

Deputation of Fareham Society on P/23/1075/RM 153 dwellings Chesterfield

As with the housing proposed at Dashwood, on this Committee agenda, the Fareham Society is pleased to see the attractive traditional house designs and a layout in which car parking is between houses and in garage courts rather than forward of houses and dominating the street scene. This housing meets the standard that Buckland have all along said would be provided and is significantly better than that found on many modern housing schemes.

However, the Society has one reservation on the housing layout and that relates the housing fronting onto Knowle Road. The Buckland Fact Sheet 10 November 2023 says that over time this road "will change from an open road to more of a tree lined avenue, keeping the pedestrian and cycle route and green verges". To be visually effective this would require a wider verge than shown on the application plans in order to provide a feeling of spaciousness and allow for substantial trees to be planted without impinging on the new houses.

Two other concerns the Society initially raised on the application have now been addressed. First, with the lower traffic speeds proposed on Knowle Road concerns on the safety of having houses fronting this road have been addressed, subject to occupancy of these houses being restricted by condition to when the speed limit is introduced. Second, the concern on a minor under-provision of affordable housing has been addressed given the observations of Fareham Housing that it has no objection to this subject to all the housing schemes north of Knowle Road meeting this requirement when taken together.