

Economic Development Comments

The development will bring investment into the local area during construction and help meet housing needs, including the delivery of affordable housing. New residents will also help support local shops, services and community facilities also 35% affordable housing

The proposal does however result in the loss of an existing business use on the site associated with vehicle storage and scrap operations. Whilst the application notes this use will be removed, it would be helpful to understand whether the business is relocating and what impact this may have on existing jobs and economic activity.

Given the scale of the development, Economic Development would like to see an Employment and Skills Plan secured through a Section 106 Agreement. This should set out how the developer and contractors will work with Eastleigh Borough Council and local partners to maximise opportunities for local people and businesses throughout the construction phase.

This should include apprenticeships, work experience placements, careers engagement with local schools and colleges, support for local supply chains and opportunities for local SMEs to access contracts. Regular monitoring should also be provided so that progress and outcomes can be reviewed throughout the build programme.

Economic Development has no objection in principle to the proposal, subject to the above being secured through the planning process.