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Emsworth Forum

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for your recent letter to Dr Slingsby with your Discussion Document. Given the references in the document I thought it would be useful to update you on our potential future plans.

As you know we have spent some considerable time exploring the potential of the Practice moving to Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital which would require extensive renovation. However, recently we have also been exploring an alternative option – building a brand new Practice on land which is available at Redlands Grange.

As this is a key strategic decision for the Practice we have spent time carefully considering both of these options and have come to the conclusion that we would like to pursue Redlands Grange further.

There are two key factors for this decision. The first is the additional planned population growth to the north of Emsworth and considering how we could best serve the needs of our current and potential future patients. Secondly, as you are aware the way in which General Practice services are provided is developing and we believe that a key part of this in the future is to have flexible estate. A new build would offer us the opportunity to develop a building that both meets our current needs and has the ability to be expanded in the future as required.

The views of our patients are fundamentally important to us and we will be seeking these so we can take them into consideration as we develop this option. We are currently developing plans to do this over the summer. We would also welcome hearing the thoughts of the Forum during this process so we can take these into consideration as well.

Whilst we are currently working closely with Havant Borough Council and the site developer to pursue this option we would like to be clear that we have a number of steps we would need to take including submitting a business case to the CCG for approval.

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We recognise that this is a change to what we have previously been considering but, as a Practice, believe that the Redlands Grange option potentially offers the Practice and its patients a sustainable future.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact either Sally Prior, Kate Hope or Helen Dodds who are co-ordinating this Project for the Surgery.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Abu Chinwala