



Ref: Planning application 20/01484/FUL  
Wickham Surgery extension

*Delivered via zoom to the planning committee in Winchester in November 2020*

I am speaking today on behalf of Wickham Society and Wickham Residents Association.

We are very grateful that Wickham Surgery, in their revised planning statement, have made clear that it is not their intention that the purpose of this planning application is to enable them to take on a significant number of patients from the new Welborne Garden Village of 6,000 households, due to be developed over the next two decades. Our original objection was based on this assumption as suggested in their first statement and the supporting letters from the local Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Our remaining concern is that the Commissioning Groups may choose to override the aspirations of the surgery and that this significant enlargement of the surgery building will encourage the Commissioning Groups to justify the downgrading or removal of on-site primary healthcare provision in Welborne and to create a primary healthcare hub in Wickham – an outcome that would be of huge detriment to both Wickham and Welborne residents – as clearly stated in the letters of objection to your planning department.

For this reason, we request that it to be put on public record that approval for this planning application is based on the assumption that the expansion of the Wickham surgery building is not to create facilities for the future primary healthcare needs of Welborne residents.