestrians are forced to walk in the road. There are poor sightlines near Stockbridge Road. Pedestrians use the road for access to medical facilities and the shops at Weeke. LHPC does not support and will resist using this road for general Kennel Lane access to the Flowerdown site.
 - **Risk Area R4.** Due to the nature of pavements and vehicle approach speeds, this is a poor crossing point for pedestrians walking between Littleton and Harestock. The generation of a pedestrian/cycle access point off the Harestock Road might reduce risk. However, the Kennel Lane/Harestock Road junction is a potential traffic pinch point. LHPC does not support and will resist proposals which will generate additional general traffic from Kennel Lane attempting to enter the Harestock Road.
- **Kennel Lane Access to the Flowerdown Site.**
 - LHPC might support restricted road traffic access to the Flowerdown site from Kennel Lane, Littleton for emergency services, buses, amenity vehicles, e.g. waste collection and emergency diversions controlled by Hampshire County Council.
 - LHPC will not support and will resist general public vehicle traffic access to the Flowerdown site from any part of Kennel Lane.
 - LHPC will not support any link from the Andover Road across the Flowerdown site which would allow general public traffic to avoid the Harestock Road/Stockbridge Road junction and increase traffic loading in Littleton Village.

