

Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership Core Strategy Examination
Position Statement

MATTER: Policy WMC3 – Cuthbury Allotments & St Margaret's Close
New Neighbourhoods

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The Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy (the Plan) seeks to provide 220 homes on land north of Julian's Road, at Cuthbury Allotments, at Wimborne Town Football Club and to the east of St Margaret's Hill as part of the New Neighbourhood.

The Plan provides for an extension to Victoria Hospital.

Due to the planned developments proposed in the Wimborne area, there will be an increased need for Healthcare Services and Facilities at the Victoria Hospital site. The NHS Trust have in recent years invested a significant amount in upgrading and improving the services at the hospital to provide a high quality inpatient and outpatient facility with correspondingly high success rates. This rate of investment will continue to serve the needs of the growing population and the proposed plan would allow for better use of the existing Healthcare Facilities and Services on site for Patients, Visitors and Staff and allow expansion of the hospital with 25 beds and better Diagnostic and Imaging facilities in response to demand for these services.

It would also allow better use of existing Outpatient services, Physio, Occupational Therapy, Rehabilitation and Clinical Investigation in support of Patients and the Community and improving services to them, and also allow for all parking to be contained on site and possible future expansion of services if required. Without this allocation, the continued provision of Healthcare services and facilities at the site could be compromised in the future as there would be no capacity for further expansion and a significant amount of staff car parking will be lost due to the re-development of the adjacent Football Club grounds.

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