

**Local Resident & Parishioner
Our Lady of Assumption**

Sunday 10th September 2017

Dear Mr Elkeles,

Response to public consultation

I am a parishioner at Our Lady of Assumption RC Church, Mitcham and a local resident and I am responding to your consultation on the building of a new local hospital. I believe it's crucial for my fellow parishioners and local community that any new hospital is built on the current St Helier Hospital site at Rose Hill.

Our Lady of Assumption is a thriving and diverse congregation and some of us have significant health problems and require ease of access to a fully functioning Accident and Emergency unit. There are also many young families who have a great need for a consultant led maternity unit. I therefore oppose the closure of any services at St Helier Hospital.

In Mitcham we have very few services in the local area. Our local GP and health walk-in centre has been closed and even all the pubs are boarded up. We already have so little that it would be wrong to shut St Helier or reduce any of its services. This would be a terrible blow to our local community. Jobs would be lost locally and people would not be able to travel to Belmont or Epsom. Instead we would either be unable to access health services or we would put further pressure on St Georges Hospital.

We trust in you to make the right decision, which is to keep St Helier Hospital where it is and to ensure the previously promised improvements from umpteen consultations now take place.

Thank you for listening to my views.

Yours Faithfully,

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