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Dear Lance,

I am writing regarding Tuesday's announcement that Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust has identified Frimley Fuel Allotments as its preferred location for the new Frimley Park Hospital.

As you are aware, I have previously expressed significant concerns about this proposed site, particularly in relation to infrastructure requirements, transport access, environmental impacts, overall costs, and the transparency of the site selection process. Given the scale and significance of this proposal, and the profound implications it will have for local communities, it is essential that the forthcoming engagement programme provides residents with a genuine opportunity to scrutinise the evidence that has led to this decision.

With that in mind, I would be grateful if the Trust could provide clarification on a number of matters.

Firstly, I would urge the Trust to expand the number of public engagement opportunities available to residents, particularly those in Heatherside and surrounding communities who are likely to be most directly affected by the development. I understand that several of the currently scheduled sessions are already reaching capacity. It is important that no resident is excluded from participating due to limited availability and that sufficient opportunities are provided for meaningful engagement.

Secondly, can you confirm what steps will be taken to ensure that all transport and traffic modelling reflects realistic operating conditions? Residents are understandably concerned about the cumulative impact of hospital traffic on an already constrained local road network. It is therefore essential that surveys are undertaken during representative periods, including term time when nearby schools are operating normally, and that modelling fully reflects existing congestion levels as well as projected growth in demand.

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In particular, I would welcome clarification on:

- What assumptions have been made regarding future vehicle movements to and from the hospital?
- What assessment has been undertaken of the impact on the M3 Junction 4 corridor, the A325, the A331, and surrounding residential roads?
- What highway improvements are anticipated as a consequence of the development, and have these been costed?
- Who will be responsible for funding any associated road, junction, public transport, walking, or cycling infrastructure required to support the site?

Thirdly, residents will rightly wish to understand the full financial implications of selecting Frimley Fuel Allotments. I would therefore be grateful if the Trust could explain:

- The total estimated cost of developing the preferred site, including land acquisition, site preparation, infrastructure provision, environmental mitigation, and transport improvements.
- How those costs compare with the alternative sites considered.
- Whether the business case submitted to Government includes all associated infrastructure costs, or whether additional funding will be required from other public bodies.

Fourthly, there remain significant questions regarding the environmental impact of the proposal. Given the loss of a substantial area of green space and the site's proximity to environmentally sensitive areas, can the Trust confirm:

- What ecological assessments have been undertaken to date?
- What biodiversity impacts have been identified?
- What mitigation measures are proposed?
- Whether the Trust intends to publish all relevant environmental assessments during the engagement period so that residents can review the evidence in full.

Finally, many residents continue to have concerns regarding the site selection process itself. While a preferred site has now been identified, public confidence in the process will depend upon transparency. I would therefore encourage the Trust to publish as much of the underlying evidence as possible, including the criteria used to assess each location, the weighting applied to those criteria, and the comparative scoring of shortlisted sites.

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The decision to relocate Frimley Park Hospital is one of the most consequential planning and infrastructure decisions our area has faced in generations. It is therefore vital that residents are able not only to express their views, but also to understand and challenge the evidence on which the Trust's conclusions have been based.

I would be grateful if you could confirm how Frimley Health intends to address these matters as part of the forthcoming engagement programme, and whether the Trust intends to publish further technical information to support informed public participation.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Pinkerton', with a horizontal line underneath.

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