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To: 2020-2030, Esth (EPSOM AND ST HELIER UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST)
Subject: Public Consultation Epsom and St Helier Hospitals

Dear Sirs

Please find attached my response to the consultation exercise. Although the response is my personal views I am also happy that this is the majority view of the Epsom and Ewell Liberal Democrats and can be represented as such.

1) Do you agree with our aim to provide as much care as possible from our existing hospital sites at St Helier and Epsom and do this by working more closely with the other local health and care providers? I think that the proposal to retain 85% of services at Epsom is excellent and without that commitment any proposal could not work for the areas around Epsom Hospital that we wish to support.

2) Do you think we have made the case that we will improve patient care by bringing together our services for our sickest or most at-risk patients on a new specialist acute facility on one site? I think the case made in the presentation to us was excellent and made it very clear to me that this would be a vital step forward for the long term patient care for the most at risk patients and for the long term security of Epsom Hospital

3) We have set out several scenarios on how we can do this. Do you think we should consider any other scenarios? No I think at this point you have to consider the 3 scenarios that you have put forward to keep all the different areas on side. It will not surprise you to know that we favour the Epsom option but would not be averse to the Sutton site providing adequate reassurances can be given on emergency travel time and improvements in public transport. The St Helier option would not be acceptable to us for these reasons.

4) How would you like to be involved in these discussions in the future? I would like to be involved in all discussions, consultations moving forward both as an individual but also as a local political party.

5) Is there anything else you would like to tell us? I hope that you get full engagement from all local organisations, political parties, MP's and of course individuals. It is therefore very disappointing to me that the local MP for Epsom and Ewell Chris Grayling is not engaging in this process. It is a shameful and un-supportive attitude to take, made worse by his ridiculous attitude to ask others to follow his lead.

Kind Regards

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