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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to renew the serious concerns I raised with your predecessor about the proposed relocation of Frimley Park Hospital to the Frimley Fuel Allotments.

On 1 July, I raised these concerns with your predecessor at Prime Minister's Questions. Despite his office receiving advance notice and a detailed briefing, his response dismissed my constituents' legitimate, non-party-political concerns and resorted to political point-scoring. I wrote to him on 3 July expressing my disappointment, but received no reply before you took office. Serious questions about access to healthcare, pupil safety, public money and the integrity of the site selection process remain unresolved.

Everyone in Surrey Heath wants the existing hospital, which is riddled with RAAC, rebuilt as quickly as possible. The question is whether the Frimley Fuel Allotments is the right location and whether the site process used to select it can command public confidence.

Since my previous correspondence, I have met with representatives from local schools, who expressed unequivocal opposition to the proposal due to its potential impact on pupil safety. They also confirmed that they were not consulted during the site selection process. That is simply unacceptable for a development that would place one of the region's busiest hospitals alongside six schools attended by more than 3,300 pupils. The failure to consult local schools directly affected by the proposal sits uneasily with your pledge to make politics "more collaborative, more about problem solving than point scoring".

The principal concerns remain.

Firstly, accessibility and safety. Ambulances, hospital traffic and school traffic would compete for access through the same constrained roads, including The Maultway, Old Bisley Road, Upper Chobham Road and Tomlinscote Way. Residents have seen no credible, funded plan for managing this pressure, despite good road access, public transport and minimal disruption being priorities in Frimley Health Trust's public engagement.

Secondly, financial transparency. The full cost of the necessary transport, access and utility upgrades has not been published. I have received no assurance that significant transport works are fully budgeted, raising concerns that they could fall upon the scheme's contingency allocation. For a project expected to cost approximately £1.8 billion, this requires urgent clarification.

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Thirdly, the integrity of the site selection process. My office has begun contacting the owners of alternative sites reportedly considered during the assessment process. Several have told me they were never contacted by Frimley Health and only became aware of the process when Frimley Fuel Allotments was announced as the preferred site, or shortly beforehand. These concerns are compounded by evidence suggesting that the Frimley Fuel Allotments site was being discussed publicly by political figures, including a Minister of the Crown, before the site selection process had even begun.

Finally, the wider health and environmental impact. The proposal does not appear to have assessed the consequences of longer journeys for disadvantaged communities, extended blue-light transfer times or the loss of local exercise and recreation space. It would also remove part of Frimley Common, enclosed in 1801, with potential consequences for the wider estate.

Since first raising these issues with the Leader of the House in March, and subsequently through parliamentary questions, correspondence with the Health Secretary, and representations to your predecessor, I have yet to receive any meaningful ministerial engagement.

Accordingly, I ask that your Government:

- Pauses the current site selection process while these concerns are properly examined;
- Commissions an independent review of the selection process and its health, financial, transport and environmental implications;
- Publishes the evidence, infrastructure costs and financial analysis underpinning the decision;
- Arranges a meeting between you, the Health Secretary and me to discuss these matters.

You have pledged to take power out of Whitehall and “carry it into every postcode”. This proposal presents an early test of that commitment. I urge you to put those words into practice by listening to my constituents, examining the evidence afresh and placing their concerns at the heart of the decision-making process.

The people of Surrey Heath deserve the right hospital, in the right place, delivered through a transparent, rigorous and collaborative process that can serve our communities for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

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