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The Rt Hon James Murray MP
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing in light of your recent appointment as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to request an urgent meeting regarding my serious concerns about the proposed location for the rebuild of Frimley Park Hospital under Wave 1 of the New Hospital Programme.

As the Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath, I fully support the urgent need to rebuild Frimley Park Hospital. The presence of RAAC across the existing estate makes this a matter of necessity, not choice. However, I remain deeply concerned that the proposed new site appears to have been predetermined without sufficient transparency, scrutiny or meaningful engagement with elected representatives and the local community.

I am very disappointed that your predecessor failed to engage properly with these concerns, despite repeated correspondence from my office and oral questions raised in the House of Commons. For a project of this scale, cost and long-term local impact, that absence of ministerial engagement has been unacceptable.

The proposed site would have significant implications for my constituents, particularly in relation to congestion, transport access, local infrastructure, environmental impact and the ability of residents to reach work, school, healthcare appointments and essential services. These are not peripheral considerations. They are central to whether the project is deliverable, affordable and genuinely appropriate for the community it is intended to serve.

In discussions with DHSC officials and special advisers, alongside representatives from Frimley ICB, it became clear that key transport and infrastructure costs had not been fully costed or budgeted for at the time. I was further advised that additional costs, including transport and infrastructure works, may need to be met from the scheme's contingency fund. This raises serious questions about the robustness of the financial modelling and whether the true cost of the proposal has been adequately assessed.

When I raised this matter directly with the Leader of the House of Commons on the 12 March, he agreed it required resolution with the Health Secretary. Since then, my office has received no substantive response, despite multiple attempts to secure a meeting.

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In your previous role as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, you rightly emphasised value for money, fiscal discipline and the importance of ensuring major infrastructure projects do not place undue pressure on the public purse. The National Audit Office has already raised concerns about delay and delivery risks within the New Hospital Programme, and the rebuild of Frimley Park must not become another example of poor planning, inadequate transparency and spiralling costs.

In light of these concerns, I would be very grateful if you could address the following:

1. Meet with me urgently to discuss the proposed location for the new Frimley Park Hospital;
2. Provide the full financial modelling underpinning the preferred site, including transport, infrastructure and contingency assumptions;
3. Ensure a transparent review of the process used to identify and assess the proposed site;
4. Confirm what infrastructure upgrades and environmental safeguards would accompany any new hospital development; and
5. Ensure that elected representatives, planning authorities and local residents are properly consulted before any final decision is made.

We all want to see Frimley Park Hospital rebuilt as a matter of urgency. However, urgency cannot come at the expense of proper process, transparency or local scrutiny. Any relocation must be supported by the infrastructure, environmental safeguards and public confidence needed to make it work.

My constituents deserve a hospital that is safe, modern and properly planned for the communities it will serve for generations to come. I urge you to meet with me at the earliest opportunity and provide a full, substantive response to the concerns and requests outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

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