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Dear Mr Elkeles,

I am horrified that yet again the future of St Helier hospital is threatened. Yet again a huge expense will be involved in this process instead of being spent on our NHS. Previous consultations have already cost us over £40 million. Yet again local people feel betrayed and are anxious about how this latest process will affect them.

The area surrounding St Helier is inhabited by people who need St Helier. They are aging and very many require on-going medical care at a local hospital. To remove St Helier will increase their travelling difficulties and highlights how little they matter. It is a well-known fact that the health of the population in the vicinity of St Helier is worse than those people living in Sutton and Belmont.

- More people use St Helier A&E (21428) than Epsom A&E (14 039)
- More paediatrics A&E attendances are at ST Helier (22 555) than at Epsom (14 721).
- More births occur at St Helier (2 987) than at Epsom (1 988)
- St Helier has by far the greater need as it has considerably more deprivation than Belmont or Epsom, (even if you add Epsom and Belmont together).
- The life expectancy of those in the vicinity of St Helier is considerably less than those in the vicinity of Belmont and Epsom at 8-11 years less life.
- The area, within a mile of St Helier is much more densely populated (70 154) far greater than the combined populations within a mile of Epsom (28 691) and Belmont (39 297)
- The Wilson Walk in Clinic closed in April, removing a much needed resource in the area. To remove or downgrade St Helier would compound the hardship facing people.

I want and welcome rebuilding a new hospital on the St Helier site at Rose Hill. I am against any cuts to St Helier hospital especially cuts to the Accident and Emergency and the consultant led maternity units.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Kenny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.

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