

Appendix A – Correspondence from West Hertfordshire Hospitals Trust

Subject: STP SOC Presentation - email from Helen Brown

Importance: High

Dear Colleague,

**Re: West Herts Hospitals NHS Trust
Strategic Outline Case (SOC)**

As you will be aware the Trust has been working over the past year to review the options for the redevelopment of its hospitals to meet future service needs and address the very poor condition and suitability of its existing estate infrastructure. This work has been undertaken jointly with HVCCG and is fully reflective of Your Care, Your Future and STP transformation and sustainability strategies.

The WHHT Trust Board approved a strategic outline case for the redevelopment of its estate in February 2017.

The SOC recommends the redevelopment of the Watford and St Albans Hospital sites, with emergency and specialist elective care provided at Watford and St Albans Hospital further developed as a planned care centre. As set out in Your Care, Your Future, Hemel Hempstead General Hospital will be redeveloped as a local health facility with a range of urgent care, diagnostics, outpatient and primary care facilities.

A wide range of stakeholders were engaged in the development of the SOC and HCC scrutiny committee has confirmed its support for the preferred way forward although they have also stated a clear preference for new build solutions.

Please find attached a copy of the SOC together with a summary briefing pack for partners and some FAQs that relate particularly to the decision not to recommend the greenfield site option.

As part of the review / approvals process we have been asked to demonstrate support from STP partners for the SOC. Could I therefore please ask you to formally confirm your support for the SOC by **Friday 23rd June**.

I would be grateful if in the meantime you could confirm receipt of this letter and confirm the process you expect to follow internally in order to provide this formal confirmation of support, with any key meeting dates. Please do let me know if you anticipate any difficulties with securing organisational support so that we can discuss how best to address any concerns.

If you require any further information or would like a face to face briefing or presentation to a relevant decision making body please do let me know so that this can be scheduled in during May or early June.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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