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Lance McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer
Brian Ingleby, Chair of the Board of Directors
Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust,
Frimley Park Hospital,
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Dear Lance and Bryan,

RE: Frimley Park Hospital Rebuild Project

I am writing following a resolution of the Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) on 10th December 2025, triggered on behalf of deeply concerned residents in relation to the potential rebuild of Frimley Park Hospital (FPH), by the Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (FPFT). The Council Motion can be found [here](#) under agenda item 9.

The resolution which was supported by the vast majority of the chamber directs me to write to you in your capacity as Chief Executive Officer and Chair respectively, of Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, to request that you publish the selection criteria and the detailed scoring for all the sites considered as potential locations for a new hospital. The purpose of this direction from Councillors is in the interests of transparency towards the general public and protection of the public purse from escalating off-site infrastructure costs that will be required by the potential “Macbeth West” site in particular.

The Council therefore requests that the Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Board:

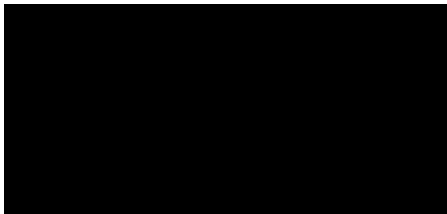
- a. honours its own criteria for site selection, specifically
 - i. Preference for development of brownfield sites in line with government planning objectives;
 - ii. Remaining local to the existing site to retain valued staff;
 - iii. Ensuring good access to existing transport networks and infrastructure;
- b. urgently and earnestly relook at the phased redevelopment of the existing site, potentially including expansion into adjacent public estate government owned land;

The current Frimley Park Hospital is where it is for a reason, on the intersection of the main north/south A331 with the east/west M3 and serviced by multiple bus routes and a train station within walking distance. These transport pathways provide accessibility to the Blackwater Valley catchment area served and where the majority of FPH staff live. Whilst all site choices have challenges and compromises, the MOD owns a 10 acre site, the majority of this land and

property is underutilised and fully adjacent to the existing FPH site, which already has much of the supporting infrastructure in place and a newly opened 74 bed, £49mln, diagnostic / inpatient unit, which amongst other healthcare facility capabilities, is there for the long term.

It is therefore requested that you complete an independent led assessment of the phased rebuild, with required mitigations, on the current hospital and adjacent MOD site, both government owned land, with a “can do” approach at its core to ensure the local public’s access to healthcare provision is in the right place, where it is today.

Yours sincerely,



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