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Dear Ms Magson

Proposal to withdraw £600,000 annual funding from Nascot Lawn

Consultation under Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013 / 218) (the 2013 Regulations)

I write further to your letter dated 21 February 2018 giving notice of Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Groups' intention to formally consult the Council, pursuant to Regulation 23 of the 2013 Regulations, on a proposal to withdraw £600,000 annual funding from Nascot Lawn (the "**Proposal**").

I understand, from your letter that the date on which you propose to take a decision on the Proposal, in accordance with Regulation 23(1)(b)(i), is 3 May 2018 and, in accordance with Regulation 23(1)(b)(ii), the date by which you have requested the Council to respond to the Consultation is 4 April 2018.

The Council accepts your letter as valid notice of Consultation under Regulation 23, and is grateful for the opportunity to provide a formal response.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution this matter will now be referred to the Council's Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) for consideration under Regulation 23; it is anticipated that Members of HSC will hold a meeting of the Committee no later than Friday 23 March 2018.

The scope of the scrutiny and a call for evidence will be made in accordance with the Council's usual procedures. Please note that, notwithstanding the comments of Mostyn J on Grounds to B to F of the recent judicial review claim, it will be entirely a matter for Members to determine the evidence that they consider to be relevant to the issues.

I will write further once a date for a meeting of HSC has been agreed by Members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Simon Banks
Assistant Chief Legal Officer