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Dear Al,

Thank you for your letter of 5 August 2026 to the Secretary of State for Defence, regarding the potential use of Ministry of Defence (MOD) land to support the Frimley Park Hospital rebuild. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this matter.

I recognise the importance of Frimley Park Hospital to the local community, and I can confirm that MOD Officials have regularly engaged with the Department of Health and Social Care, and the Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust on the potential use of land adjacent to the existing hospital.

The principal site of interest, the Frimley Cadet Training Centre, which is adjacent to the existing hospital has consistently been assessed as unsuitable for use due to enduring military and cadet training requirements, heritage considerations (including a Grade II listed building), registered historic park, and garden designations, as well as wider operational considerations. The site continues to be used by the MOD, and a suitable alternative training site would need to be identified for the Army Cadets currently based at Frimley.

Since 2022, MOD officials have responded to several enquiries from the Trust and its advisers regarding the potential availability of Defence land in the wider Frimley area. These discussions considered opportunities within Frimley, Aldershot, and Sandhurst, and no suitable Defence land was identified for progression.

I can also confirm that following contact from the Trust in August 2026, MOD officials have offered, if needed, to discuss all the MOD's landholdings in the local area with the Trust.

I trust this explains the position.

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