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Our Ref: NHSE/HARTESTNDP/KH

Your Ref: Hartest Neighbourhood
Development Plan

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Dear Sirs

Hartest Neighbourhood Development Plan

I write following the above consultation on behalf of NHS England Midlands and East (East) (NHSE) and West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

We have reviewed the information available and note that there is reference to the access of local healthcare services for the current and future population of Hartest. It is also noted that there is ambition for the provision of assisted living developments or nursing/care homes to cater for an aging population, the provision of such services will have an increased impact on primary care services in the area. Hartest is currently serviced by Hartest surgery, a branch of Glemsford GP Practice; in terms of premises space this practice is currently at capacity.

Page 57 of the plan states that, 'Overall the Practice has spare capacity to cope with just over 300 additional people on their lists', can this statement please be removed. NHSE as primary healthcare commissioner assesses capacity in real time, the healthcare environment is constantly changing and this statement is of a very specific nature. This statement will be out of date and not span the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The plan identifies preference for housing developments with smaller numbers of dwellings rather than large developments. Please bear in mind that the planning obligations that can be gained from larger number of smaller developments will not always have as much benefit as one large development. This will limit the options available for the provision of additional community infrastructure to be delivered as part of a scheme and NHSE have limited funding available to invest in creating additional capacity as a result of development growth.

We would welcome the addition of a simple statement, to confirm that Hartest Parish Council will support NHSE in ensuring suitable and sustainable provision of Primary Healthcare services for the residents of Hartest. NHSE and the CCG would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the Parish Council potential solutions to ensure sustainable Primary Care services for the local community.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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