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Dear Stephanie,

Many thanks for your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> November and the report on the survey of Emsworth residents.

I very much welcome your commitment to the progress that is being made on the plans for a new surgery in Emsworth. The CCG is pleased that the plans are progressing after many years and share your desire to see this progress continue. We are working closely with the surgery, NHS Property Services and Southern Health to keep up this momentum.

I agree that we must ensure that services in Emsworth are planned around the needs of the community and will be asking colleagues in Hampshire County Council's public health team to review existing needs data for the area and to determine whether a new needs assessment should be undertaken.

With regards to your comments about decisions being taken without public consultation I would like to reassure you that this is absolutely not the case. The PID that you refer to in your letter is simply an application for initial funding to pay for a more detailed analysis of the requirements and costing of the scheme. It will not at this stage be determining which services would be delivered within any building as this will be the subject of a more detailed Full Business Case which will be informed by the views of the public.

I understand that there has been some discussion about whether to include space for additional community services in the plans. It appears from your letter and a letter sent to my colleague Sara Tiller, that there is a perception that this could delay the plans. Under new arrangements for submitting business plans for buildings to NHS England, all plans must be clear that tenants have been identified for all rooms and that these tenants have signed a lease. It is very early days in the planning for Emsworth and so we are still in conversation with potential tenants about space requirements. There are no reasons why these discussions should delay the submission of the initial PID, this will in fact allow further work to be undertaken to specify service requirements and associated space.

I would be very happy to arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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