

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for asking us to comment on the allocated healthcare facility sites identified on the Area Action Plan for Elstree Way Corridor.

NHS England would like to comment as follows:

Given that good access to the healthcare facility is paramount, NHS England is of the opinion that either location is suitable, providing:

- One of them is secured at nil value to NHS England and/or a serviced shell.
- Noting the intention to phase and with that in mind, NHS England would wish that all land options for the health centres are kept with two phased options.
- That Option 1 is triggered before any house is occupied, and if that isn't fulfilled, then;
- That Option 2 comes into play, perhaps triggered before the occupation of the 500th house. NHSE will take your advice on triggers.

Reference point 4.19 of the consultation document, NHS England requests that the comment under 4.19 "it is known that there **may** be a future requirement for additional GP facilities" be changed to "it is known that there **is** a future requirement for additional GP facilities." NHSE base that assertion on the draft housing supply figures to 2027 for Borehamwood as set out in Hertsmere Borough Council's Hertsmere Local Plan, Site Allocations and Development Management Policies.

Again with reference to point 4.19 of the AAP and current capacity in Borehamwood; NHS England can confirm that of the three practices in Borehamwood, two are already currently constrained. A practice is deemed constrained if they are working to over-capacity for the size of the premises and the clinical space available to provide the required general medical services (GMS) to their patients. The third practice in Borehamwood currently has some capacity for accepting new patient registrations although it should be noted that patients are at liberty to choose which GP practice to register with and NHS England cannot prescribe which surgery patients should attend. However the majority of patients choose to register with the surgery closest and/or most easily accessible to their home for the following reasons; shortest distance to travel, non-car dependent (public transport or walking distance), easy access during surgery hours, especially for families with young children and for older adults.

For your information, the two practices closest to the proposed EWC development are the two most constrained and the only practice with any capacity is the furthest away.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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