

Public Health Hampshire response to Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan (January 2022)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome Neighbourhood Plans which recognize the needs of the community, and seek to maintain and promote positive health and wellbeing through a facilitative design.

We note that Health is a priority under the key theme of 'Happy' – we welcome the recognition that health, as an extension of happiness, is necessary for community to thrive. We support the health-promoting aims of improving cycling and pedestrian paths, better facilities for young people and maintaining and protecting public green and open spaces. We also support the objective, as identified by the community, of providing affordable housing.

We note that there is currently low Allotment allocation in this area, and recognize the possibility of introducing new allotment spaces is being explored – we welcome this to proceed as we know opportunities for food growing are important for both human and planetary health.