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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your further correspondence of 15 February about Frimley Park Hospital. I apologise for the delay in replying.

As set out in my previous reply, we recognise that hospitals with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) planks are a serious cause for concern and are indeed working to see how we can meet the need to eradicate RAAC in the worst-affected trusts by 2030 as an absolute priority. We hope to make an announcement on this shortly. I would be happy to meet with you in the meantime to put you fully in the picture.

Whilst I can confirm that we did receive an expression of interest from Frimley Park Hospital to become one of the next eight hospitals to be included in the New Hospital Programme, I am sure you can appreciate that I am unable to further comment on individual plans whilst the selection process is still ongoing. I can only reassure you that we are working as quickly as possible to provide certainty on next steps for all RAAC hospitals, including Frimley Park Hospital.

I hope this reply is helpful.

With my very best wishes,

**LORD MARKHAM CBE**