My name is Paul Jarvis BSc (Estate Management) FRICS. I am a Chartered Surveyor and qualified in 1973 and was made a Fellow in 1983. I was a partner of Knight Frank for almost 20 years between 1972 and 1992. I have been self employed since 1992 and focused on commercial and residential development and property asset management/agency and valuation both in the UK and abroad.

*I have visited Rendlesham Garden Village on many occasions and was actively involved when the site was originally acquired.* 

I believe that the Garden Village combined with the natural beauty of the area provides a unique example of healthy living. Indeed I would like to congratulate the local planning authority on their vision to approve the first phase of some 57 residential units which are now a mature and well established residential complex. It seems only right that the success of the first phase should be encouraged and allowed to increase the impact of the designs which can have such a positive influence, in my judgement, on the health and well being of the occupiers and those who visit.

The garden village concept was adopted on many occasions over the past 150 years and today those so called experiments provide a testament to the foresight of the entrepreneurs and planners. They are all highly sought after by occupiers and many attract a large number of visitors who are often amazed at the difference the designs make on the character of the area. Too many new developments are bland and lack the character of the bespoke urban planning that has been the main focus of the garden village. Nature seems to thrive on variation. A little bit of eccentricity is what make the English villages so compellingly fascinating and marvellous places to live.

In conclusion, as a professional property expert, I would extoll the merit of the proposed development and request the Inspector to allow the appeal