

## CHAWTON PARK – OBJECT

Chawton Park development can only be viewed as a Dormitory Development to Alton which promotes the coalescence of Alton and Chawton Village, its size and impact to the landscape around Alton and Chawton should be noted by Planners. The location of this development is totally disconnected to the rest of the village and relies entirely on the facilities that have been built and developed within Alton. The development shares no aligned vision to Chawton and seeks only to enable further development to the west of Alton.

The site does benefit from the relative adjacency to Alton mainline Station but will require development of a improved public transport service to link to the Station. Access to Alton is sub-optimal, reliant upon access from Chawton Park Road that has no suitable footpath along its entire length. Access to the A31 is also limited by the single width, signal-controlled bridge under the Watercress Heritage Railway and access from the site is also hampered by having a single road access to the whole site.

The adjacency to Alton Leisure Facilities and its existing shopping hub is a clear benefit, but the site counters that benefit with limited development of Employment on site resulting in movement from the development is entirely inevitable.

Our largest concern is the loss of the valuable landscape which is a natural habitat to a diverse number of wild animals including deer that roam freely between Alton and Four Marks. The development pushes into the countryside and will undoubtedly impact that habitat, disturbing the balance of Local Nature Conservation Networks.

The location, size and impact on the Landscape & Nature Conservation Networks is inappropriate and unwarranted. It is unsustainable development and should be avoided.