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The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
Secretary of State for Health & Social Care
Department of Health & Social Care
39 Victoria Street
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21st March 2023

Dear Steve,

We are writing to offer our wholehearted support for Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust's bid to the New Hospital Programme for a £1.26 billion investment to build a new Frimley Park Hospital.

As you are no doubt aware, two thirds of the Frimley Park Hospital site is affected by Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). Much is showing extensive and continued deterioration, and there are significant difficulties replacing it in situ. Therefore, the Trust's preferred way forward is to build a new hospital on a new site nearby. This is the most cost-efficient and clinically sound option and will ensure that there is vital continuity of services for local residents.

A new site is likely to take approximately five to seven years to secure, design and build, meaning that news on the Trust's bid is needed imminently to avoid any interruption to services. Frimley Park is rated as an Outstanding local hospital by the Care Quality Commission, much-loved by our community, and time and time again we hear stories from our constituents about the work of its dedicated staff and the amazing care they provide. As such, we are extremely keen that the Trust receives this vital investment to enable it to continue as one of the best hospitals in the country.

As the Hospital's local MPs, we therefore urge you to examine the merits of the Trust's bid for a new Frimley Park Hospital as swiftly as possible, so that we can safeguard these crucial local healthcare services for generations to come.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With every good wish,

Michael Gove MP
Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath

Leo Docherty MP
Member of Parliament for Aldershot

James Sunderland MP
Member of Parliament for Bracknell