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Subject: RE: Churchill Appeal - Edwina Mountbatten House, Broadwater Road, Romsey (23/01700/FULLS)

Good afternoon Matthew,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

I have sent the instructions to my legal colleague this morning and so we can make a start on those areas that are agreed, including nitrates. I can then update them once we have bottomed out the other matters.

I have written to the NHS Trust setting out the proposed revision to the contribution and the evidence behind it. I am hopeful they will agree and will confirm asap.

My Planning Policy colleagues have also provided some further details on your questions regarding the POS contributions as follows.

- I. The cost per person is outlined in the Infrastructure and Developer Contributions SPD (2009). This was used as the basis for the calculation and indexed linked to take account of RPI. This is aligned to the scale of provision that is sought within policy LHW1. The per person contribution figures are derived from the cost of a sqm of each of the different types of Public Open Space and how many sqm one person requires. The 2009 base figure for sports ground is £57.68/sqm and this has been RPI'd each year giving a per person figure of £1,220.89 towards sports ground using the adopted local plan policy's POS requirement. The informal open space figure follows the same approach with a £51.83/sqm requirement giving £878.02 per person. This amount is based on the Council's best practice in providing such facilities. The calculation assumes 63 residents of the proposal.
- II. Since the POS audit was completed greater use of the surrounding areas of the sports pitch provision at Romsey Rapids has been introduced. This includes trim trails and walking routes. The informal recreation contribution of £55,315.26 would be spent in this location on making further improvements to include improvement to access at the site, outdoor gym equipment and help promote healthy walks, all of which appeal to the demographics of future residents.
- III. The definition of sports ground and informal recreation is contained within annex F of the adopted local plan (2016). Para 11.6 of Infrastructure & Developer Contributions SPD (2023) includes tennis courts and bowling greens. These types of open space are compatible with the age profile of the potential future residents of the site. The tennis courts and informal recreation schemes are located as part of the Romsey Rapids sport complex (approx. 0.75km from EMH). The bowling green is located within the Memorial Park (approx. 1.00km from EMH). Contributions would be used to enhance the facilities on both/either site depending on greater priority and need in line with the definitions in the local plan.

Unfortunately, DSP have advised that they are unable to attend the Inquiry. They may be able to provide some advice prior to that but the situation is obviously not ideal.