

Outcome of Engagement Report – Summer 2018

All freetext comments from engagement survey respondents

I think that the new community hospital should be in or near Cinderford because:

It is central to the forest

It is the most accessible part of the forest when there is severe weather.

It is a central location within the forest, with good connections to other areas of the forest and wider Gloucestershire. It would make transferring between hospitals easier for patients.

as part of my work role I cover the Forest of Dean currently based at the Dilke, on a one hour response time I can be anywhere in the Forest within this time frame based in either Coleford or Cinderford

its central to North Forest - Maisemore, Corse, etc.

More of a community area.

This seems a better option as it is central to the forest and would be accessible to many.

it would be in our locality and easiest to reach.

It has good communications and is closest to my locality

ITS CENTRAL TO THE WHOLE FOD CATCHMENT AREA

Cinderford is a central location for residents across the FOD, when you take in locations in the Forest such as Newent, Coleford or Lydney would be too far to travel.

It is in the most central location, with reasonably good public transport. If it was in Lydney this would be difficult for some people to access, especially people from Newent and surrounding areas.

It is situated centrally between Lydney and Gloucester

Central to the Forest. Close to area of high deprivation who may otherwise struggle to access healthcare.

It is at the centre of the Forest

it is a more central area of the Forest of Dean rather than the edges.

it is fairly central, with the outlying areas of Sedbury having an A road of the majority of the way. Newent would also have Gloucester Royal as a close alternative.

It is central. A good bus route from surrounding rural areas

It serves the Forest of Dean

it is good central location and easier for public transport and travel times

having worked for the emergency services for 20+ years i have worked across the whole of the forest inc Coleford and Lydney, from my experience Cinderford is more easily accessible to the whole of the forest communities, if based in either of the other two locations the north forest will just travel to Glos and further cause problems at GHT. There is also a shorter travel time to the acute from Cinderford in 999 20 mins is achievable, another reason is that Lydney is not in the forest of dean. And people for instance from Mitcheldean will not travel 20-30 mins to Lydney when Glos is the same, i feel Lydney would be a step in the wrong direction we have to think of the whole of the forest not just a small town on the outskirts who appear to have a greater influence

It seems logical to site the hospital at a central location, in which case Cinderford is the obvious choice

because its central

there is a new college opening soon already has a great bus service new heath centre coming soon

I don't think either the Dilke or Lydney hospital should be closed, this is what the majority of FoD residents told you

Cinderford is more geographically central in the Forest (Newent is miles from Lydney) + building land is more available & cheaper

It is within easy reach of many areas of the Forest

Based on where current local hospital is Cinderford or Coleford preferable

we have the Dilke and it is very convenient for people who live in Cinderford especially who do not have their own transport

The surgery I work at is in Cinderford. Good to have close by

It is an easily accessible town in the middle of the forest of dean.

Cinderford is more central to the forest and easier access to/from Gloucester

Closer transport links to Gloucester- A48 and A40 are more accessible

it has good bus links for those without own transport, is a central location for the forest as a whole , good road links and an expanding population

It is Central to the forest and has the best public transport access

Best access with public transport and one of the most centralist points in the forest of Dean

One of the most centralist places in the Forest of Dean. Making it the best access for most of the people that live in the forest

Cinderford is the heart of the forest and is centrally placed between Coleford and Lydney and would avoid extremes of travelling if the hospital were to be located at the other two options. The populations of all 3 areas is about the same and more importantly those requiring more frequent care

i.e. the elderly and those with long term conditions is also about the same. Therefore there is no overriding reason not to locate the new hospital in Cinderford.

The most obvious location is one that offers fairness of travel distances. That excludes both Lydney and Coleford leaving Cinderford as being the most centrally located place for the new hospital.

Central to the whole of the district

it is ideally situated in the heart of the Forest District. Additionally, within a 5 mile radius, including Coleford, lies a major proportion of the District's population - in excess of 20,000 people - meaning it would provide reasonably local access for many to the proposed services. It also enjoys relatively "good" transport links with the rest of the District and beyond and its location means it can be accessed using road or local bus services. Cinderford's historic links to hospital services, notably the Dilke, mean it would be a popular choice for many Foresters. There might also be the opportunity for further "joined up" services if the Dilke were to be retained in some way such as for enhanced mental health provision. No other location has such strong credentials.

Cinderford is a central point for all in the forest with public transport links for those that need it

It has the most amenities in the forest and is central

The distance to all other major Forest towns, ease of access and GRH

You have Gloucester College/industrial estate/forest activities all local - therefore ease of access for injuries.

Geographically it is situated in the centre of the county so allows equal access for all the residents of the county. By locating the hospital in either Lydney or Coleford you are catering for only part of the county and forcing the northern part of the county towards Gloucester.

It has reasonable road links and is central to the FOD area

it is the most central location, equidistant from Lydney and Newent, and easily accessible from Coleford via the A4136, if situated at the Northern Quarter.

If you take the borders of the FOD being the outers of Newent and Sedbury, then Cinderford has to be the more central for the new build. I also think the new build should contain a piece of Dilke and Lydney something like a foundation stone as a memorial to both hospitals

Centre of Forest of Dean area

Central to the forest area, not just the towns. The best central location is the Dilke site, that's why it was built there originally. Lovely position with room to expand. The existing building could be demolished and rebuilt with the NHS in dire financial straits and a shortage of beds, why would you buy a new site and build a hospital with less beds or are you more concerned with

selling the valuable Dilke site?

1. Cinderford is the centre of the Forest of Dean according to the map in this booklet

Cinderford appears to be central for the catchment area

It is nearer to me! and there is easy parking in the town with amenities and Cinderford is expanding especially with the extending college community

The enclosed map indicates that Cinderford is the most central town of the whole district. Although little or no public transport over the A40. Other maps indicate that more bus routes include Cinderford on their routes.

As the time is arriving that my husband may have to give up driving, to travel on public transport is too difficult due to lack of mobility and distance to bus stops. At present we do not have family able to assist us and our neighbours are in the same boat as us or all at work. We have had five years travelling to Lydney in winter the roads get so flooded and are very dangerous. Gloucester is easier as long as my husband can drive

It is more centrally located in the Forest

My preference would be for Cinderford Area (Like the Dilke with plenty of parking facilities) However!

the location would minimise my journey time to work and would be near a well-established bus route which connects the whole FoD

Very practical reasons: It is equidistant between the most southern and northern parts of the district council. It is also closer to Gloucester (where a lot of specialist health care people come from to do clinics), so would reduce lost time and expense during their working hours. It is a transport hub to other parts of the district. Cinderford has a larger population than the 2 other options and a large number of families with young children, industrial workers and elderly people - all of whom will be big users of the new hospital. Cinderford also has a growing population whereas the population of Lydney and Coleford got smaller between the last 2 censuses in 2001-2011. Being in Cinderford would serve a larger proportion of people closer to where they live and work in the FOD. From GP data May 2018 in the Forest District 38,785 people are registered in GP practices in Cinderford, Newnham on Severn, Mitcheldean, Newent, Drybrook (closest to Cinderford) versus 14,518 registered in GP practices in Lydney and Blakeney (closest to Lydney), and 20,987 in Coleford and Yorkley (closest to Yorkley).

With the new development of the northern quarter there will be better bus links to Cinderford to allow people to get to the hospital on public transport if needed - many elderly people visiting the hospital are not able to drive. I also feel that Cinderford is positioned centrally in the Forest and can easily be accessed from elsewhere in the Forest. A lot of new development is happening in Cinderford and to me, it makes sense to add the hospital into this development as will also be near lots of other amenities and save people having to travel to different areas but can come to Cinderford for

most/all of their needs.

I personally live in Cinderford therefore am biased to this area, I also think it is central to all who live within the forest and has always been known as the 'heart' of the forest. The Dilke has stood proud for many years, as has Lydney, and it would be a shame to lose the service in any area. Cinderford has a regular bus route from Gloucester and surrounding areas to make it accessible to all patients and visitors.

it is the most geographically central location.

It is central to the whole of the Forest of Dean

1) central position to forest of Dean 2) all major bus routes converge into Cinderford allowing children / relatives to visit if needed. 3) ease of drive to and from

It is more central town to the portrayed area. It is also closer to the main hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham. Cinderford has the edge for public transport. The new FOD college / northern Quarter will be there. Other than the Dilke there is already an important medical facility in situ ie. the dialysis centre, new roads being built. Open spaces for new building

It is nearer for those living in the north of the district than the other two options. Also it has good communication links (roads) and is accessible by public transport

It is central to the area being served which means that nobody will have to travel an excessive distance

I live in Huntley so is nearer for access

As it is in a central location with easy access to other parts of the forest

It is central to all forest areas

It is the most central town to the whole area. But only if public transport or hospital transport would be provided as for example there is no public transport from Newnham to Cinderford

We live in Huntley. Cinderford would be closest and easiest to access

There is already a facility there which could be improved

More central to Forest of Dean Area and users

Utilise the Northern Quarter

It is central

I think we should retain and modernise the 2 community hospitals that we already have!

Because it is central and easy access from the areas that needs to serve

I live in Birdwood and Cinderford is nearly to my house

It's near the A48 and 20 minutes away from Gloucester Royal Hospital by

road. It would have been helpful to have the potential sites identified. The citizens Jury should not be paid. It's a volunteer role that could easily have been filled. Most of us feel this is a waste of time, effort and money as you have already decided. We didn't want a one new hospital, with less beds and services.

Looking at the map provided in the booklet, Cinderford appears to be central to all the area. Of course the best thing would be to leave things as they are

Cinderford is central to the Forest of Dean

It is central within the Forest area. This is important considering private journeys to visit those in hospital

NO! Note Cinderford is not accessible by bus for Lydney

I live in Cinderford and possess no vehicle. I use public transport or voluntary transport. Links to Coleford are not bad BUT to Lydney are almost non existent

It will replicate the feeling and atmosphere of the current facility. This will support the negative press that is being given out by HOLD

The site of the existing hospital is already accessible by public transport. The site is already used and would be suitable for a new building once the old one was demolished. The population of Cinderford is set to grow with the erection of new houses and both young families and the elderly population need to be catered for without going to Gloucester for every clinic

It meets the site criteria as read on www.fodhealth.nhs.uk. "A location which maximises access for the population of the FOD and no further than 30 mins by car for majority of FAD residents" I am assuming by forest of Dean you mean District Council boundary and not statutory forest. Cinderford is central to District and according to GCC bus timetable has good bus routes

It is on a regular bus route. It can be easily accessed by car. However it is not central to the forest.

That's where I live

With references to the location, Cinderford is central to the Forest as shown in the map. Lydney is nearer Chepstow hospital and Newent is nearer Gloucester hospital. Coleford is nearer Monmouth. Cinderford area is central to all towns

Its central to the area

Cinderford is as near central to the area as possible, so no one has a long journey

It is more central to the Forest than Coleford or Lydney. From a personal point of view it is easier to get to than driving to Gloucester

It has reasonably good access to much of the forest of Dean area due to its

fairly central location

No Bad for Lydney area

Elton Corner - close to A48 - similar distances from all towns. (plenty of parking needed)

equal distance central to the Forest of Dean. Good bus links

As there are good transport bus services. Centre of forest for Newent patients and Lydney patients

It is central for the Forest of Dean, not too far for everyone to travel

This is my preferred choice but if this is not possible it should be near Coleford. Lydney would be disastrous for us as there is no bus service from our area

Because i do not have my own transport, Lydney is out of the question as i could not walk up a long hill

It is central forest and will provide access for all

Geographically Cinderford is the centre of the forest and residents in Cinderford would not travel backwards to Lydney or Coleford they would go straight to Gloucester

Where Dilke hospital already is

It is the most central location

The bus service is so awful to get anywhere elsewhere

It is a central location for the Forest of Dean area

Good central location, higher need and access with new college

The Dilke site is beautiful! Patients appreciate the view my mum loved it !

It is fine where it is, central

The Dilke Hospital site seems to be the easiest place to develop and virtual in the middle of the Forest of Dean District

I don't think it should be moved. End of.

Development of the Northern Quarter Steam Mills.

There is a bus service every 30 minutes. The new hospital could be in an excellent position between the doctors surgery and dialysis hospital. Doctors could transfer to the Dialysis hospital and the new hospital easily. The new hospital would also cater for the new college and further housing development of the northern quarter. Engelhard's old building could also be utilised so less building required. It would be next to the new doctors surgery

It is the middle of the forest. If it was built near the northern quarter it would be in a beautiful setting. Also I think most people would be able to access it.

Forest healthcare have recently secured approval for new buildings on Valley Road. This site is prime for re development following the closure of Engelhard's. A new hospital must have good infrastructure links and be on a good bus route

It is geographically central for North and South patients. So long as it is near a through road for ease of access. 360 degree catchment, just 180 degree if Lydney. Access to Gloucester Hospital easier

Cinderford being more central has got to be more beneficial to a bigger percentage of people of the forest

I live in Littledean. I have an elderly mother who lives in Cinderford and a husband, daughter, son and grandson living in Littledean and Ruardean. Cinderford would be much quicker for our family in an emergency, also with the new college and doctors surgery being located on Valley Road, I would prefer to have the new hospital located on the Northern Quarter which would be easier for people to get to, from all areas of the FOD

Because it is a more central area of the Forest

It is the centre of the forest. Transport schemes should be arranged using small buses or like. Much growth is happening in the Forest and a hospital built in a central place is essential

That's where the Dilke is and that suits me because it's close to where I live and all my problems. Would prefer nothing to change but perhaps a new hospital as well as Dilke and Lydney so 3 hospitals

Between Cinderford and Coleford as it is with the Dilke. If there is money to spend let's spend it on making the Dilke bigger. It is a wonderful hospital 100% better than GRH

I believe Cinderford is the most central for the area and communities to be served. I also believe Cinderford has the best public transport links (Lydney's train station only serves those in Lydney)

Easier to get to than other locations. Very Sparse buses from Cinderford to Lydney area could share services with Dilke? Can get cut off by snow in winter making travelling difficult especially for over 70s

In winter Cinderford can often be difficult to get to if snow or ice block local roads

there is a large population here and travelling to hospital care is bad when one is ill. There should also be a maternity unit here as travelling is dangerous at that time. We understand there will be no minor injuries unit which very important. Why not? We want a proper hospital that caters for everything, not just minor things

The communities of Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford are almost equal population so in real terms no single community can use population so look at the geographical location. Public transport demographic and a location adjacent to A46 at Elton corner would seem to offer the best compromise for 2 out of 3 of the communities and good bus routes to cover all 3

NO New Hospital - upgrade present ones with extra beds. Lydney extended into field behind car park. Northern quarter unsafe terrain. Dilke extended using more surrounding land or adding a storey

There is land available in the Northern Quarter. There is also a renal unit there and also a new doctors surgery nearby (to be built in Valley Road) roads are being constructed for easy access and public transport goes by this area

This is the best location because as illustrated in your map, Cinderford is roughly in the middle of the Forest of Dean area. All others are along way from Newent area. I also hope that the old Dilke will be used as a nursing, residential convalescent home

It is the centre of the forest. The Northern Quarter or Engelhard's old building would have the hospital in a very good position because of the dialysis hospital and the new doctors surgery would already located near by. The bus service is excellent running every 30 minutes

It is centre of forest

That is central for the Forest of Dean

Because it is a central location it has good public transport in and out (although it may need a little more if new hospital was there) it would provide further opportunities for work and it could run alongside the new state of the art doctors surgery being developed

The natural surroundings are a big benefit in aiding recovery. Road network is better, and more central to Glos and Cheltenham and also roads give better access in bad weather. There is also the possibility of using the cycle routes

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It is central and has a large population

The Dilke has the prospect of expansion

As it is near the heart of the forest

Central location and good transport links to both acute hospitals in England and Wales

It would be central as well as not too far from Gloucester and Cheltenham hospitals. There is plenty of space for development at the so called Northern Quarter .If it has limited beds and no birthing unit it is pointless building it anyway

Cinderford

Dilke hospital remains our only life service - local doctors are overloaded

Cinderford needs to be developed as a town and by having the hospital here it will give a much needed boost to the economy of Cinderford. There

are plenty of brown sites in the area including abandoned factories behind the new soon to be built Dr Surgery

Of its easy access and more people seem to pass through this area more than the others. Also this area needs it more than the others in my opinion. The other places can seem more further out for people who struggle with transport.

the infrastructure at the new college would enhance the hospital[with a shuttle bus]

As centre of Forest of Dean with good transport links

Cinderford is central

LEAVE THE HOSPITALS WHERE THEY ARE

There is nothing wrong with it being where it is

Two hospitals as in present

being totally biased this would be the closest location for me plus there is already the basis of the Dilke there to be utilised?

No

Don't think we should close the hospitals we already have especially for a hospital with LESS beds. idiotic

It's easy for those who don't have transport

It would be more accessible to more people in the Forest. Public transport to Coleford and Lydney are very poor.

As it's the heart of the forest

it is difficult for some people to get to Gloucester or Cheltenham for their appointments and visiting and it is damned expensive

It seems the most central

I see my MS nurse at the Dilke so for me I would prefer to see him still in Cinderford cause he might not come anywhere else.

It's easy to get to

It's the best location considering climate change.

It is in the centre of the Forest

Geography, ease of access from the all areas

It is close and convenient to Newent and provides an excellent service to the surrounding areas. I have used the Dilke hospital many times as transport links are excellent it is easy to take and access the building with people with disabilities.it is a small hospital easy to get from one department to another. It is easier to get an appointment there rather than going to Gloucester for X-ray etc. It is a beautiful setting.

It is in the middle of the area. The site at the Dilke is beautiful and has good parking. I believe this site may be reused.

There's already a good bus service which will only have to have its route altered.

It is in the middle of the Forest area and accessible by bus from other areas.

It is central to the forest.

It is the most central place in the Forest.

I think the new community hospital should be in Mitcheldean as I feel this is a central place

Cinderford is central to the district. access via road is easy from locations within the district

It is handy to get to on public transport or it will save you travelling to Gloucester Royal. I don't want to travel miles to get to a community hospital

Cinderford is central to all Forest of Dean areas. Lydney and Coleford are further out. Wherever the new hospital is sited the infrastructure about access must be put in place i.e. buses, so that everyone can get there. Wherever the new hospital may be, you must sort out the situation regarding the number of beds which is totally inadequate and make sure the services offered cover all that is required

Because it is the most central of all the proposed locations

If the Dilke hospital is closed because it's not fit for purpose, then it is morally right that it should be re-sited to nearest available land in or near to Cinderford. It belongs to Cinderford. It is of no surprise that Cinderford is the centre of the forest of dean as the BBC remind us every day on the weather reports. Cinderford is on the weather map at least 3 times a day

Cinderford geographically is the most central location for the location however transport links would need to be centralised and made more accessible as the links currently quite poor

For personal reasons, school runs, children as would struggle to get them or find childcare. Full costs

It's the centre of the Forest, easily accessible from Coleford and Lydney. Perfect site already with the Dilke hospital.

It will need to be near the centre of the forest and that's where Cinderford is

Main hospitals are Gloucester or Bristol, why close the Dilke when it has sufficient needs for the Community and has recently been refurbished.

I believe Cinderford would be the best place as there is an empty building opposite the little co-op

It is the heart of the forest and would be more beneficial

As close to the Old hospital as possible, accessible to all

Of its central location. There would be a great advantage because of numerous site locations, the need for employment in the area. It has good road connections. The Forest needs a centrally located General Hospital with preferably a mental health outpatients and possibly emergency maternity

The FOD is relatively poor area with an elderly population and low wages and car ownership. This is getting harder in the political climate. Cinderford people could afford a taxi if necessary to get to the Dilke or to use a neighbour for transport. To Lydney may be too expensive. Coleford and Lydney are better off for transport and money. Look at Cinderford town and steam mills and Littledean - run down

The Dilke is the forest hospital and so it should carry on the tradition

The Dilke hospital responds to the larger forest. The Dilke is heritage - worth keeping. Land (forestry) to build on is available

Depends on location / Transport - cost

This hospital is part of the Forest of Dean Heritage. The building area should be considered in this respect. Whatever / where ever the new hospital is built this needs to stay in situ as a community space.

I can travel easily with a lift to the Dilke for clinics. The Dilke needs to be bigger. There is Lydney hospital for Lydney people. This new hospital will be too small

I don't want to travel too far. Soon I won't be able to drive. Could there be a clinic near. I might need a hospital bed

They are closing two hospitals for a smaller one but not for 5 years (building time) Build one at the Dilke

This hospital will be too small for the "Forest of Dean" in 5 years - 10 perhaps - it isn't started yet. The Dilke is well established with plenty of Forest scrub woodland next to it to purchase

Cinderford has an historic hospital which needs consideration for future generations. Where near Cinderford? To Elton Corner is slow from is a faster road

I just think there is time wasting in this debate. I think the booklet provided needs door to door delivery. This present process is selective

It is easy to get to the Dilke for clinics - more difficult by public transport to Lydney and expensive to Gloucester

It is in the centre of the forest with good road network to major hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham

At the current Dilke location. It is most central situation for everyone to get too. The surrounding environment helps to promote wellbeing and healing for in patients. It has reasonably good road access and potential area for expansion and car parking

Its the centre of the Forest

The transport links are good from all areas to Cinderford. The road links are very good to the whole of the forest of dean area. There are dial a ride services in both Newent or Lydney which are easily accessible to transport to Cinderford. Cinderford is the central town for the forest area. This area is the mostly populated therefore less travel necessary for the majority of the population

It is the geographical centre of the forest of dean. It has good transport links. All transport, including Dial a ride is easily accessible. more than adequate space for a new build

Of location central to the forest. Locale more relaxed and therefore important to recovery. Reasonable access by bus. Cinderford is an area of focus for development, so facility will be right where it is needed

I feel it should be between Cinderford and Coleford as this is a centralised area in the forest speech house area? Brierley? Either areas are on main bus routes and central to all

Between Cinderford and Coleford - Needs to be on bus routes

The Norther Quarter is being developed and it makes sense to build the new hospital in this area. Access by public transport will be difficult in any of the locations, but Cinderford seems to be better served than the other towns. Consultants from GRH and Cheltenham could find Cinderford more convenient

It is the geographical centre of the 4 main towns

Accessible for my area - if transport required easier to reach

This offers the best convenience to people living in the Newent area. I feel that all Forest of Dean towns should be considered

That's where the current hospital at the Dilke is. Access could be improved using some of the old rail tracks and current facilities extended

It is central

Central location to all for forest towns. Dilke currently used for elderly care which needs to be accessed by Newent. Residents as well as other forest we use A&E as trip to Gloucester can take considerable time at peak hours and in roadworks or accident delays (including motorways)

Out of the three, none are near enough to me to be of use, but cinderford is at least central for forest dwellers

More accessible, plenty of room for car parks. Easy to get to with traffic hassle.

It's seem more central for all forest just needs to be big enough

It is central for all of the forest

It is close to a centre and services

Central for whole of forest including Newent residents. Lydney is too far for most folk especially elderly & those relying on public transport residents

Closer to Gloucester

It is reasonably central, and has good transport links.

Cinderford is the most central location. It already has the Renal Unit and could be located in or near the new Northern Quarter development

I think Cinderford is pretty central for most in the forest

It's the only bus route without changing.

Central location with reasonable access. I do think the transport and access to the site have to be carefully considered.

Near the centre of the forest

The Dilke is a great place easy to get to and i was born there so staying with Cinderford would be a good thing

It is where the Dilke hospital has been for many years and with the Northern Quarter development there will be a bigger population base in the town.

MANY PEOPLE ONLY HAVE A CHOICE OF THIS OR GOING TO GLOUCESTER

It is the most central location

I don't think we need a new hospital at all! We need to update the existing two hospitals that already exists

Transport is better. For example i had a hospital appointment today at 9am. We had one bus company to Lydney bus station only 9.15am or 11.15am. Then a long walk also 2 hour wait for return

NO - unable to access in Winter SNOW

NO - Poor communication i.e. poor road links

Having a long term condition, this is more convenient for me, but there needs to be a bus direct (living in Longhope) to avoid the difficulty of parking of hospital

1) It is central and nearer and better roads. - within forest and Gloucester and Bristol if necessary

It would be more central and it could be built on the Northern Quarter

it would take a lot of pressure of existing hospitals such as Gloucester and Royal Gwent.

Cinderford is the most central location in the Forest, whereas Lydney and Coleford would involve greater travel for appointments and visiting. A good location in/near Cinderford in a rural setting would aid recovery.

Cinderford

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Better transport to locations

Because Cinderford is in the middle and easy to access from all villages.

No due to the winter weather and access

There is lots of regeneration in the town - new college, schools, doctors surgery. Let's go for more and make Cinderford somewhere to be proud of. New hospital facility is well overdue.

X

X

No due to the winter weather and access

I think its already decided where you are going to put it. Just a lot of red tape. To shut 2 when replaced by one is rubbish. Typical of this country

1) Access to A48 very important a fast link road - good access for most of the forest. 2) A hospital situated here would serve not only local population but A&E accidents from faster road links - especially with more people moving here from Bristol area as bridge tolls disappear. 3) Also lots of good open land by River Severn available for building

Central location in the forest of dean area, Good transport links

It is more central and you can expand on the Dilke which is an excellent hospital

The Dilke is ideal because there is room for expansion, it's also in a beautiful area

Cinderford is more central for everyone. There are more bus services to Cinderford than anywhere else. In my opinion it would be good if it was somewhere near the college, no hills to climb for people with walking difficulty plus it may help Cinderford

It is centrally situated. Going to Lydney or Coleford is such a long haul. And what about the poor relations of the forest - Mitcheldean or Newent? No mention hardly! one drop in?

Cinderford is central in the Forest area

PEOPLE LIVE THERE

Geographically Cinderford is at the centre of the FoD District area, it already has a dialysis unit and a new health centre complex is being planned, it is well served by a bus service from outlying areas and a number of care/residential homes

We live there

it is a central location for the FoD and has existing facilities.

It's the heart of the Forest. I think the Dilke Memorial site should be redeveloped

Lots of space

It is central

Cinderford is the most central location for the area to be serviced. It has been shown that the higher number of users of healthcare come from the more socially disadvantaged, & Cinderford has a higher number of this demographic than the other larger towns. Public transport links can be made to service Cinderford sufficiently, such that clinics can be available properly.

Cinderford is the most central part of the Forest of Dean District taking into account of other areas such as Newent, Highnam etc. Cinderford also has one of the lowest overall family incomes and makes monetary sense to be where family finances are at their lowest so as to enable those members of the public to access such a building without too much financial cost. Lydney however has one of the highest family incomes and a necessary journey to a hospital would not be a financial problem for the majority of residents in the Lydney district. Although Lydney is covered by the Forest of Dean Council, Lydney and many of its surrounding areas, eg: Blakeney is not in actually in the Forest of Dean.

Looking at the map, Cinderford is the most central location in the forest and would therefore provide fairest option in terms of accessibility for those travelling from either end of the district.

The population is growing and it's not always easy to travel elsewhere, I'm just as happy if it's in Lydney for the same reasons

It is the heart of the Forest, has good bus links, and is accessible from all parts of the forest. There is plenty of land available near Valley Road which would be perfect for the hospital location

No

It is more central for people with major problems and elderly. And people without own transport

Looking at the map of the Forest of Dean, Cinderford appears to be in the centre of the proposed area for the new hospital

There is a perfectly nice hospital which was funded by the community subscription of the Forest of Dean - Lightmoor Colliery - 1923. Sadly the maternity unit was closed in 1988. In the first consultation you were told by the foresters that they wanted the two existing hospitals upgraded and maintained. you ignored this.

NOT - The residents in the Cinderford are well served by the General Hospital in Gloucester. The road system from the North of the FOD to GRH is suitable for ambulances at speed

It's the most central place in the forest and is actually in the forest unlike

places like Lydney. People from all over the forest can access it with relative ease unlike if it were to be placed further out.

This area has further to travel to other hospitals than any other area and is central to both Coleford and Lydney. Although Ross hospital is the nearest it remains virtually impossible to get a referral out of county between Gloucester and Herefordshire. (I have tried I was told it was difficult for it to be worth trying for) If the hospital was at Lydney, this area would have nearly as far to go as if they went to Gloucester

X

Cinderford is to my mind the central location for the Forest of Dean hospital

I feel its central to the whole area

It is centre of the forest of dean. When a new hospital is built, could the Dilke be used to alleviate bed blocking

Site will be more central point for the Forest of Dean as is the Dilke hospital

The Dilke hospital should be retained and modernised

We are half way between Gloucester hospital and Cinderford, but Cinderford would be easier because of traffic getting into Gloucester

It is most central for all locations

It's more easily accessible by public transport and would benefit those based more rurally

Easier to get to on public transport

It's pretty central for the forest

Best local hub, midway-ish between South and North of Forest. Traditional hospital location of the Dilke

The hospital should be on a line drawn between the Dilke and Lydney Hospital - It should NOT be closer to Cinderford

Centre of the forest

It would be close to the Dilkes old hospital and easy access

I think it will help with the regeneration of Cinderford which is lagging behind both Lydney and Coleford. With the college campus moving there this would help with the Town. I also believe that Cinderford has a more financially deprived population with less access to transport therefore a hospital closer by will be beneficial

Cinderford has a high population and is the most central town in the forest with the most surrounding villages close by

Cinderford has the Dilke hospital which is a perfect spot for the new hospital as it's right in the forest with lovely outlook and ample room to build a new facility

It's quicker for consultants to reach it than other Forest locations. Public transport is good. It will continue the tradition started by miners of the forest for a hospital in Cinderford.

A hospital should be located near Cinderford but not in the town as existing roads are not suitable.

Dilke needs to stay

It's replacing the Dilke – it's the Heart of the Forest

It's been near Cinderford for years and year why the change now. Coleford and Lydney always have the new things someone else have it for change

it is near to the centre of the Forest and would be easier for people to reach by public transport.

It is central to the rest of the forest

As it is more centralised in the forest,

Because it is then at the centre of the Forest

It's an ideal central location for the entire forest. With good transport links from most forest location

IT IS THE MOST CENTRAL TOWN IN THE LARGE FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT

The location of the hospital should be central to the people living within the forest of dean. Cinderford offers a central spot.

Transport links to Cinderford are better from outlying villages than to the other towns. The Dilke should be modernised and could be at great saving over that projected for the new TOO small proposition.

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It as a good public transport access from all areas and it a better community area to live in and the Dilke hospital has been in the Cinderford area for 30+years or more because it was a war hospital and we would like to have the hospital in Cinderford so the community can get to it better for the elderly to access it

Central location within FOD (to minimise travel distance for most patients), with reasonable car and bus access. Also, existing site can be developed and enlarged.

It is central in in the FOD with a good bus service.

The Dilke hospital site seems to me the best choice.

there is already a prime location in the form of Dilke Hospital which could easily be updated & extended by buying a section of the surrounding Forestry land. The location is quiet & peaceful & easily accessible. Cinderford area is more or less in the centre of the FoD as local foresters

know it.

No

Because Dilke hospital is central to the Forest also the purchase of forestry land to expand the existing hospital would not be a total waste of public funds

Central location essential not least to allow emergency crews time to reach incidents in the allocated time and to be fair to the whole Forest area.

Central to all of the Forest of Dean residents and for emergency nhs staff to get to.

There is a regular bus service from Coleford and there is land that could be developed off Valley Road, i.e. the old Engelhard site and its many surrounding buildings.

THE DILKE SHOULD STAY

It is obviously nearest to the centre of the region. It should be outside the town so users are not troubled by town traffic to get caught up in

It is central to the whole of the forest and make travel from Newent to Lydney central and more balanced

It is the most central part of the forest and the bus route / service is quite good - but we don't need a new hospital. BUT I don't believe we should be closing Lydney or Cinderford hospitals. 24 beds is ridiculous to even think about with the population ever increasing. Another short sighted idea one of many over the last few years by this government who are destroying our NHS. Spend the £11 million on the 2 hospitals we already have.

No need for a new hospital at Cinderford as The Dilke covers it

Geographically that is the centre of the area. From Longhope (my home) that is 18 miles along very narrow lanes to the A48 to Lydney. I believe there is no democracy and that the site is already decided, as was the closure of Dilke maternity unit against great opposition. We need beds for our elderly who are in transition from Gloucester before suitable permanent homes can be found for them. Lydney is too far for elderly relatives to travel. Dilke was brought by public money - mostly from very poor miners

It is over 10 miles away with no public transport to this place from Lydney

I object to a new community hospital. We have a wonderful hospital already. The Dilke memorial hospital is fantastic in every way and provides the community with everything we need. The staff are friendly and reassuring. In an emergency we are able to seek help in our own area without having to travel to Gloucester

It is the best location for Newent

This would be acceptable - I live in the Forest. Getting to Gloucester and Cheltenham is difficult on public transport

It is accessible to most of the forest and is pretty central

My husband is 90 and i am 64 we live in Newent. We have been prepared to attend clinics in the past at the Dilke as an alternative to Gloucester. If i survive my husband and am a car driver, Cinderford is preferred for end of life care. There is a limit to how many can have end of life care at Gloucester Hospital

Cinderford is a central part of the Dean and easily accessible for everyone. Cinderford is known as the heart of the forest. The Northern quarter site would be a great place for the new hospital

It is more central and there is plenty of room to expand, even if it was extended we could still keep the site of the Dilke hospital which has been a god send to the people of the forest. We desperately need a good hospital in the forest as we all get older, it is more difficult to travel to Gloucester and when several of my family passed away they wanted to be at the Dilke

It will be much nearer to get to from Newent by car and only 2 buses on public transport

Its the nearest to my home

The ideal area would be the Northern Quarter as its assessable, convenient, spacious, vacant and waiting to be regenerated suitable for the whole of districts

The new northern quarter complex would provide, good access and ample parking space

It seems to me that Cinderford is the most central location for the hospital.

Cinderford is fairly central for Forest residents

It's already been decided to build it on the northern quarter...

A new hospital should be built at the Dilke, it central to the forest, with no problems extending, land could be purchased from the forestry commission, it could be a lovely hospital in the centre of the forest.

The Dilke this has received some refurbishment couldn't we obtain some forestry land to complete s state of the art new hospital? Feel this is more central.

I think it is more central

It's central, better space, and is just makes sense

The Dilke hospital is in the centre of the Forest, on a regular 'to the door' bus route, with so many Forest attractions - eg Cycle routes, walking for health, Forest events, plus a nearby large and busy Industrial estate, a new large college just built - together with the additional planning proposals adjacent -all of these in the close proximity of Cinderford - not Lydney or Coleford - Cinderford. Therefore a nearby Hospital is a must needed facility and should be considered for any emergency treatment and save the drain on the overstretched Gloucester and Cheltenham hospitals Those two hospitals are not easy access for the elderly and those without transport whereas lifts can be readily available to the Dilke if unable to use public

transport. The Dilke has good car parking facilities and land surrounding that could be developed into a larger modern hospital. For years people have supported this hospital which was founded by people of the Forest. Please allow us a favourable vote on this.

Ultimately getting a new hospital is more important than its location but Cinderford is central to the whole forest and one of the larger town populations so it's my choice

At present I feel that the whole system is a farce as it ignores the North area. Cinderford is the least worst option as it is nearer the centre of the District Council area. In other words developed the Dilke. Neither Lydney or Dilke sites are owned by you and I doubt if they are any value to the Trust due to better lawyers of the landowner's who allowed the use of the land. There is a chronic shortage of staff in the NHS and it makes little sense to increase their travel time by shutting existing units and expect new ways of working in the new facilities in the name of "efficiency". I suspect many will retire, as there will be forced night shifts and no opportunity to wind down, eat and get 8 hours sleep on a late to early.

I am a pensioner and both my wife and I have attended the Dilke a number of times and Lydney once. Lydney is far too distant for us, although I currently drive (my wife doesn't) in time age will inevitably mean that we will need to use public transport. Whilst Cinderford is possible for us to get to Lydney is too remote. However, I believe this is equally true in reverse for others. For example, it would seem hard on the residents of Lydney and beyond to expect them to travel to Cinderford. Wherever you put a single hospital site it will be a reduction in the accessibility of service for many. My suggestion to address this is to have a single hospital but have it on 2 sites, Cinderford and Lydney. Both sites to have Minor Injuries Units, Outpatients and wards. Other more specialist services could be on one or other of the sites.

I believe that it would be most accessible (good roads) to the majority of people living in the FOD

Please keep at Dilke as I can easily get a lift to there. Anywhere else and I will have transport problems.

It is the central & biggest community

Cinderford is the heart of the forest

No Community Hospital needed. divide the Money equally between the existing Lydney and the Dilke Hospitals

I don't drive and it's easier to get there

Cinderford is the centre of the forest and always has been (maybe not geographically) but in the past certainly commercially. There are many horror stories out there about trying to access the Council Offices situated almost on to the Welsh Border trying to get there from Dymock, Redmarley and many other villages but public transport is a horror story in its self. Lydney also very close to the Welsh border. I think the whole of the FOD

will be better served if the HOSPITAL IS IN CINDERFORD

Dilke Hospital sits on a spacious plot of land, with ample room for further development, with on-site parking. .there is a local bus service, and traffic is light on the road past the hospital. The bottom line here is ample room for development and transport accessibility.

I attended the Dilke hospital several times. A new hospital in the same area would be convenient.

easy access from all areas

Cinderford is the most central location in the Forest Of Dean with reasonable public transport links from other areas in the Forest

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NO Cinderford is too far. The Dilke is expertly sited and Lydney has main access routes

To serve everyone it should be the shortest travelling distances for everyone. Cinderford nearest to centre of Forest

To the S East towards the A48 (Elton Corner) this would allow prompt access for the A&E and would be fairly central to Coleford, Lydney and Mitcheldean with further towns to access Gloucester or Bristol

There is already a prime location in the form of the Dilke hospital and environments. This could easily be updated and extended by buying a section of the surrounding Forestry land. The location is quiet and peaceful and easily accessible. Cinderford area is more or less, in the centre of the Forest of Dean as local foresters know it

It is important to keep the history of the place like this because it is special to the Cinderford area. What a lot of people have forgotten is the Dilke was funded by locals especially the mining community. I was from there. It would be wonderful if this could be upgraded or new built within the area.

Of easy accessibility for non-driving OAPS and young mothers with babies living in Cinderford area especially during exceptional winter weather conditions

There is Drybrook/ Mitcheldean / Harrow Hill / Ruardean / Ruardean Hill / Woodside and Brierley / Littledean all of which have expanded and Cinderford itself is expanding with new homes cropping up everywhere. Whenever in or near Cinderford you choose, it should also be on a local bus route as there are many elderly and disabled who do not or cannot drive

NO Cinderford has Dilke and should be kept open

Cinderford is the heart of the Forest and the Dilke at present offers the largest and easily accessible site

It is more central to the forest but I think all of the other hospitals should

stay. ONE is not ENOUGH. Now of course I live nearby and at times use the Dilke a lot

It is centre of the Forest and has the best bus routes to the other communities

I like many others at 83 cannot ride on a bus or go out alone, so i always have to use one of the above

The Dilke should become a respite care facility for those nearby, with A&E annex, convenient for roads, patients, visitors, occasional consultant clinics. Extend Cinderford Health Centre in Town centre

main urban development, easier road links, current Dilke hospital in situ. closer to Glos hospital if needed.

I think they should just extend the Dilke hospital and modernise it instead of wasting millions of pounds on a hospital that is not going to be able to take many people. If there isn't going to have any operations or births what is the point of building it, the Dilke has always been accessible for the town so why take it away from us. I myself have been a patient in the Dilke and it was very good and clean

Here! probably it is the most central point of the forest, although the bus services would certainly have to be more frequent

It is nearer for me. Nearer to travel from my house for work

It is central to all other towns listed so you can get just one bus to get there as all of the other towns run a service to Cinderford. I don't understand why they cant just extend the Dilke and update it

Because it is near to Newent and it nice road to Cinderford and people from Lydney and Coleford will not have to travel not like going to Gloucester hospitals as it takes 2 hours from time you leave home to be at hospital i hour before your appointment not very good at all

It is more or less centrally places in the forest of dean area (as long as public transport services are as comprehensive as possible) There is good access to the A48 / A40. I am guessing that Cinderford is the largest metropolitan area within the forest

No

It is in the middle of the area the hospital needs to serve therefore bus journeys will be less expensive for majority of folk and quicker for ambulance assistance

We have the Dilke which is easy accessed and should be enlarged

The site at the Dilke can be maintained and Modernised using the apparently very small amount of money allocated to a new hospital or shed for the peasants in the woods as we in the forest style it

Please forget new hospital spend money on Dilke and Lydney

NO Not suitable roads especially in snow buses taken off road

Central to majority of Forest of Dean people

The money needs to be spent updating the Dilke hospital and buying some land from the forestry to expand and give us more community beds

X

Has the greatest catchment area --East Dean and part of West Dean. Cinderford Site not suitable for housing. Cannot see what the council would do with the site if they bought it as suggested. Car parking easily extended by buying land off F/Commission , cheaper than land around Sydney site.

This is the only fair location to the whole of the forest of dean. Newent should be considered correctly as part of the forest of dean after all Newent taxes are collected by FoDDC

As my Town of Newent is part of the Forest of Dean, I feel that Cinderford is the most suitable location for my area. Lydney and Coleford would be too far away and if built in these locations the effect would be denying me and others choice, as Gloucester would be the nearest, although not always the easiest to negotiate at peak times and more expensive parking

This is a more central location. The new college is to be there with additional expansion around the area. For travel this is a more direct area that travelling to Lydney. Lydney also already has a main and more direct route to Gloucester and especially in bad weather people would be more cut off from Hospital facilities

The Dilke has been located in Cinderford area all these years, so don't see any other reason to put a new hospital anywhere else, the old location obviously worked ok! Central for most people. Lydney and Coleford are busy in enough. Could help visitors shop in Cinderford more.

No

I am not satisfied as to why we need a new community hospital at the loss of Lydney and Dilke including reduction of beds. Sort-resolve bed blocking issues, increase efficiency there first ie Social care. Travel expenses and distance

I live near Cinderford & I am of an age (80+) where possibly more hospital services will be required by myself. But this is a purely selfish conclusion and does not provide a case for a rational recommendation which need to be based on the following 1) Costs - to refurbish & extend existing sites (Dilke or Lydney) - Purchase & develop a completely new site. 2) Future development plan for the Forest 3) location to minimise travel from ALL parts of the Forest. - None of these facts/estimates have been published - so how can a proper public recommendation be made? my comments are continued on a next page. Coleford - i don't think it should. I don't live near Coleford. Lydney - I don't think it should i dent live in or near Lydney *** no preference - i disagree with the format of this survey because the near town preferences will be based upon the number of responses from people living in those areas. An equal number of responses is required from each area to get a better measure of public opinion. All this survey does is to give the

opinions of the people who are "bothered" to respond

THIS IS THE BEST SITE FOR THE FOREST. THE DILKE SHOULD BE MADE LARGER. IT IS A WONDERFUL HOSPITAL SO MUCH BETTER THAN GRH. IT'S CLEAN AND STAFF ARE ALWAYS READY TO HELP

Cinderford will be the best place for a new hospital

That is where it already is and should only be replaced with at least equal amount of beds that the present two hospitals have, going less would be utter madness

It would make sense to have the new hospital in Coleford

It is the geographical centre of the Forest of Dean

Your map shows Cinderford being in the centre of the forest with good road access to GRH - a new GP surgery at Valley Road and most important the new collage which means increase in population - plus the development at Northern quarter

it is central to the whole of the forest of dean convenient to GRH

It will stay in an area surrounded by forest with scenic views and replace the existing hospital which the miners contributed to.

there are plenty of development land that could be used in the Cinderford area. The population is increasing with the Northern Quarter Housing. With the College opening in September 2018 there is a larger number of people working and studying in this area.

I think that the new community hospital should be in or near Coleford because

it probably optimises accessibility for all Forest of Dean residents

as part of my work role I cover the Forest of Dean currently based at the Dilke, on a one hour response time I can be anywhere in the Forest within this time frame based in either Coleford or Cinderford

It is central to the Forest of Dean.

due to it being roughly the centre of the forest

it would be central for all people living in the forest of Dean, there are also good transport links into Coleford which would mean that anyone would be able to access the hospital either by their own transport or using public transport

Central for all areas

It is a central location with good transport routes and suitable space for a large build with parking facility

It's more central to the Forest of Dean and therefore more accessible to a greater number of people.

if you put it in Lydney or Cinderford, colleagues from each site will find it 'unfair'. I think it will be nice to have a new hospital in a new location that is central to everything and has good bus routes

it is neutral probably has the best public transport access but whichever site is chosen will be an asset for the area

I feel there are more areas of opportunity to be able to put the site within the Coleford area. Also there are already in place good transport links with bus services going to the Cinderford and Lydney areas. I also think that it would be on neutral ground so therefore neither Cinderford or Lydney would say they 'won' the bid for the hospital.

Centre of the forest

It would be central to the forest. Good bus route from Cinderford and Lydney. It would be a fresh start for all GCS staff working at the hospital

it is furthest away from acute hospital. Lydney and Cinderford have better transport links

this is in between the two hospitals and more central for forest people

I think it should be Coleford because it will be on neutral ground from both existing hospitals plus there are 2 roads to Glos hospital there are numerous accidents closing the A48 to Glos plus it's got the best bus service

It's central for the forest, already on public transport routes that are available from most of the forest and Gloucester

I consider this to be neutral ground and wouldn't then upset either League of Friends.

There are already good public transport links, there are two roads to Gloucester so if one is closed for any reason there is still emergency access if needed, it provides neutral ground leaving neither Lydney or Dilke feeling disgruntled, it is central in the forest almost equi distance from each existing site.

this is the most central area of the forest and there is various routes to access it.

I think that Coleford is more central for patients to attend with good public transport links

coleford is more central to public

of the three locations it is central for most people in the Forest of Dean. For those living in the mid-north part of the Forest, Lydney does not provide a realistic alternative to Gloucester and people from the GL14 and GL17 postcode areas are more likely to turn to Gloucester for their services than Lydney. My perception is that the Cinderford/Coleford and surrounding areas have a higher number of retired and elderly residents than Lydney. Coleford is still accessible to the Southern parts of the Forest, including Tidenham/Tutshill/Sedbury. The most important aspect of any hospital

location is that it should be accessible and provide sufficient space for adequate parking, with the opportunity to expand the facilities in the future if necessary.

I don't think either the Dilke or Lydney hospital should be closed, this is what the majority of FoD residents told you

It is more central than the other 2 Forest towns given the very widespread area of the whole Forest. It will also be a better option to access bus routes around the Forest

it is roughly equal distance from Lydney or Cinderford. Obviously suitable, convenient and reliable transport links for all service users, from all major forest towns and villages, need to be arranged..

Based on where current local hospital is Cinderford or Coleford preferable

it's an equal distance between Cinderford and Lydney and a good compromise as both Dilke and Lydney hospitals will be closing.

i feel Coleford is more central of the Forest, and both Lydney/Cinderford would not feel hard done by.

I believe Coleford is a good central point to the Forest

Because it central to all areas of the Forest

I think coleford is more central to the forest patients

this area is new - Cinderford and Lydney have had hospitals in their locality before

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TO NEW SITE

It's central of lydney and dilke hospitals

Probably the preferred location for linking to five acres development

without the dilke and lydney the halfway Mark would be coleford. not too far to travel with little ones when their injured

I think the old Forest of Dean college would be an amazing site to take advantage of and do some good with it. The new college development in cinderford will heighten the traffic in and out. I've never had an issue with travelling from Coleford to the Dilke when I've needed to. I just feel that Coleford would be the best location.

Because it is central to the Forest of Dean and the areas it will be providing service too. Coleford is very accessible for all mode of transports, including public transport and the other emergency services are also based in Coleford

It is more central to the forest. It is between Lydney and cinderford. If it goes in cinderford people from Lydney and alvington will struggle to access. If

you put it in Lydney, people without transport from Cinderford will access. Let's not forget Newent to access too and there is no minor injuries in Chepstow so the closest would then be the Gwent!

I think the new community hospital should be in or near Coleford because it is linked to most local bus routes and therefore more accessible than the other options.

Central for all areas of the forest

Cinderford have other option of Gloucester, Lydney or Newport. Also Cannop crossroads is on good bus route from Coleford and Cinderford. Bus from Lydney could be added. Would be gorgeous surroundings and land.

as Coleford is between Lydney and Cinderford this would be the most sensible. Also there are good transport links between Cinderford and Coleford and Lydney and Coleford

It is central for Lydney, Cinderford and Sedbury. Mitcheldean and Newent can get to Gloucester

Newent and Mitcheldean are easiest to serve and reach from Gloucester. Sedbury has links with doctors in Wales. I feel the new hospital will mostly serve Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford. Travel between Lydney and Cinderford is difficult. Travel between Coleford and Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford is relatively easy, involving only a single bus. Coleford would inconvenience the least number of people. however I would rather see the money going to updating Lydney and the Dilke

As it's more central

It is a central location that will be less contentious and also easily accessible for most residents in the Forest

Coleford is inbetween Lydney and Cinderford on a regular bus route. If Cinderford or Lydney is the preferred site, the league of friends and the other hospital will be up in arms. Hope the site will have large free parking and also if beds are reduced only Forest Patients

It is central in the forest. it has good existing transport links

It is central to all locations. Has good Bus services and is on a main road

I feel this would cause the least controversy with regard to the current hospital sites and is central. It is also on a main road from Gloucester

2. My second choice is Coleford because according to the map is the location second to the centre of the Forest of Dean

I've no objection to Coleford should this locality be chosen

There are good bus routes. Ideally five acres where main Gloucester to Monmouth which would be right for Mitcheldean, Newent, Cinderford and Lydney. Even Sedbury, Over, Tidenham Chase

It's on the bus routes it has plenty of parking Coleford has never had a hospital and needs one

I live near Coleford as long as it was walkable distance from my home

It would be the most convenient for me as I would not expect friends or family to drive further

I live in five acres and i rely on public transport. At present the public transport in this area is very good

It is the central hub of the Forest with ambulances, police and fire station. We, especially older or infirm people, would find it difficult to travel to other areas, especially in the bad Winter weather, to get treatment. Lydney people can get to Gloucester far more easily than us so there is no need for a hospital there.

This is a central area between the existing hospitals

Because it is between lydney and CINDERFORD so more accessible for the majority of people

It is the most central with good road links to the rest of the forest. There is also a suitable site available once the college campus has relocated.

Coleford is central to those unable to attend Gloucester Royal. It has good transport links for those using public transport.

Good transport links, furthest town from Gloucester facilities, highest population of at risk groups eg youngsters and elderly.

It is a more central location to cater for people across the Forest (particularly considering parts of the Forest which are far from Gloucester). The site at Five Acres would be an ideal place to build without too much disruption to the community. Lydney would be my second choice as Cinderford caters best for those already close to Gloucester.

There should be such a facility near the town

More central for the forest in general

Better access for patients if built on or near A4136 so they can use public transport from all directs

Cokeford is the centre of the forest has good reliable transport links with Gloucester

Definitely NOT. Terrible access in winter weather

Second choice but concerns about the road system for emergency transfer to Gloucester or Bristol.

Coleford (so long as its on a bus route) is accessible by bus from both Cinderford and Lydney

The old college site Five Acres

convenient for buses. Ideal site school at berryhill

I have worked at the Dilke for over 30 years and have a strong attachment to the hospital But i feel that Coleford is the fair choice as it is between

Cinderford and Lydney

It is central in the forest. It is on regular bus routes. It is easily accessed by car. A new health centre is needed in Coleford and this could be on the same site as a hospital

no comment

The transport links here are good which means people can easily get here by public transport

As we live near Coleford and all our family. It would be great to have it in Coleford, it is very important to keep a community hospital in the Forest of Dean

A lot of people around this area use the Dilke hospital and would like to see improvements made so this could be the main hospital

I live in Coleford

It would make the most practical place to provide reasonable transport links to a hospital for a large range of central and south forest areas

Coleford would serve the whole forest, in particular the very rural parts. It has good transport links with scope to incorporate further transport connections. It would lessen the contention of choosing one hospital over the other

Coleford site for the forest. Neutral site, as it does not have a hospital at the moment. Has a lot of bus routes in and out of Coleford

It is central with good transport links

It is fairly local transport links are good (public) or equally Cinderford would be good due to its central location and transport links. Lydney is not central enough to be inclusive for the population of the Forest of Dean particularly those that are vulnerable such as elderly. Taking into account many areas are rural

It's in the Forest. It has good transport links. I don't consider that Lydney and Newent are in the forest itself. I think the travel time from Sedbury, Lydney, Cinderford and Mitcheldean would be about the same as Coleford

Although I am against the closure of the Dilke and Lydney hospitals, I would like to see the new hospital built in Coleford. I feel this is the heart of the Forest of Dean and provided good public transport. I still feel though that the public opinion will not reflect as to where it is built

If we cannot have it in Cinderford I think Coleford is more central and has good bus route

Coleford is equal distance from Cinderford & Lydney. and is in the Forest of Dean there is also an ambulance service in the town

Central to the forest and has excellent public transport from all of the surrounding areas.

Because it is in the middle of both hospitals

It means it not either cinderford or lydney favoured. Also it has good bus service for people to access.

It's in the middle

To develop the town of Coleford

It is on a good bus route and will be more accessible to visitors

It's more central

it would be easily accessible and equidistant for all those in the FOD

Coleford would be more central for forest areas only 10/15 minutes travel time from Cinderford and Lydney. If the bus services are reviewed to drop off outside the hospital all areas should be able to access it.

It would stop any arguments between the two hospitals if it was built in a neutral area

Coleford is central to both lydney and Cinderford, the college site would be ideal

Central location

Good bus service and it's central to the forest

Five acres site berryhill

Because nearby Speech House has the marker that indicates it is the central area of the Forest of Dean.

We need it cinderford and lydney has had a hospital coleford hasn't

The centre point of the forest

As it's central only approx 10 mins to cinderford or Lydney

its central for most of the forest and easiest access for most along with its many older generation which need to be able to get to the hospital fast

As its reasonably central and easy to get to by car / bus

Coleford is lower down and buses and taxis can get there in bad weather. The Dilke should stay open do not close this hospital

NO New Hospital - upgrade present ones with extra beds. Lydney extended into field behind car park. Northern quarter unsafe terrain. Dilke extended using more surrounding land or adding a storey

Half way between Cinderford and Lydney

I think that Cinderford would better for Forest of Dean residents

I see coleford as being in the middle of the Forest of Dean,so it makes sense for a hospital to put here,we have one in lydney and cinderford

five acres if not being kept for sport

It roughly in a central position

I feel it is more central for all residents living in forest of dean x

Coleford

It should be in or around Coleford as it is more central to the population..

it seems to be most central for the Forest as a whole.

It's central to other locations has a good public transport network and can be easily reached.

central location with best access

No

This is between Lydney and Cinderford so more central for everyone

It's midway between Cinderford and Lydney

Excellent transport links. Easy access for ambulance service to several acute hospitals. No biased would be shown to the areas where the community hospitals are already.

its the most central location within the forest for all other villages and towns, perhaps the most logical location is the 'old' college site in Berry Hill, that site is doing nothing else at present.

Because it's on a main bus route, easy for people with no transport

Central to the Forest

The new hospital should be in or near Coleford as it is central to the forest. Most of the other services e.g. police and council have moved there. The friends of both hospitals currently could join as one to support the new hospital.

Disagree, Coleford isnt central to the region

It's between the 2 hospital, seems only fair to do this

central

Central Forest

Because you can get to within 30mins from lydney/Cinderford although large doctors surgery's with a+e on rotation might be easier

It is the most centerlised location Living near Lydney I would prefer there however to make the hospital work for the community coleford is the best place

It is not such a built up area as the other 2 locations and therefore there will be more room for it

Lots of buses to and from Coleford. Least congested Town to get into. Lots of parking in town.

Out of the 3 it is the most easily accessible to get to for most places in the

forest like for example there are many bus services

It is close to the Dylke hospital, which the new one will replace. It would assist with the regeneration of Coleford and boost the local economy. The other locations have already had a lot of investment.

As it would be equal distance for people living in Sedbury / Lydney and people in Cinderford / Mitcheldean. Newent has easy access to Gloucester

Disagree

Coleford would be my 2nd choice provided the new site was to the north east

Transport links are good. No biased towards Lydney and Dilke hospital. Easy access to acute hospitals for ambulance services etc

I think Coleford would be great as central to all of Forest. and doesn't favour either Lydney or Dilke

It is central, accessible and needs to be available for all users currently using the Dilke and Lydney hospitals. The infrastructure needs to be enhanced and all links to major routes safe and kept in good order - Bus routes and cycle paths "The Forest Hospital" Care for all the Forest community

Easier access still on a bus route. No arguments between Cinderford and Lydney. Fresh hospital in fresh surroundings (name it Forest community hospital) Better security, lovely surroundings and more central for staff

It will be better access to the people in this area. If the new hospital is in Lydney that's a good 30 mins 45 mins with traffic. I have a son who is 1 and I can't drive so I have to rely on public transport to take my son there and there is only 1 or 2 buses that go to Lydney.

It's central to where I live and has good public transport for those who can't drive or have no car.

Easier to get to.

It is where I live but this location is central to Forest and has good bus services from the other locations plus all villages around.

There is going to be a new super server in Cinderford and I think the old collage site in five acres is prime for regeneration

It would be good for convenience

I think Coleford is more central. You're closing one in Cinderford and one in Lydney, rather than adapting what's there, so start a new. New area, new building.

It's in the middle of both Cinderford and Lydney

Gloucestershire College FOD campus five acres near Coleford. Because good public transport links and good road infrastructure from all directions in the Forest and central to the major hospitals in surrounding areas and good

mobile telephone reception

2nd choice because of employment issues and location

Not so run down as Cinderford. The people generally are not as needy but still need a shorter cheaper journey to hospital. The Lydney development of mostly private homes will bring both wealth and need. This small hospital will not provide the necessary facilities for all. Coleford people have been able to get to either Dilke or Lydney. A smaller hospital at Lydney with a larger population will help no one.

Central has more space and out villages closer

The route to Gloucester is not easy. But surrounding Coleford is land to build

This is central - but only if both are shut

It could be - It would STILL not be inclusive enough for all the needy patient care in 5 years time. 5 years is optimistic - it's not started yet.

This further in the Forest. The roads are less conducive to more traffic

The "forest" is only the Dilke. A community hospital of this size will not replace the 2 hospitals especially with Lydney expanding

It has the best public transport links. At present the Dilke has no buses on sundays. So the exact location is important, but bus routes around the Coleford area are generally good

It's the centre of the forest

I feel it should be between Cinderford and Coleford as this is a centralised area in the forest speech house area? Brierley? Either areas are on main bus routes and central to all

Between Cinderford and Coleford - Needs to be on bus routes

Location and central is paramount for a new hospital so all patients can have access and not travel to far for treatment

It is central to all service user of the forest of dean and in a new area

It is in the middle of forest of dean so access for all. Making people from Cinderford / Lydney feel left out moving forward

most central to majority of users in the FOD. Good Road infrastructure. Proximity to hospice

it would be on neutral ground

If i had to go into hospital it would be near where I live. - written on behalf of a member of the public who has difficulty writing

Closest to Newent but no bus service direct from Newent

Central to forest

It is a central location between Lydney & Cinderford

It's more central for the entire forest.

There is going to be a huge, available site at Five acres soon, which already has public transport, sewage and water and electricity. It has room for expansion as the need requires in the future. It's central and would not impinge on traffic in towns.

The public transport links from Lydney and Cinderford are more frequent. Ideally I would prefer Cinderford as it is nearer to GRH and the Consultants would be less reluctant to travel here. (When Lydney upgraded their OP facility several years ago it was not well attended by GRH Consultants). However, transport for patients across the Forest from Lydney to Cinderford is difficult particularly in Winter and Public Transport is not frequent enough.

I would prefer to keep both sites and increase bed numbers, but if the plans go ahead Coleford would be more central.

It is a silly idea. Pointless place to put it

CENTRALLY LOCATED. SITE AVAILABLE.

This is a central location including Newent with easy access to public transport links

Coleford is more central to the main base of the Forest (people in Newent for example can access Gloucester hospital more quickly due to being on and closer to the A40)

Although I have my own transport I am conscious of those who are reliant on public transport for varying reasons. There are services to Coleford from both Cinderford & Lydney therefore an easier place to travel to for a wider number of people

It is central area which connects by public transport to both cinderford and lydney areas but must be central on a busroute or have new route to serve it.

It's central, and holds neither of the existing hospitals; public transport goes there, as do dial a ride.

Near the centre of forest

Lydney is to far out of the forest you may as well travel straight to Gloucester. Cinderford is closer to Gloucester so Coleford would be a good choice for all the out lying areas

More Central

Due to being 15 to 20 minutes from cinderford and lydney also 3 bus routes 31 30 and 23 and also due to the high level of tourism from forest holidays bracelands and whitemead

Coleford is easily accessible by public transport from Lydney and Cinderford. I would still prefer Lydney and Dilke hopsital to be retained. They have served the residents of the Forest of Dean ably for many years

NO - unable to access in Winter SNOW

NO - Poor communication ie poor road links

2) Its Central but a bit west and good roads and only pace many / most in the Forest can get to by bus. Longer distance from Gloucester

It is more central with good connection to public transport

it would take a lot of pressure of existing hospitals such as glouster and royal gwent.

More central.

This is close to where i live

it seems pretty central to Lydney, Cinderford and Coleford. Why not the old Grammar School site or somewhere nearby?

No due to the winter weather and access

Its central to Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford and easy to reach both by car and bus (as long as there a bus stop outside the new hospital) we live in Cinderford but feel it would be fair to all to have the new hospital in a central position

it is a more acceptable choice and more accessible

more central for most people who will use the hospital. It is accessible, whereas Lydney is too far for people living in the middle part of the Forest - you might as well travel to Gloucester. By spreading developments across the Forest you will ensure each town remains a lively centre - Lydney has lots of facilities and Cinderford is getting lots of regeneration already.

X

Central to the forest.

X

No due to the winter weather and access

1) All the bus routes converge in Coleford ie 30, 31, 32. 2) Coleford is too remote to travel to Gloucester for healthcare 3) Coleford may gain from the jobs created

There is no room for a hospital anywhere in Coleford unless they use the five acres college ground

Easy to get to from most of the forest

It is central to the forest towns of Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney. It needs development. It has not has as much regeneration as for example Cinderford.

PEOPLE LIVE THERE

I think it should be built at 5 acres already located in a prime position

Best option, right in the middle of the other two big towns, wouldn't take too long to travel from anywhere in the forest.

I don't

it's central and there's going to be an empty site at five acres

It would mean a new start for the service not having had a hospital like Cinderford and Lydney. It's also on the main bus routes for those not able to travel. Coleford is also accessible easily to Bristol, Newport and Gloucester if a patient needed to be triaged somewhere else, in particular the children's hospital in Bristol.

Perfect location to all areas of the forest and to Gloucester

A central point in the Forest of Dean

Coleford

It is central to all of the Forest of Dean and has a lot more possible building land for it

Coleford is between Lydney and Cinderford and already has the Forest of Dean hospice which is a community asset. If a new hospital is located at Lydney the residents of Cinderford and surrounding villages such as Ruardean and Drybrook are going to go to Gloucester rather than travel to Lydney, and the same applies if the hospital is built in Cinderford as it is just as quick for Lydney residents to go up the A48 to Gloucester.

This is the center of the Forest, equidistant between Lydney and Cinderford which are both towards the outskirts. It is well served by several bus routes across the forest.

No

My home is in Coleford. I am losing my sight so don't drive now and Coleford would be the best place for a hospital for me. I am nearly 90 years old

This seems to be a more central location for all the areas and already has the road network to cope with larger volumes of traffic. Public transport is available already here also. Far enough from Gloucester hospital to be well used

Central to all Forest of Dean people. Not favour other 2 towns - Neutral area

Centre of the Forest. Not in other 2 towns. Keep everyone happy as neutral. Good bus route

I think you should have listened to the first consultation. We don't want a new modernised hospital or a portacabin to sling the forest peasants in. Somewhere else. We want our community hospitals. Our Forest forebears paid for them.

NOT - It is clear that a decision has already been made to locate the new hospital in Coleford as planning is well advanced. HOWEVER it makes no sense as the Lydney location serves residents from Tutshill to Coleford adequately

People from Lydney & Cinderford would probably be willing to travel to

Coleford but not Lydney to Cinderford & vice versa

It's between Cinderford and Lydney, and if either get it the other won't be happy so best to chose neutral location

It's central for the Forest of Dean

A) Well served by direct public transport from most towns / centres in the forest. b) hospital would support local palliative care service c) other statutory services close by

Local development plan indicates growth in population on its way. Road and transport infrastructure is good and can be slightly modified to expand bus routes to get people to new site. Police, ambulance, fire rescue, hospice, GPs and significant organisations in one place to support

No to closures, Yes to improvements

As above

It is the easiest accessible, by public transport and personal transport

Yes

It is central to the Forest and has a good buzz to the town

It's easier to axcess

It's more central to everyone in and around the area.

It is a central location within the Forest area, with good access

The hospital should be on a line drawn between the Dilke and Lydney Hospital - It should NOT Coleford

Because it is central to the majority of people in the Forest of Dean

It has good public transport links to many other parts of the Forest

Coleford is central to the Forest, putting it in Lydney only benefits those in Lydney. Coleford would be ideal because it is accessible from Lydney, Cinderford and surrounding areas within 15 to 30mins.

Large centre of population and good public transport links to Cinderford and Lydney, the sites of existing hospitals.

Coleford area as good transport links from the rest of the Forest. It would also be geographically central from Cinderford and Lydney. Lydney is on the edge of Forest so anyone from Mitcheldean or Newent would find it difficult.

Easy traveling from all over the Forest. Good central position.

It is in a more central location to the whole district and had good public transport links. It would also be somewhere other than where the current hospitals are. Coleford is convenient to both Gloucester and Bristol should patients need to transfer to other hospitals e.g. Bristol children's hospital.

Cinderford and Lydney both have easier access to Gloucester. Therefore logical location to suit majority is Coleford

Coleford needs one too

2nd choice

I feel coleford is the best choice as it would at least be a middle point between the two locations of the existing ones making it somewhat easier from people in lydney and cinderford to get to it.

People of Cinderford and Lydney have a shorter travel time to Gloucester hospital.

Road links to Gloucester royal are better from Lydney and cinderford, also time of travel

If the new hospital was based in Coleford it would be easier for most people to get to in the Forest than the other locations.

Coleford is the best location as it is easy to get to from all parts of the forest.

it needs to be somewhere everyone can reach by car or public transport I think coleford would be the idea location

No

With 200 houses on the cards a prime site waiting Five Acres/Coleford has to be the answer.It would be at the centre of Forest Schools and tourism

27 miles to a hospital is obseen in this day and age.The Forest has poor bus system but a high rate of old peopleA growing tourism and families

We have waited 6 months to have wax removed from a school aged childs ear,Our children matter,she is falling behind at school

It's central for all the Forest and the old Five Acres college site would be a fantastic use for the site instead of yet another squashed in housing development where everyone overlooks each other and the houses are badly built

It is more central and reasonably accessible

If you insist on a 3rd yes

It's more central

There is a better bus service to Coleford from Cinderford. Many people rely soley on public transport

Coleford doesn't need a new hospital as we have Lydney and Dilke

Coleford is a good centre for many outlying areas of our forest and easily accessible. The Forest of Dean college at Coleford will soon be redundant and is excellently placed for parking and convenience for several main roads, with increasing housing and provision for many more to live in the forest. It is essential to keep a hospital where it is needed

This would be acceptable

Coleford hardest direct public transport connections to Cinderford every 30

mins and Lydney every hour. Cinderford to Lydney link is every 2 hours. Home to the Dean Forest Hospice (Great oaks) which may offer some opportunities in service provision. Offers available site in pleasant surroundings

more central, better bus routes, most importantly to keep a local hospital

Public transport to Cinderford, Lydney and Gloucester is very poor and not reliable

It needs this, Central for Everyone

Its more central for both Lydney and Cinderford people, with bus routes from both places to Coleford will make it more accessible and I could find more people to help me get to hospital in Coleford

There will be a good site when the college moves to Cinderford. Its on a bus route and a good road. Its coleford turn to have a hospital

Coleford is a fast developing area. The number of new patients moving in to our practice indicates this. It has more potential for future building in a five mile area for housing also. The old secondary school / College site at Five Acres has excellent transport links for people who have no cars, is far more central and ample space to be made into a state of the art medical campus

Transport to Coleford from the surrounding towns and villages is better as it is more central

I have attended both the Dilke and Lydney hospitals. At the age of 80 years travelling by public transport is difficult due to infrequently and unreliable bus service.

It is central, with good road links to other Forest villages and towns. There is also room for expansion should it be required. Parking facilities are good, as are bus services across the region from Coleford.

this seems the most central & fair place for it to be for access from the whole of the FoD

It's the most central Forest town

Central point

It's easy and centrally located

Because Lydney isn't even in the Forest!!

central and good bus routes , also within 100 of st briavels

No

Communication links from Lydney, Cinderford and most locations within the FoD are good whilst those between Lydney and Cinderford are relatively poor

The area around coleford is central to all parts of the forest

No Community Hospital needed divide the Money equally between the

existing Lydney and the Dilk Hospitals

it is a central location with easy access

it is a central location with easy access

It is further for people to travel from Coleford to other areas eg Gloucester, compared to the other towns. It would serve a high percentage of the Forest of Dean population and create job opportunities in the area.

If all existing hospitals are already doing a fantastic job - just put the money into expanding them. If it isnt broke.....

It is easier to get to for us than the other options. There are local amenities near by including pharmacies, shops etc. I would feel more confident driving into Coleford for appointments during snowy / icy conditions than the other places

It is central area with good bus routes for patients who dont drive. There are 3 community pharmacies in the area who will benefit from prescriptions issued by the hopsital. It would also be helpful to have our GP practice re located to the site to give us more space, resources ,parking for all patients

There is a site about to become vacant and most likely derelict when the college moves to its new home in August 2018. This site 5 acres) has infrastructure in place which could be utilised as a hospital (buildings) and existing large car park space. On good local public transport routes and main roads. Large playing field to double up as helipad. Existing sports facilities which could be used for rehabilitation and preventative medical exercise. Far enough away from residential areas so not to cause a disturbance. Close to Largest camp site in the area as well as the adventure activities such as puzzlewood and Go Ape where injuries to tourists are sometimes sustained

X

No Maintain history

It's the most central point for the forest, with good transport links

Central position in Forest. Road accessiblitiy. Lydney to Cinderford and Vice Versa takes as long as going to Gloucester. Coleford is better served by road links. Frequent road closures through Forest, sadly Lydney and Dilke are long past their sell by dates, we need a new purpose built facility like Ross and Chepstow community hopsitals. Space especially for Air Ambulance helipad. Where is this in Lydney or Dilke

Lots of Kings Mead residents need hospital treatment or emergency attention

I think the new community hospital should be coleford. More buses from Lydney, cinderford to Coleford. 15 minutes travel from each town. Good roads from each town

Coleford is the heart of the Forest, with main access too from all parts of the forest. On allbus routes from villages perfect location

NO - Coleford residents can go to Lydney or Dilke hospitals for treatment

2nd choice for new hospital. Keep the 2 and this as a third

there is a bus service from both Cinderford and Lydney

It is central and roads are better

Coleford is a central busy with easy access for all directions. I think it's so important to have a community hospital within the area.

Not keen as cannot visualise a peaceful environment, for what needs to be a £5,000,000 hospital with more beds than available in Forest now

X

It is the centre of the forest and available to all within a reasonable distance and where most of the population is located

It is the centre of the forest where most of the population is and available to all within a reasonable distance

Central to all villages and towns. Housing estates are coming to all areas. since last 50 years since moving to FOD I have seen how developed all areas are and therefore amalgamating us all to one central hospital for every major and minor needs is so important. New transport will be as important need as also car parking facilities

Good transport links available. Lydney and Cinderford not so much so. A variety of potential sites EG next door to existing hospice facility, all potential sites have decent views rather than roadside views that are being considered in the other locations. Also good access to main hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham if necessary manned ambulance station in town also. Also Coleford is in the statutory forest where as Cinderford and Lydney not so much

it is central hub of the forest of Dean and easily accessible by public transport from all surrounding villages. There are very reliable taxi firms in and around Coleford and plenty of frequent buses. During winter months I would be happier to drive to Coleford rather than Cinderford or Lydney. It is just what Coleford needs

Coleford would be my second choice

The council offices would be an ideal site if we have to have a new hospital but preferably keep the two we have

It will be central for everyone in the forest. Cinderford would be too far for Lydney people they may as well go to Gloucester Lydney would be too far for Cinderford people they may as well go to Gloucester. Gloucester would also be quicker for Drybrook, Raurdean, Lybrook

This would benefit quite a large area, Coleford, Cinderford, Littledean, Michealdean and a lot of the surrounding areas

As this is central for everyone and as it has a beautiful looking town centre, it would be perfect for people to enjoy a coffee if they are early for

appointments. you can have better parking on a new site

Where they are at Dilke and Lydney

This so called new hospital will be just a glorified health centre

NO Not suitable roads (bad weather cut off. No public transport links

x

Not HERE

1) Routes from Cinderford to Coleford and Lydney are much better than link from Cinderford to Lydney. 2) Where will staff travel to work from? Above argument applies to both staff and patients. Also Coleford is closest to Monmouth - another possible source of hospital staff

No

It is a more central location with good transport links which would best serve residents of the Forest of Dean

See below

The reason being that Coleford is between Lydney and Cinderford. I think that with five acres school closing & gym you have ready made? /? And would save a great deal of money? using then rather sehy spend 11 million on a new building

it makes sense

It will be closer for the Coleford community

Coleford because its the middle of the Forest of Dean

We have an available site - five acres. Therefore, will not require more forest to be destroyed. This is central for the area considering the hospital in Gloucester

It's location with transport would be ideal, also it's centre of the Forest of Dean to serve Newent in the north and Sedbury in the south.

I think that the new community hospital should be in or near Lydney because

It has easier access via the A48 than Coleford and Cinderford which have more rural roads and are more affected by bad weather

biggest population and nearest shops

It will be near the main A48 which will provide good access to Bristol Gloucester and Cheltenham also easier to get to for both patients and staff in bad weather conditions.

It has good links to other areas of the forest and motor ways. It has less snow than up the forest so is always accessible for staff and patients.

its on the main road to hospital, good access in all weathers.

close to a48 local train station main route to gloucester less likely to have

road issues with bad weather

Accessability from acute hospitals and Forest

Lydney is easily reachable from all parts of the Forest as well as having good connections to M4 & M5 for deliveries etc. The population in Lydney is due to dramatically increase with the additional of hundreds more homes being built and an influx of people expected due to the Severn bridge tolls being axed.

Near A48, Easy to transfer to other hospitals etc, Forest not accessible, poor roads etc Lydney expansion,

when covering patients countywide Lydney is the easiest to get to from Gloucester, also increasing population in Lydney

It has easy access to the A48 trunk road for transporting patients to Glos + Bristol. Bus routes also good to Lydney.

Largest & growing population. Easy access to main trunk road ie A48, Least likely to become inaccessible due to inclement weather, great views over Severn estuary.

Lydney has easy access to the rest of the forest as well as Gloucester if transfers need to occur. Recent housing developments have caused an increased population in Lydney leaving a need for a new facility in the immediate area.

near the A48 for easy access to GRH, flat road in bad weather condition. for ambulances and members of the public to get too.

because it's on a main trunk road on a main bus route and in the middle of the acute hospitals GRH, CGH, BRI and the GWENT.

There is more space

Close to home and has industrial land to build upon

There is a rail and bus service & it is on the main stretch for The A48, with alternative route over the Severn bridge.

is too far out of other towns bad bus service

Lydney is on the A48 - it has the better of the transport links in the forest with buses and trains, it is a rapidly growing town with 1000's of new homes being built during bad weather winter conditions Lydney remained accessible at all times when roads were icy and snowy it also covers people down to the Welsh border a further 9 miles west of Lydney

It is easiest access for people whatever the weather conditions - Lydney is so big now it needs a hospital

Lydney is flat it has easy access whatever the weather; Lydney is massive now why should we not have one? why should it be taken away

I don't think either the Dilke or Lydney hospital should be closed, this is what the majority of FoD residents told you

Easy accessible roads from Cinderford & Coleford. Lydney has many housing developments going on & towns along the river can access Lydney easily

It has direct links with the A48.

It is the most accessible for the A48 and public transport links are good.

Access would be better to main hospitals eg GRH, BRI

Lydney appears to be the fastest growing forest town as far as residential building is concerned. It is situated on the A48 which is usually kept clear in adverse weather conditions making access to the hospital for patients and doctors much easier.

Of the close proximity to the A48 trunk road. This gives quick access to either Gloucester/Cheltenham hospitals or Bristol/South Wales. Lydney has a good train service together with a bus route to both Gloucester and Chepstow, with a community service available, i.e. Dial a Ride. Being on a major trunk road would benefit staff's accessibility all year round taking into account all weather conditions. A great number of houses are being built in Lydney and therefore a large community would benefit greatly from hospital facilities.

Lydney has excellent main road links stretching from Sedbury/Tutshill to Gloucester. This would provide safe travel for patients and family to and from the proposed site. Also, with the hundreds of houses being built at the top of Highfield Hill, Lydney will become the most populated town of the forest therefore more likely to need the services of an A&E unit/hospital. Furthermore, for those people reliant on public transport, Lydney has good bus and rail links for workers, family and volunteers. Finally, as evident, Lydney has a strong community willing to support, fund raise and continue established historical links with the Watts/Bathurst family towards the building of a new Lydney and District Hospital.

Better travel infrastructure it has a train station, bus station and is on the A48

It has easy access by road and public transport and is growing in population due to the proposed removal of the Severn Bridge tolls and the migration of people to the area

Because it's on a main trunk road, accessible to acute care hospitals, has access to public transport (train and bus) central to both Cinderford and Coleford. Better access in bad weather.

It's a nicer area than Cinderford or Coleford and less likely to have facilities damaged or ruined by drugs and there is an obvious problem with that in Cinderford and Coleford! Also we have lots of new housing estates being built and already have too much demand on our doctors and can't get appointments for weeks so the A&E will have to deal with people waiting for doctor's appointments instead of us having to go all the way to Gloucester.

As it's harder for me to get to Coleford or Cinderford and they haven't got

much in the way of buses that go regular on the weekends and if need help lay at night or afternoon on weekend will struggle to get to cinderford/ Coleford where as I know I can pop to Lydney hospital and they might not av a doctor but a nurse would be able to help me.

We have mai transport links. Train station and bus services.

it has the best access and facilities

Lydney has a straight road to Gloucester and can use Severn bridge quickly to get to Bristol if nessasary

I don't think the hospitals should be closing and reducing to one, however this is a central place with easy access to A48.

Accessible - near a48 and train station. Population size more than other locations, and significant housing developments and business developments. Continuity of care, as the community support that has been there for 136 years for the existing hospital will continue. High level of community support and engagement with the hospital.

the existing Lydney hospital and site was gifted to the community by the Bledisloe family. Though the hospital has been managed by the NHS for a number of years, it is not for the NHS to decide to close the hospital, move it to another location or sell and profit from the site. The population of Lydney is growing exponentially. In addition, there are excellent transport links from the west Forest and Lydney is close to the A48 for links to Gloucester, Bristol and Cheltenham.

Most accessible location for services to get to the new hospital at all times of the year, easy access for all staff, good access via public transport, highest projected population growth following Severn bridge toll removal, lots of space on bye pass to build and not interfere with town centre, but still good access to public transport.

Lydney has excellent road access. The town is expanding rapidly. There is a choice of suitable sites.

Easier Road links

Lydney has better road links to specialist hospitals e.g., Gloucester or Bristol. Lydney is very rarely affected by blocked roads due to inclement weather in the winter like the Forest.

We are close to Trina and bus routes making it accessible. Also when it snows very difficult to get out of lydney to go elsewhere. Lydney is also being deprived of many facilities and don't feel a hospital should be one of them.

The ambulance station is close by, there is more room on bypass for a hospital to go and not effect town life, more and more houses are being built in Lydney with no room in surgerys. 3 week wait for a blood test in either doctor's surgery.

Easier transport access.

Faster route to Gloucester should someone need emergency care

The increase in housing in the area will cause lengthy waits at other hospitals e.g Gloucester. A hospital is needed to support the increased numbers in Lydney.

the best road access for patients, ambulances or medical staff, and direct straight main road to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol in emergencies/emergency

Lydney is close to motorways and A48 to Gloucester and to motorway. Also on most bus services. Using minor roads Lydney is easy to access.

Lydney is on the main A48/ public transport is better (both train and bus) is

Lydney is furthest from Gloucester hospital and we have a huge increase in housing ergo huge increase in people who would have to use the already congested roads to get to GRH

Of good access to the A48

Access is so good from A48 and railway. A very large population which is growing rapidly

Convenience to MIU off the A48 even in bad weather Near railway & bus stations

Stronger transport routes to and from Gloucester

Lydney has the best transport links including a train station

I wouldn't want to lose the convenience

I think the new hospital should be in Lydney. Everyone is used to it being there.

Access- in poor weather and major road links to A&E

It is the hub of the forest

Because it's the only one I can access with public transport. I live in Sedbury, public transport is very limited. I cannot reach Cinderford at all and the Coleford bus runs rarely during the week. Once all the new houses are built in Lydney there will be a huge population explosion which will require a bigger hospital. The Monmouthshire hospitals will be reduced as they are moving to Cwmbran, so we are, as people living on the outskirts of the forest disenfranchised for medical use. I also cannot understand why you don't keep both hospitals and properly service the area with its ever expanding population as GRH is at capacity

It is accessible from all areas in the forest and lies next to the main road, giving good connections to both Gloucester and Bristol. Also, the roads in Lydney are easier to access and deal with traffic during busy times. There is also a local train station that could be good access.

Lydney has access to the main road connecting to Gloucester, Bristol and Newport. It is accessible to a train station and in general is a better location

for the Forest

There are better road links along the A48 & plans for many more houses to be built in the area.

Lydney has easy access to the main road to Gloucester & Bristol; there is a railway station and bus service. It is the most logical choice.

The A48 easy access to Gloucester to M5 - M5 to London, Bristol, anywhere. Also Cinderford and Coleford are very difficult to get to and from in bad weather, the A48 is always kept clear

It is convenient for all the Forest and easily accessible

Lydney is a fast growing town and supports a growing population. It is also on a main road. We also need more beds not less

I live in Lydney but I believe that this is the best place for a larger hospital. Easier to get to from any other town, better roads but may need more public transport. Lydney is the largest town with many more houses being built. Along the Lydney by pass would be ideal

It's near the A48 which links to Cepstow / Bristol - motorway links and hospitals in Bristol. Also access via A40 to Gloucester / Cheltenham hospital is straight through. Public transport / Hospital bus could be provided to link Mitcheldean / Cinderford / Coleford to Lydney, for public to use. Newent? Nearer to hospitals in Gloucester/ Cheltenham. Better road maintenance needed

Because it would be easier to get to on public transport. Due to the amount of building works, seem to have the greater amount of people and their is viable land to build on

Lydney has the best access by public transport. Regular bus service from Alvington. Railway station for visiting relatives living outside of the Forest of Dean. Good Public transport all year round including winter. Other areas can be cut off in the snow. Highest population growth is in Lydney. There is a steady increase in the elderly population in Lydney with new housing developments there are a lot of young families with children. There are no other hospitals easily accessible to Lydney by public transport

Population seems to be growing in Lydney. Good bus service to Lydney. Fairly central in the forest

Due to the very large increase in new homes in the area up to 100 houses, meaning the population will increase possibly by 4000 heads. Access to the A48 is very good with I understand land is available for building with easy access for ambulance

Access to this area / location is far better than any other location. Also bearing in mind future needs ie, Motorways, Rail routes etc. Much easier access

Access off the A48 is easier than the other 2 proposed locations

The present site is accessible from the forest especially those in the south

It has a pleasant view over the estuary and could be developed using the present buildings as a familiar and good base for further departments. It should not be too large but fit into the area's ambience giving a friendly feel to the hospital and its surrounds

Of the good bus service that runs through Bream to Lydney and Lydney is nearer than the options at Coleford or Cinderford

We are elderly people my husband and myself and would find it difficult to get to Cinderford or Coleford. We live a mile out of Lydney and have only 2 buses per day

Very few buses from Lydney to Coleford and Cinderford and would need public transport to get to the hospital. I am 88 and can't walk a big distance

Due to better infrastructure regarding transport local to Sedbury, Coleford and Cinderford. Most people living Mitcheldean and Newent would use GRH

Lydney has the largest population and is growing rapidly. Has better transport links

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Good transport, growing population, popular location, excellent support for years, the best choice.

Largest population and will be even larger plus 3 factories working 24/7

Access for transportation, greatest employment and housing, only train station for the forest, access for emergency services to other hospitals, situated on the major road, the third Severn crossing will begin at Lydney, Lydney in the next two years will become the principal town for the forest,

Lydney has the largest population and the highest growth rate. It has good road links to the major hospitals at Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bristol and good rail links for travel for patients/visitors, there is plenty of car parking and a well funded and active league of friends.

Better local facilities and better all year access especially in winter

Main road access to motorway and major routes if treatment is required urgently at city hospitals

It will have the largest population and people attend the hospital from a wide area including Sedbury and Beachley even if they should go to Chepstow. Excellent rail and road systems, access to major hospitals easy including Bristol, excellent sites on offer.

The population on Lydney is due to increase over the next four years with new houses being built at the top of Highfield Hill and proposed new large development at Allaston Mead. The general population of the Forest of Dean is increasing because people are living longer - one cause of this we do not have any colliery workers anymore. We have a good league of friends at Lydney who would continue to support the hospital in Lydney

Due to the following reasons 1) The population growth within the local area and the continued growth due to the expansion of housing in the area. 2) Close to A48 with a swift access to major hospitals in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bristol 3) unrivalled League of Friends

Lydney is becoming a bigger town. It's very busy and population is growing. more houses are being built therefore more people need treatment

Largest forest growth in population. Close to A48. Railway station in Lydney

The a48 is a main route to both Gloucester and Bristol for good access to major hospitals for transferring patients. The massive housing developments in Lydney are increasing number of people, young and old will be needing the hospital n the outskirts of Lydney there would be space for a heli pad for helicopters for fast easy transport to other hospitals. There are satisfactory public transport links to other towns from Lydney but these may need to be improved

It is easy to get to. It's a good road to get from this side of Gloucester

I can reach Lydney by bus so ok for me but not for the rest of the forest

There is already a facility there which can be improved on

Lydney is a growing community and has the highest single poplulation in the Forest. It is accessible along the A48 corridor and from all areas of the Forest

It is fully accessible by public transport and is the most connected to other nearby locations such as Chepstow.

1. Biggest population and it is increasing. 2. Better public transport to/from Gloucester. 3. Easy access from Chepstow.

Largest Forest population and highest growth rate Most accessible road – A48 Good connection to major hospitals Best all weather access Availability of large adjacent sites Adequate car parking Main line station Well-funded and active League of Friends

Lydney is the largest conurbation with the biggest population, close to major road and rail arteries and likely to increase in size with new housing schemes. It is likely to be more attractive as a workplace than either Coleford or Cinderford.

Ease of acces to major centres; best access in bad weather; very active and extremely well supported Friends organisation; large areas of land for new building available near bypass/main road access to Gloucester, Bristol, Newport hospitals; fast growing residential development

Its central to the population

The town is developing rapidly with an extra 1800 homes being built, more land being available for industry and an influx of people from Bristol due to bridge tolls being abolished, which will mean even more houses.

Fast access from all FOD locations Growing population Busv industrial

activity. Easy bad weather access

It is the most accessible and with the new developments will probably have the largest population

it is most accessible for all the forest in all weathers by road and rail and as the largest population also there is good site for building on .

Best transport links (road & rail). Approx. 1000 new homes in process so largest population growth.

I am 86 and have no transport other than a bike.

Best transport links A48, train etc. Lots of new housing being built which requires a new community hospital.

Great location for the entire Forest with good transport links. Other hospitals are difficult to get too.

Weather prevails access to a48

Access to A49, train station, largest population, very active league of friends, availability of adequate car parking, availability of large adjacent sites, best all weather access and rapid onward access to hospitals in Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Hereford

Transport links are best for both patients and staff. Also if you take in the whole of the geographical area Lydney services including Sedbury and Beachley it is central to the region

its more accessible especially if it snows, there is not a good public transport in the area .

We already have a hospital there and it is so needed. And more facilities added to hospital

Just because

Good transport links from across the Forest, new housing developments will swell the population, active league of Friends, Good connection to major hospitals, and access to A 48.

It's so close to the A48 which is a major road leading to M5M4 without having to negotiate forest roads first which can add time

There is a good hospital in Gloucester and Lydney is the furthest location away from Gloucester. This would give a reasonable coverage for the forest.

We have the A48 and it is more accessible for others coming from the inner towns.

Lydney is a central location for a lot of the forest and isn't cut off by bad weather.

It's ideal for Gloucester and Bristol

access to roads and transport is far easier

I think we still need both Hospitals, there is hardly any public transport from the forest so people need to have access to a Hospital in walking distance. From a personal perspective my family would like it to be in Lydney as we have used the local hospital hundreds of times over the years and to lose it would be devastating to the local community. It is a fantastic facility with amazing staff. Please don't take it away!!

Again like many rural dwellers I have no car don't drive and no "POP UP PAL or FAMILY to chauffeur me. I spend over £300 annually now to get to a surgery & hospitals. IF one does NOT attend surgery that is walk-able within your stated 20 minute- 30 min or your stated times for driving (on GCC maps) god knows what route taken= 5-15 mins (!) it can take over 2 hours using 4 buspick A48 which has an hourly bus service (at present that may change). Between Lydney docks and Taurus Crafts.

It is accessible from both Cinderford / Coleford by public transport. It has good road links to Gloucester for onward transport. It has the target population better local facilities for visitors. Can remain open in bad weather plenty of large sites available.

Lydney has largest population in the Forest and is set to grow further with continue programme of house building. Lydney is well placed in terms of accessibility, close to major roads to facilitate transfer to other hospitals and has a railway station enabling staff and visitors access to the facility

2nd Choice as also next to A48 but further from Gloucester

If more advanced care and treatment is needed it would have easy access to the A48 to Bristol or Gloucester

It is a long distance from Gloucester. Good road links to Gloucester and Bristol for Emergency care. Expected increase in population when the bridge toll finishes and lots of new build. Needs to have improved public transport with Coleford and Cinderford

It is closest to the A48 (main road) it has the biggest growth in housing. It is the closest to the railway station. It is away from small country roads. Existing Lydney site too small. New hospital should be close to by pass (A48) on land between Golf Course and roundabout to Lydney station and Harbour. The Derelict industrial site would be good but presume railway line precludes that. Although could be accessed from A48 side??

Like many other elderly persons. I rely on limited public transport and a concessionary bus pass to access health facilities. I can only attend appointments in Lydney during restricted times to suit public transport. Visiting daughters and close family can access Lydney by rail and or motorway. Census roll indicated Lydney had highest population compared with Coleford & Cinderford and is an old person's location. FOD strategy (revitalisation plan identifies Lydney as the principal development location for employment and housing. This significant growth is attracting families with young children. Lydney neighbourhood Development Plan (2015) states Lydney has best communications of Forest towns. My access to health appointments beyond Lydney is severely restricted by connecting

bus services

Lack of public transport into the Forest Areas of easy access to Gloucester and Bristol. Good roads to both towns. The A48 is always kept snow free in winter. If built up into the forest, the roads are fairly narrow with hazards of wild boar, sheep and other wild animals roaming the roads causing accidents. As for winter time the roads are mostly blocked when snow has fallen and winter gales bring the trees down over the roads

NO! Note Lydney is not accessible by bus for Cinderford

Looking at map Lydney seems to be equi distance between Sedbury, Coleford, Cinderford, Mitcheldean and Newent nad Glocuester. also access from local hospital to GRH or bristol better along A48

Of all the new houses being built and close to A48 major road to Gloucester and Cheltenham hospitals. The population will increase by about 4 - 5000 in next 2 years

It has the best transport links, road and rail, which are more likely to remain open in times of bad weather.

there are the better transport links

There is available space on one bypass which is flat. Easier access for emergency vehicles especially in winter months, when at sometimes the forest is inaccessible due to bad weather. The main roads are always kept open. Plus all the new houses on the bypass will increase the amount of people living here.

It will be in a location where everyone in the Forest of Dean is close to hopsital facilities (A&E). As Cinderford and Newent can attend Gloucester easily in distance as well where people in Sedbury would have to travel longer distances. The Toll reduction from the severn bridge makes Lydney / Sdbury an ideal location to settle and with large expansion of dwells happening or will happen in the future. There is great highway access from the Forest to Lydney area.

Best transport links. Less likely to be effected by snow

The hospital needs to have access to the A48. Lydney is also expanding at a very fast rate, so the demand for a local hopsital is even more vital

Lydney is growing rapidly and seems the most suitable place

Lydney is furthest away from Gloucester and Cheltenham and is the most accessible in bad weather conditions. It is most convenient for Forest of Dean patients

More houses being built so a rise in population. Also a straight run to Gloucester on A48 especially in bad weather

Lydney is situated on a main road (A48) and is easily accessible. Cinderford and Coleford are frequently inaccessible in winter, due to snow when Lydney is not. Lydeny is quickly developing with numerous housing developments. There is no bus service from our village to Cinderford or

Coleford

I am nearly 80 and care for my husband who is nearly 82 and has alzheimers and mobility problems. A hospital at Lydney would aid us most, being on A48 with easier access to public transport

I dont. It is on the edge of the forest and is not central

Better transport links including the train station, buses and quicker access to the M5. It will be easier for the elderly in my village (Bream) but otherwise Cinderford and Coleford would also do

Lydney is close to major villages, bream, whitecroft and Yorkley. It has good transport links - train and bus. People could access Lydney from Chepstow area already a hospital there with local staff so transfer easier. Good motorway links (for the forest)

Looking at page 8 and the area of the forest of Dean, I believe that the hospital be Lydney. It has a main route to Gloucester, Chepstow and Bristol for emergencies. It isnt usually affected by bad weather eg Cinderford, Coleford everything stops

Road access is better. People from Mitcheldean and Newent and Cinderford would prefer to go to GRH. That leaves Coleford, Lydney and Sedbury. The centre being Lydney

It is realtively easy to get to from all parts of the Forest (remember FoD includes down to Sedbury, Tidenham etc). Lydney is also in the middle of huge house building program, and there needs to be an infrastructure (including health provision) to cater for this. Cinderford (IMHO too far north) residents can either travel to Lydney, or to Gloucester, and Coleford is not suitable.

Lydney looks the ideal place looking at the map. you have to remember we cover down to Chepstow. The other side of the Forest have a choice to go to GRH or Forest hospital. this side needs access to a hospital too

It should stay in Lydney. Best place for hopsital and easier to get to

Likewise

Becuae the other two are in the wrong location. Lydney covers all the A48 and easy access to the other 2

It's easy for me to get to it. This may sound selfish and biased, it obviously is!

Near the industrial Quayside where they are numerous discarded factory buildings. Plenty of space for parking. It is situated on outskirts of Lydney therefore good for traffic congestion avoidance. Please ensure you visit the site to investigate possibilities

Lydney will not lose the excellent hospital facility it already has. Lydney town is expanding rapidly with new housing. Lydney has good road links into the forest and to gloucester and Bristol. Lydney is less likely to be cut off by snowfall

no - Bad for Cinderford area

Lydney is on the A48 goes communications, probably patients in Newent and Mitcheldean will go to Gloucester Royal anyway. Also a great deal of new housing in Lydney. There should be land available on the by pass but bus transport would have to be provided (shuttle bus from Lydney bus station?)

Lydney IS NOT central enough to the Forest of Dean, where many areas are rural. I believe putting the hospital here would not be inclusive for the vulnerable members such as the elderly. A more central location would be more inclusive to the Forest of Dean which is rural such as Coleford or Cinderford which has good public transport links. It would improve either area in terms of prosperity and jobs

It would be difficult to travel to Coleford and Cinderford. Cinderford would be harder than Gloucester. Bus from here to Lydney only 2 hourly service. Then another wait for bus to travel further. New houses being built in Lydney will increase the population. Main road to Gloucester with easy reach to Lydney as people often have to go to main Gloucester Hospital. To have to first go elsewhere and then be sent on to Gloucester means I would go straight to Gloucester and not make a bus detour to Cinderford or Coleford

I have done some research on numbers of residents in Lydney and District compared to the other possible two sites. Lydney including Blakeney, Woolaston, Aylburton, Whitecroft, Parkend, Bream, Pillowell, Alvington and other hamlets have just over 30,000 residents and with the current rapid extension and the Severn Bridge tolls soon to go I suspect we will soon be approaching 35,000 residents. Coleford and its surrounding villages have around 10,00 residents and similarly Cinderford have 18,000. It is therefore a no brainer that Lydney should be the location of the new hospital as it is situated on the A48 with the best links to other major hospitals.

There are plans to extend housing and this will bring in large influx of people to Lydney - also when the tolls come off the Severn bridge this will impact on Lydney. Also it is on a direct main road to Gloucester and Cheltenham hospitals making it easier to use public transport

Largest residential area of FOD district and with development still ongoing. Easy access from Sedbury also a growing population. Suggested sites on or close to A48 giving easy access by road or public transport (bus and rail) Mid distance between Gloucester and Bristol main hospitals. Other possible locations do not make sense

It is closer to the A48 and more accessible for everyone

Area/Town with highest predicted growth rate, accessible trunk road, rapid onward connection to major hospital ideal large sites with parking co locate with other services, rail service for staff and visitors well established 'friends' with funds the north of FOD will use Tewkesbury/Glos/Cheltenham/Hereford.

As a ever quickly expanding area, with new homes being built we need extra facilities to deal with this. It also has the major bypass from Gloucester to Bristol/Wales etc for links with hospitals further afield. May also be able to link in with the new radiology dept at existing Lydney hospital and the other well equipped depts.

Lydney is a fast growing town and the infrastructure is superior to that of other towns in the Forest of Dean also Lydney is accessible in severe weather conditions.

Lydney town has a direct rail link to all major hospitals including bus and the quickest routes

Lydney because of the access to GRH and Bristol hospitals i.e. Southmead and Bristol children's hospital

Lydney is on a major road has good public transport access and is en route to other hospitals, e.g. Gloucester, Bristol etc. access is good for both staff and patients in good and inclement weather and with its proximity to industrial sites can save a lot of time in treating minor work related injuries.

Lydney town is a fast growing population and especially with bridge tolls ceasing and the link to all nearby towns

That's where I live, anywhere else means travelling on B roads often narrow and with sheep and boar hazards

It is easy to get to and Lydney needs a hospital with all the new homes going up in the area.

When there is bad weather it is still accessible, also makes it accessible by road or rail

I think Lydney

It is located on the main road through the Forest of Dean also more public transport options available

There are better transport & road links which support access

On the A48 would be the best location as it is more accessible

Lydney is currently building more and more housing. It takes a long time to get to GRH and it's almost impossible to get to the Dilke unless you drive or have a fortune to spend on taxis.

It's easy to get to and has transport links. It's also ideally situated for transfers on to Gloucester, Cheltenham or Bristol.

Lydney is too far out

They should not close current hospitals

Obviously by living in Lydney, it is my choice! On the main A48. Access would be better in bad weather! But Coleford people will say Coleford and Cinderford would say Cinderford! People, who live outside the three towns, will be the most influential having no interest in the main towns!

Everyone knows where the hospital is good location why does this hospital need to be shut

It should be central to population distribution & have good road links to Gloucester

Large population in Lydney and transport links to it

There will be better access as the A48 goes straight through to Gloucester & the motorway in case of any emergencies. Also much easier to get to from all places in the forest

We are a long way from any other hospital

It would be easy to access.

More houses are being built here, therefore, more people living locally

It's on the main route to towns in the forest and easily accessible to all. There are several suitable sites. A hospital is invaluable to everyone in the community and is well used (and needed) by local schools etc.

There is the easiest access to public transport, for families to visit. It has the easier direct road to Gloucester royal and is easy to find for any out of county relatives or staff.

It has the best transport connections to other major hospitals, projected largest population growth.

Lydney is the main town for the Forest of Dean & has the main A48 road running through it. It would be easy & quicker to get to.

It is reasonably close to where I live. I used to live very close to Southmead hospital, Bristol and have experienced the impact of building works going on there. One of the areas that were criticised greatly were parking facilities at the hospital - 1) Costs - I disagree with charging 2) Volume - not enough spaces for both staff and visitors alike 3) I have never had problems as I have always parked on nearby streets (for free) when visiting patients in there

Like Coleford we in Lydney are the farthest away from Gloucester and Cheltenham hospitals, and buses between Coleford / Lydney / Gloucester are only every hour, whereas Coleford / Cinderford / Gloucester are every 30 minutes. If our bus breaks down it then takes 2 hours to get to Gloucester which is not good for mothers with very young children visiting hospitals who have to travel on buses

Most frequent bus services from other areas such as Coleford, Cinderford etc terminate at Lydney bus station, including buses from / to Gloucester and Alvington and beyond from outlying villages on A48 between Chepstow and Lydney. Also roads are wider and there is a direct route to Gloucester hospital via A48 if needed by ambulance teams from Lydney. More housing is being developed in Lydney - means more people. Cinderford and Coleford are seriously affected by winter snowfalls and make transport difficult or even impossible when heavy snow falls occur. No good when

struggling to get to a hospital in those areas

Lydney has the highest population and predicted growth rate, close to the A48, railway station for staff and visitors. Excellent league of friends, active and well funded. Available sites with adequate parking

Proximity to A48

More convenient - easily reached by public transport, specifically in the winter or bad weather. Roads to Coleford and Cinderford more difficult

If possible enlarge this hospital as well

i live in lydney

The present Lydney hospital should stay open as it an excellent place for an A&E. Do not close this hospital

within close promimity to the A48 which will benefit all surrounding areas

On main A48 good access to bus / train station. Population growth. Busy industrial estates with 3 businesses working 24/7. current infrastructure and "friends" organisation

Easy access for emergency vehicles to and from Gloucester / Bristol. In bad weather nothing moves in or out of Coleford and Cinderford. Public transport offers good links from Cinderford to Gloucester

Increase in new build houses. Toll on severn bridge to be removed end of this year, so will increase population. Excellent access for Southmead Hospital BRI and GRH. Excellent access for forest and A48. Forest gets cut off during winter and no public transport. Lydney always accessible in all weather conditions and good transport

NO New Hospital - upgrade present ones with extra beds. Lydney extended into field behind car park. Northern quarter unsafe terrain. Dilke extended using more surrounding land or adding a storey

It should be sited in the area with best road links to other areas of the Forest and with the future largest population. Populations of the 3 main towns from 2011 census were Lydney 8776, Cinderford 10,059, Coleford 5109. From Lydney Development plan, 1900 new homes are planned by 2026. At an occupany of 2.5 per household, this gives a population increase of 4750 larger than any planned developments in the other areas. In addition, the removal of toll charges on severn crossings will result in a large increase in the travel to work area from bristol which will concentrate around Lydney. A site along the Lydney bypass would be within 20 minutes drive of all centres of the Forest. Travel time to Gloucester in case of the need of transfers is 31 minutes from this area, 34 from Coleford and 24 from Cinderford. I have excluded Newent from all considerations as that town is only 17 minutes from Gloucester and would continue to use Gloucester as its main local hospital. Siting the hospital anywhere else than Lydney might please whoever lives near the new site but would fail to do the right thing for the area. No matter where it is sited, there will be a roar of disapproval from the other areas!

It has the larger population which will be augmented when the new developments now ongoing are finished with others in the pipeline. Also it is more accessible to major roads systems particularly in bad weather

It's on a main A road and not a B road so access will be easier in winter. There's more public transport in and around Lydney. There are thousands of new homes being built in Lydney where people will need easy access to a hospital. Visits to A&E in Gloucester have increased by 3.5% so bigger local hospitals are vital. Rebuild both Lydney and Dilke instead of one smaller hospital with less beds

With the closure of Lydney and Dilke it should be centralised as much as possible

it has the best access but really I would prefer both original hospitals to stay as they are.

Good transport links and I work in Gloucester therefore easy to get too on the way home from work and not too far from my home so I can have lifts etc

It is growing expansive town which serves many communities along the A48 towards Chepstow Sedbury being the furthest and villages to the south of the Forest. There is not a regular bus route to Cinderford and Coleford finishes early evening. It is vital for Lydney housing expansion that the resources and infrastructure that the community need are easily accessible.

No

Lydney

It will serve the majority of the Dean as it the best access by road & rail !

Better direct transport links to other hospitals such as Gloucester and Bristol so when things go wrong quicker transfer times,

Very difficult to get into Cinderford in bad weather, Lydney seems to suffer the least with snow etc.

The existing hospital serves the area well; it has good transport links with access to A48 and rail access. Also Lydney has the largest population in the forest area.

It's where I live, and is a growing town.

Easiest town to get to in the forest.

I have no means of transport other than a bike

Lydney is the biggest town with the biggest population

It easier for more people to get to

Highest population, best road and rail links to rest of country, best local Health Centre

Lydney is a growing community and has ideal locations to site a new hospital including the necessary infrastructure. The road system is less

vulnerable to bad weather conditions particularly when blue light urgent transport is required.

It is on a main arterial route for people living along the A48 as well as being accessible for people living in cinderford and coleford

It's the most central. Has a by pass so would help avoid congestion in the towns.

Central in the forest and easy access for all in surrounding areas.

Good access to the forest area and most central. Has always had a well supported and used hospital. Roads are good and easier to access when bad weather e.g snow. Cinderford and Coleford are worse in snow and more cut off.

Because Lydney is on the A48 which is the main road between Gloucester and Chepstow. This would make better accessibility to morning people than either Coleford or Cinderford.

Disagree, Lydney isn't as easy to access from the north of the district

With strong transport links (bus, train, A48) and joining roads throughout the forest, Lydney would be the most accessible place for the hospital.

Of transport links to the area via the A48 and other connecting roads making it an easy place to access.

It is a logical place given that it is easily accessible by main road and already has a hospital site which could be built on and improved.

I think it should be in Lydney. We have a lot more houses being built, and we are the furthest away from T away from Gloucester.

Most sensible place to put it and great road to use as forest roads are not safe with wild life on roads

It is harder to get public transport from Lydney than from Coleford or Cinderford for people unable to drive

Lots of new houses being built, so lots of people here. We are furthest away from Gloucester and transport to GRH is very limited. We have room in Lydney to build or extend a hospital without adding to the problems on the A48 road. It makes sense for the hospital to be in Lydney.

I think Lydney is best suited for the new hospital; it is easily reached by both car and public transport. Whereas during severe winter weather, both Coleford and Cinderford may be cut off

It is an ever expanding town based on excellent road and rail routes which means links to Gloucester easier for further support if needed.

Easy access

The money allocated should be used on the existing hospital. This will facilitate patients living in the locality right up to Gloucester and down towards Chepstow.

Lydney is the fastest growing town and will eventually have more people than the other towns combined

Transport Links to the Forest and main cities

It is the best location because it is the easiest place to access the major road to Gloucester and Bristol

Lydney is more central. Accessible ie A48. Better accessibility when weather is bad. Easier access to bristol, Gloucester, Cardiff should more in depth medical services are required. Better catchment area

Because it is easier to get to by both public transport and by car, especially during periods of severe winter weather

So many new houses are arriving in the area increasing the population

Lydney is the furthest from Gloucester hospital therefore it's only fair it should be near lydney. There are no direct buses from Lydney to get to cinderford

It is expanding very rapidly and is easy to get to

Lydney is a good location and with new housing developments in the area the population of Lydney is obviously forever increasing. It's a central position within the forest and has easy access to Gloucester Royal

Good road connections to other parts of the forest area. Housing development s are increasing the town's size also.

Easier access can't get to other towns

Lydney hospital belongs to the people of Lydney and the surrounding areas and if it weren't for the people of Lydney and surrounding areas and the up of Malvern what's Lydney hospital would have been closed a long time ago

It is where I live and one of the bidders locations

Because Lydney already has a great hospital and it should stay in Lydney

Should replace the old one if you are taking it away

Its on a main road that is not affected by adverse weather, also if needed , transfer to a major hospital is quicker, Bristol or Gloucester

Lydney is experiencing rapid growth in housing and, therefore, in population. At present, there is no development in the infrastructure to accommodate this increase ie school places, GP practices etc. A new hospital in the area would help to serve the immediate population and it would be in the best place to connect to the major hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham. The hospital needs to be close to the A48, the main road artery into the forest, for ease of access for staff, patients and visitors. Having a rail connection in the town is a so important. The A48 is the first road in the area to be cleared in snow, giving good access at all times. It seems that there must be a number of suitable sites close to the Lydney bypass on land at present not eat marked for housing.

It has the largest population and is set to grow with all the housing developments that are currently underway

Easy access by public transport, largest population, town is growing rapidly.

Public transport timetables are so poor within the Forest and residents especially the elderly may have to rely on others for appointments. Regular bus services need to be thought of too to make this viable which ever town is decided but preferably keep the one in Lydney after all the fundraising efforts through the years, Melville Watts would turn in his grave!

The access from the A48 and the ability to get there from all over the Forest in all weathers makes this the best choice. Also the population growth of Lydney over the next 25 years will be greater than anywhere else in the Forest district.

A new hospital in Lydney would be beneficial to the community, there is already a very efficient hospital (desperately need to be updated). Lydney growing so quickly the need for a new hospital is desperate

We have Lydney hospital which is used by a lot of people and is part of our community. I have used it and know people that have used it several times. Lydney also has a large amount of people that need to hospital and people from Bream Whitecroft Pillowell Yourself Aylburton Wollaston etc would use the hospital in Lydney not just people from Lydney itself

This is a growing town with many more houses being built and facilities have to match that growth.

It is most central

Lydney is growing with all the extra housing and we need a hospital close by. It's on the A48 so easy to get to. Lydney is a dying town and we need more in it to help it grow

Living close to Chepstow the only possible way of reaching is by public transport and that only leaves Lydney as an option. However I'm positive the location has already been chosen and they will not be anywhere near my location and I believe it will be Cinderford.

Best road access, railway station, much less chance of issues with snow,

More public transport into Lydney

As a Lydney person from birth there's always been a hospital in our town which fund raising has been done to keep it going, I've personally used it many times as well as family, it's a very fast growing town, Lydney is a great location as it's near A48 and easy for people to get to, the buses from Lydney into the Forest are not great for people with no transport or family to rely on

Easy to get to from everywhere in the Forest

Lydney, for fast track to Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham hospitals.

Nearer my home easier to get to

It is the most accessible option

Biggest population & best road links

A48 and train station

Lydney due good access when there is bad weather.

Easier to get to another hospital e.g. Gloucester or Bristol if a health issue is too serious to treat at the local hospital and a patient needs to be transferred quickly. Lydney has better transport links e.g. train station for visitors or staff from other locations. Weather normally better, not such adverse weather conditions in winter as in Coleford and Cinderford for staff and visitors.

Direct access to A48, land has been gifted!

It is nearer to a good road link to Gloucester and Bristol

Population size. Major road access. Public transport inc buses, trains.

It is a better place for the hospital to be as it has more space.

It is on the A48. Easier access for forest people.

Lydney has better access in terms of buses and train access for people who cannot drive themselves. Lydney is a prime location as it has easy road links to all other parts of the Forest of Dean.

Lydney is expanding

It is easier to access for most people due to being on the A48 and public transport is good

It has the largest population and is expanding.

Lydney is growing quickly, and will grow exponentially once the Severn Crossing charges are dropped. I regularly attend both Lydney and Gloucester Royal hospitals.

This side of the county needs to be better served. Areas closer to Gloucester are served by Gloucester itself.

Any new provision should complement existing services and should be accessible to all. The north of the FOD area is served by Gloucester and other places and so any new facility must be readily accessible to the south end of the FoD. The ONLY location that fulfills that criteria with its transport links and centre of population is Lydney. Coleford does not have suitable transport links and Cinderford is too far north within the area.

It is more easily accessible throughout the year.

It has the best transport and communication links, the largest portion of the population of the area and is the most accessible of the three locations both by road, rail and public transport. The town is easily approached from all directions and, importantly, easy to navigate once you are there.

It would be more convenient for people from Sedbury, Beachley, Tutshill and Tidenham. Consideration should be given to improving the public

transport links between these areas and the new hospital in order to make it more accessible for the whole population.

Easy access, best roads, transport, biggest population density, easiest to locate and close to Gloucester

because of its fast access to all areas and the size of the increased Lydney population

the hub of the forest

Accessibility. Not far for all forest locations and most direct links to Gloucester and Bristol if referral necessary.

It has the largest population of the three locations and offers the best transport links by road and rail.

it offers the best access and is the largest of the three towns.

Buses to anywhere else than Lydney are poor.

When my mum was moved from GRH to the Dilke there were no direct buses or trains I did not see her for 2 weeks until she transferred to Lydney. Thank god for Lydney

The southern corner of the Forest of Dean is furthest from any of the services.

Accessibility,

It is the closest to a main road making it the easiest to get to regardless of which mode of transport is used. It would be the quickest if onward transport by ambulance to a bigger hospital was needed. There is a railway station at Lydney which would be of benefit to people having to travel from a further distance to the area.

There has always been a hospital in Lydney. People around the forest are already used to using a hospital in Lydney.

It is a central site. It has transport links with bus and train station. It is the fastest growing population in the forest.

Lydney has main roads from all over the forest and direct to Gloucester Bristol for trauma issues.

There are many direct routes to the town

It is the only FOD town I can get to and back from by bus from Woolaston. It is the most populated area therefore this will benefit the most people. It would be safer for all, because we could be sent on to Gloucester or Bristol much more easily than from the other FOD locations.

One of the most central areas in the forest of Dean. It remains wholly accessible in poor weather whereas Coleford and Cinderford can become hard to reach in adverse conditions. There are regular buses from the rest of the forest allowing access to facilities by the majority of the forest population.

Living on the edge of the forest of dean it would be very difficult as elderly residents to get to either Cinderford or Coleford by public transport

The population is greater and it has easy access to the A48

This location would be more accessible for people from Sedbury area on the very edge of the Forest of Dean, who tend to get forgotten.

A48 road

Road links make it the most accessible hospital particularly in the winter when Cinderford and Coleford can be cut off for both staff and patients

Bus service. Dial a ride, railway station. Close to motorways and A roads for ambulances to other hospitals if special care needs arise

Better access to both Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bristol hospitals if needs be. Public transport, however is a problem anywhere in the Forest of Dean "if you don't have your own transport it is difficult wherever the new hospital is sited

If on by pass easy to get to and plenty of parking plus train station

In reality it's the only town with main road A48 in winter times only road open sometimes (snow)? Also another bridge across the Severn (must) by built soon. 5000 more houses built !? 3 cars per house 15000 Cars commuting every day along A48

Disagree

Access to A48 all weather road for rapid transfer to GRH in an emergency

It is situated on the A48 with easy access to other major hospitals and into the forest. This road is also kept open during bad winters, unlike the Forest, last winter being an example with the closure of the Dilke. Better access for staff, Drs and visitors who can travel by road or rail, Lydney having its own train station. The large areas of land available for the hospital, which are close to the A48, have been gifted therefore saving the NHS the cost of purchasing land. There is and will be a large increase in population of allages now and in the future due to housing developments and the cessation of the bridge tolls. Therefore the number of beds must be increased

Easy access, from across the forest, many sporting facilities in the area too

Density of the population is centred around Chepstow. Transport infrastructure / access is superior especially with A48. Expectation of major housing proposals for the SW area

We are the most neglected area (Sedbury / Beachley / Tutshill) for public transport in FOD area. Therefore the nearer a hospital is built to this area the better for all. This area seems to be forgotten altogether. Ref " sharing views" in this leaflet, only once is Sedbury given a chance to all its views

Best transport links and access to A48 North and South Large new housing

developments space exists around the site to expand and provide adequate car parking. BUT existing road access must be improved at Bream road / Tesco Junction. EG widening and traffic lights

It would be close to my husband and I. I am my husbands carer

It is neither Dilke or Lydney and more fair. Central to all areas of the Forest of Dean. Good bus route. Berry hill would be perfect site - surrounding forestry land which is beneficial to impatientes

It's on a48 so easy access. Growing population.

This is where we already have a good usable hospital that if you split the money available between Lydney and The Dilke in Cinderford we could have 2 brilliant uptodate hospitals either side of the Forest

It's easy to access from the a48 for being th the public and staff and if needed can easily transport patients to Bristol or Gloucester

More accessibility and better transport links from other locations in the Forest of Dean

It's closer to rail links and the A48

It is right on a major trunk road, allowing easy access

Lydney because it the main artery of the forest

Near to main A48

Easiest to get to along a48

Better access links and more suitable land.

The original hospital is there, used my so many already and lydney is one of the most accessible places in the forest.

I wouldn't be able to get to another location as I don't have access to a car.

Lydney is growing rapidly with the large amount of new homes being built; therefore it makes sense to have the new hospital near or in the area with the greatest population. Lydney has better access to Gloucester via the A48 making it easier to transfer patients if needed. Lydney very rarely gets cut off if it snows, both Cinderford and Coleford do.

It's easier to access from the a48

best place

I can walk to the hospital

It is easily accessible for local villages

Lydney is best placed for a new hospital due to the excellent road links to the major hospitals ie Gloucester royal and south mead hospitals, easy access off Lydney bypass would be ideal.

Lydney is growing all the time the population is increasing rapidly due to new housing we have the main A48 running through with links to Gloucester

and Bristol easy to get too. I believe it would be best to keep a hospital in Lydney

Lydney has better road links into the Forest of Dean and the surrounding area. Historically Lydney Hospital has served the surrounding area and all the residents and has been a shining light for the NHS. Lydney also has better access to Gloucester if patients need other treatments and is also a growing town.

Accessible transport links and near planned housing developments

Good roads links to the Forest. Also direct road to Gloucester or Bristol hospitals. In winter roads to and from Coleford and Cinderford are dangerous

I don't Drive. Lydney would be perfect.

It has the best and quickest transport links (road/rail/bus) to other major hospitals if required.

Because it is nearest to the A48 and allows easy transport. The buses and roads in the forest are awful and if people cannot access the hospital easily at night and in bad weather they will just go straight to Gloucester A&E and you will still have the problems there. Also anyone needing transport on to a main hospital for more complicated issues can easily be moved to Gloucester or Bristol from there.

Good access to Gloucester, Bristol, in an emergency

It's right on the easy link to A48 for emergency transfer to all major hospitals

We have vast numbers of new houses being built therefore the demand for health services will increase.

This proposed "smaller" hospital (smaller than Lydney and Dilke together) therefore needs to be bigger - especially in 5-10 years time. There is NO POINT in designing for now when building time has to be accounted for especially as projects get cancelled or are inappropriate for use even at the planning stage. The FOD need on appropriate hospital. This plan isn't it!!

Lydney is not the Forest - no reliable transport links or car parking

Lydney is expanding. Lydney will need a bigger hospital than this one and an emergency facility

No bus route regularly available

The main residential development at present is at Lydney. However - the proposed facility would not be appropriate for the rise in population PLUS the Forest of Dean as it stands. In 5 years it will be already outdated.

And one in Lydney. It says that Lydney has new houses. If they are for everyone (ages) they will need a hospital here too

Lydney will need a new hospital. There are new schools on the expansion plan - why is a hospital not on them? Just for Lydney

Apparently Lydney is expanding. Was a hospital included in expansion

plans?

The expanding Lydney should not be in this collective. The new development should have had schools and a hospital included in the planning

A48 excellent road with easy access to major hospitals, sites I understand are available at little or no cost. Dr and ambulance located nearby. Rail station links to Bristol, Newport, Cardiff, Gloucester and Cheltenham for staff etc. Leagues of friends well ran and well funded.

No it is too far from the centre of the forest

Its the most logical, rational choice given its promity to A48 and a mainline railway station (although the bus, bus link to station and railway all need much improvement!) The Friends of Lydney Hospital pamphlet overstated its case particularly re transport links. Overall however, Lydney is the standout, obvious place to have a new hospital. Please note that i dont think the consultation process has been handled very well. Most forest residents mistakenly thought it was a binding (eg referendum type process) rather than a consultation. The clear forest view seems to be that the consultation is a token approach and that the decisions have already been made. I know from my time in education, that this is often the case!

This is the largest town with lots of new houses being built and has good transport links

The road links to major medical centres (Bristol and Gloucester) are good. There is a good bus service.

ON MAJOR ROUTE{A48} ALSO LESS DISTANCE THAN EXISTING 20 TO 30 MILES TO GLOUCESTER/CINDERFORD

Residents of Coleford, mitcheldean and Newent and their surroundings can use the facilities of Gloucester Royal as easily as they can Coleford or Lydney. Residents of Coleford and Sedbury would not be disadvantaged by maintaining Lydney. Lydney is well served by a main road and public transport. Residents of Sedbury would be disadvantaged by a move to Cinderford and there is no creditable public transport to Coleford or Cinderford from that area

It seems to be the central place for it to be. All forest roads lead to Lydney and public transport is good. Also roads remain cleared in snow and A48 is always accessible

Lydney is a growing town, people are used to coming to Lydney, it's easily accessible as well

Close to main transport links, road and rail. Lydney is main town for Forest of Dean and has largest population catchment area of other towns mentioned

Has the best road access during the summer and winter conditions. The best rail access. More housing and population increase within the Forest. Will probably save staff re location

It fulfills the criteria listed more than the others. So long as it has more than 24 beds and includes an urgent treatment centre and enhances the outpatients services

There are a lot more houses being built here

It is more accessible to Bristol Southmead and Gloucester. It is growing to be a very large town which needs a hospital

Because its a large town and it needs to be there, but to be quite honest theres nothing wrong with the hospital thats already here, after visiting GRH it looks more like in need of modernising than Lydney or the Dilke

The transport links along A48 are so good and its easy to get to other parts of the Forest

I feel that Lydney's proximity to the A48 makes it the obvious choice as a location for a new hospital

Current hospital should be kept for easy access for those living in that area especially as this will increase dramatically in population if a new bridge is built over the severn

not an option

Transport

Location on A48 - easy access to other hospitals, best location in bad weather (snows less in Lydney along the river than in the Forest Towns), main train station in Lydney (poor access by bus to other Towns), good local support for Friends of Lydney Hospital.

More central

due to population access to workforce rail link and road links

It is the most central to the A48. It is nearest to bus station and train station. The number of new houses being built on highfield hill, it has the most number of schools who may need emergency access

It is closer to where i live. Lydney is the part of the forest which will have the most housing development. Newent should not be considered as part of the forest because it is closer to hospitals in Gloucester

Lydney is central to the most people of the Dean. has the best transport links

Ease of access , main roads

Most Forest bus services come & leave from Lydney

Easier access to Bristol or Gloucester if an emergency arises

It has main arterial road and can be accessed from anywhere else in the Forest of Dean

Although I live on the outskirts of Chepstow I actually live in Gloucestershire making this hospital my local hospital and Lydney works best for people

living on the outskirts of the area served by this hospital but is still within easy reach for people of Cinderford Coleford etc.

The A48 easy to get anywhere

Don't have to pay for the land

It has good transport links, it covers the area as far Tutshill ,

It could replace the existing unit, is close to bus and road arteries and there is a strong history of community support

Easy access on the Lydney bypass without going into town.

Lydney is easily accessible from the A48 so can get to it quickly without causing increased traffic flow through small villages

It's very easy to get to, more space and generally a nicer area

There are good links via the A48.

Lydney can be accessed by public transport

It's close to main routes to both Bristol & Gloucester if needed to be transferred and accessible in bad weather eg snow where as other options can get cut off in those situations

The access roads are much better

I feel it has the easiest access for public transport

It serves local people

Lydney is the gateway to the Forest of Dean and located near the main road that links Gloucester to Bristol and Cardiff, driving around the more central parts of the Forest can be nerve wracking and personally I avoid it at all costs.

It is a more centralised area in the Forest of Dean and has good transport links.

The larger town so less cars travelling to the location. Better infrastructure ie A48 road also rail access.

i think this location is the best on offer because of the limited transport to the other 2 locations - at least there is hourly transport along the A48 - it would still need to be dramatically improved but it's the best option available

Good transport links (public and roads), good spacious sites available

Public transport is the best option in Lydney. Dr's/nurses can use the train links to get to Lydney where as it's near impossible to get to Coleford or Cinderford as a patient relying on public transport

Lydney not even in Forest

Being equidistant more or less from each other common sense says Lydney should be the preferred option as in winter time Coleford and Cinderford cannot be reached when we have the slightest of snow falls. Lydney would possibly

be reached from Cinderford and Coleford

It is already the site of our nearest hospital. We have the furthest to go to get to Gloucester hospital, so we need a hospital fairly close by.

It's a direct route to all major hospitals if built in Lydney for A48

Lydney currently has lots of new houses being built which will mean lots of new people moving to the area that will need hospital care when they arrive or in the future. Also as the bridge toll will be no more there will also be a number of people moving to the areas close to Lydney from Bristol, who will again benefit from a hospital in or near Lydney. Another reason would be that other places in the Forest of Dean, for example Cinderford are already closer to Gloucester hospital.

It's on the main roads which are accessible by bus and easy to access in the winter you may never get to Cinderford or Coleford in the snow

Difficult to get to Cinderford or Coleford unless they improve public transport

Transport links

It has the best access to A48 and therefore Gloucester, Bristol and South Wales so that in an emergency patients can easily be transferred to other hospitals and specialist staff can easily attend for clinics.

I live in Lydney and have used the hospital a few times would be good to not have to travel but most times I've been sent to the Dilke for treatment

should be on A48 north of Lydney, for example between Blakeney and Lydney

I think Lydney because it is the busiest area compared to other locations and is easily accessible by most.

It's local, everyone can get there via transport and it's on the A48 toward Gloucester helping emergencies get there faster, safer and with less potholes.

It is on the main A48 road so easily accessible from most of the forest especially in bad weather and during the winter.

on A48 for easy access during bad weather

There is a hospital here already it's well used why change it. It's very important to the people of Lydney.

It is a far more central and accessible location than the other two, and is more convenient to the A48, meaning that transfers etc to Gloucester would be easier, as well as to Southmead for severe emergencies.

Easiest through route, especially in bad weather such as ice or snow. Main road through town to Gloucester and Chepstow usually gritted. Also nearest train station is Lydney so lots of commuters come to Lydney anyway causing more people therefore more likely need for hospital.

It has the best transport facilities for easy access to all forest residents.

The hospital has always been in Lydney.

Lydney has always had a lovely hospital and really useful for minor ailments

Ease of access particularly in winter weather etc

Sydney is on a main trunk road through the Forest. It's half way between two hospitals, one in Wales and Gloucester.

Lydney is on the A48 and easy accessible for ambulances to get to Gloucester or Bristol hospital if needs be and in the winter getting up into the forest is impossible as it snows more up there

The town is expanding and will need more facilities and has direct public transport links.

It's accessible to the major road in and out of the forest.

It would be easy to access the major road in and out of the forest! Good location to get to Gloucester and Bristol hospitals

Lydney is going to grow so enormously. Plus the town is on a direct and fast route to both Gloucester and Bristol, being on the A48. This would mean very speedy transfers from the community hospital to a larger one in an emergency.

Public transport links

It has direct access to good road systems such as the A48 and other arterial roads throughout the Forest of Dean and surrounding areas. Also it has areas of land that can be used for the building of the hospital.

It is easy to get to from different parts of the forest

I believe that Lydney has best transport links. The A48 would enable transfers to and from Gloucester and especially during the winter when roads higher up in the Forest are inaccessible.

Easy access. Major housing developments in the town

There is a large population in Lydney, growing larger with new housing developments in progress. Public transport to the town from other parts of the Forest is reasonable with road access from a number of directions reducing the risk of not being able to reach the hospital due to blocked or inaccessible roads which often happens. It will maintain and offer employment in the area and encourage much needed investment and improvements to the town.

It is on the A48 the main road through the forest

It's the easiest to get too, plus how excellent the hospital is now proves a new one would be perfect for Lydney. The size of the town is growing so much it will need it!

It would be easier for the Forest residents and Lydney is a heavily populated area and the surrounding villages.

Good transport links easy to get to for all areas hospital already there so

facilities could be expanded, so cheaper

Easy connection to main roads, available space, public transport links

Many times we have snow in the Forest but there is none in Lydney.

I think it's ventral for everyone

Lydney is on the main A48 So it's easy to get to for the Ambulances/Relatives.

Central to forest

At the bottom end of the Forest it would take as long to get to Coleford or Cinderford as it would to get to Gloucester in an emergency

The FOD covers Sedbury and Tutshill az well az GL postcode areas so Lydney would be a more acceptable place for a hospital. The area is e panding mire raoidly than Coleford or Cinderfordand they are closr k Gloucs Royal anyway

Lydney is a prime location on the A48, with the right planning a hospital would have more than enough choice for spaces.

We live in tutshill and have to travel to Newport for hospital attention .I is a nightmare travel and parking.

Bigger population, close to A48, good connection to Gloucester Royal. Better weather in Lydney (e.g snow) close to rail station for staff and visitors, funded supportive and active league of friends. Opportunity to co locate related services. Availability of large adjacent sites. Provides good out patients services, urgent treatment centres, More than 24 beds. Could we possibly keep on as hospice, and Dilke for other purpose - Much needed

Close to major road links

We now have a larger population, the A48 road goes through our town, is direct route to GRH, close to railway station, supportive, active league of friends. We need more than 24 beds and wish to keep our local hospital who recently had a new up to date x ray installed which certainly helps people not having to travel and pay parking fees

We have the largest population rapidly growing with more and more houses being built, we have excellent links with the rest of the Forest of Dean also with Gloucester, Chepstow and Bristol and Newport. The Added advantage of a train station which means transportaion of patients and easier for staff

Lydney has the best link to other major hospitals in and around Gloucestershire so in an emergency situation it would be quicker to get from the community hospital than any of the other options.

Lydney is the largest town in the forest surrounded by the largest village(s) in Gloucestershire. The infrastructure is already in place and it is much easier to reach in bad weather compared to Cinderford/Coleford. The transport links in both Cinderford and Coleford are poor compared with Lydney.

Lydney is easy access private or public transport. Also easy access to Gloucester in an emergency / Lydney very rarely suffers bad weather as Coleford and especially Cinderford does and yes its further from Newent but its also very close to Gloucester so no problem there

Yes - Better access in winter just off the main A48

Direct route for main functions - A must for Lydney easy road links

It will be closest to the A48 which links to the main hospitals (gloucester and Bristol) and it will be easily accessible in snowy conditions. It makes sense as Lydney has the largest population and is growing rapidly compared to Coleford and Cinderford

Good road links to major trauma units. Local bus services and increase in population in Lydney itself due to the planned housing developments in Lydney

i rely on public transport, easier to get to, and in the middle of surrounding area, fair on everyone

N0 - not Lydney - Too far south for Northern part of Forest

It the furthest away from Gloucester and I think it more central for the forest

Lydney is on a main road; therefore the hospital should be accessible all year. During the winter, if we has snow, the other locations could be effected even have to closed

Actually I think it should be sited either at Lydney or between Lydney and Coleford (I.e Bream) but the roads would need upgrading to reach the hospital. The road at present is fine for Lydney (A48) but there is ongoing building of houses in our area (Tutshill) and the road to Coleford is in poor condition whereas the A48 is relatively good for Ambulances etc

Lydney has good transport links to rest of forest and is closer to main A48 if you need to be moved to another major hospital. Glos or BRI

Lydney is well served by a good road system and has fast and easy access if required to hospitals in Gloucester and Bristol via the A48.

because it has direct transport links to Gloucester and the Severn Crossing for the hospitals in Bristol

Because it will be the biggest town in the Forest with the new housing estates and good link roads to other major hospitals.

Lydney hospital doesn't offer much assistance so it would be nice to have something closer to home.

It's more direct route to Gloucester or Bristol

It is a good hospital at the moment I was there for 4 weeks last year

Easier to access and get to and closer to more villages round the Forest of Dean

because it is easier for people to get there

Lydney seems the best option as it's close to the A48 for Gloucester and Bristol, Newport. Should those hospitals be need for emergencies. The forest areas are difficult to access for everyone. Lydney makes more sense. There's a railway station nearby too, making it more accessible.

It's the better location

Located well onj the A48. Lydney is the largest town in the forest. Lydney hospital has served the town and surrounding well over the years. A48 also gives main route to Gloucester and Bristol if there is a need.

Located on the A 48 Easy access to either Bristol or Gloucester if needed.

Lydney as it is the furthest from Gloucester hospital

I live there

It has a large population and growing. It has better routes too and from and a quicker link to some of the bigger hospitals. ie Bristol, Gloucester, Newport and Cardiff. Been fairly central

I live near Lydney as for the majority of people in the Forest of Dean. I think it is important that the new hospital is near to good transport links. The Forests only train station is in Lydney and Lydney has good access to the A48 for ease of patients and visitors and for easy access to other hospitals for further treatment, ie.Bristol, The Gwent and Gloucester Royal,

That's where it is now, and it works well and always has done something

Because it is close to main A road

It's central

Lydney has good transport links, growing population with housing developments. It would be more convenient for me butbalso ffor many others.

More and more houses are being built in Lydney with planning permission from the council therefore they need to provide services for the people already living here and the thousands more that will be here soon.

Lydney is a fast growing town with many many houses , and still more being built, population far greater than other areas suggested.Quite central for other forest people to access.Will carry on the history and the good work our current local community hospital does.

Easier access and better road network

Good links Via A48 to larger hospitals, land available, good "friends of Lydney hospital" group to support fundraising and community engagement

Main A48 road links makes sense

Population of Lydney is far greater than coleford and Cinderford and with current planning proposals will be as big, if not bigger than coleford and Cinderford combined. Has better transport / commuication links, In bad weather when honsitals are at their busiest Lydney is accessible wheras

Coleford and Cinderford are frequently cut off

It would be a lot easier for people to get to Lydney, especially if it was sited on or near the A48, transport links are a lot better than other sites.

Most easy to access for the whole forest of dean

Better road access and easier and speedier transfer to other major centres if required

I believe that most people who live in the forest have better access to the A48 Gloucester to Chepstow road. In the winter if we have a bad one, you try and go into the forest to visit a hospital. I know its bad for and feel for people who live in the forest to get out to visit any hopsital. But on the main road you have some chance

It is on or near to the trunk road, A48 which is easier to access during winter / snow conditions. also Lydney is a major forest town

Main line rail connections, Road infrastructure, all weather bus connections

Lydney has the highest population growth rate. Easier access from A48 and easier connection to major hospitals. Best all weather access. Also job opportunites for forest and Lydney

The population along the A48 is growing and will grow further when the bridge tolls reduce / disappear. It has the best access for the whole of the FOD both to the new hospital and any others for transport. It is the most accessible town by a variety of transport modes

It will be easy to get to for most people and it is near to main road

On the main road, links and A48 for transport which makes sense

It has the largest community and it is the easiet place to access in bad weather. Cinderford and Coleford are invariably snow bound in winter and access can only be gained in a 4 x 4

It is more central for most of the feede towns / Villages that are further away to Gloucester

It is the best location for families and the elderly that live furthest from Gloucester

I feel that Lydney is the hub of the forest and is easier for people to reach as regards public transport and dial a ride

Most accessible location, largest population and potential population in the future. Availability of potential site and strong support from assoicated bodies

The A48 main junction road is sighted near Lydney for access to Gloucester, Bristol, Newport hospitals. The railway at Lydneyis accessible for Gloucester, Cheltenham (Colbalt unit), Bristol, Newport for visitors without transport. If bad weather happens, the snow line, which is just above the now Lydney hospital site, the rest of the forest can be inaccessible. The Forest can become a place cut off in this case other means will have to be

used

I am an OAP living alone and a non driver, thankfully still mobile and able to use public transport or Shanks pony. Appointments in Gloucester / Cheltenham are a nightmare. Lydney hospital and staff are greatly appericiated. Lydney is my home and has been for the past 79 years. Lydney would be ideal for all of the reasons given in "some reasons to consider"

This is the only option that is served by an "A" road. This makes access far simpler for those with their own transport and there is anincreased availability of public transport serving Lydney. Lydney also has a high density of population that will be better served by a near by hospital. Lydney also boasts the most amenities that could be used in conjunction with a hospital visit. The by pass provides a ready made infrastructure, reducing costs

Land adjoining Lydney by pass would provicde the perfect road infrastructure giving quick links to all major cities eg Gloucester, Bristol and Cardiff

Road links, Rail links, Distance from main hopsital ie Gloucester. Size of population in Lydney larger than Cinderford and Coleford. Weather conditions ie snow

Its on the main A48 and has a good road network from all over the forest

It is located on the main A48 and easily accessible to vast majority also during bad weather

It meets all of the criterion stated in the "some reasons to consider" leaflet included in this feedback form

Eaay access to the A48. Less distance to travel to Gloucester / Cinderford

We have the A48 which is accessible in all weathers. We have a train station in Lydney also. The bypass on A48 has lots of open spaces just a shame the wildlife going to suffer, aswell as locals when both hopsitals close as be less beds, will new hospital have pharmacy facilities? Would be nice to work in Lydney and commute all time to Gloucester

Of all the new houses being built with increased population, with in easy access of the A48, there has always been a hospital in Lydney

Of the accessibility and convenience

It is most accessible and the town is growing rapidly. Direct access to all major hospitals. Bus amd rail access. Has excellent support finds and activites from all in the community

There is public transport to this area on a regular basis

There is a good bus service to and from Lydney

it will serve the largest population of the Forest of Dean from Sedbury to Newnham on Severn and Coleford West

Better transport links

Its easier to get to and as the town is always enlarging more people are using the facilities that we need

Lydney is no go for a start, Lydney has already been turned into a concrete jungle

Lydney has largest population in FOD. Expansion planned for town. Rail and A48 access. Distance from alternative hospitals. Easy access to major hopsitals. Town least likely to be affected by snowand fog (low altitude). Ample land adjacent to A48 and rail

Large population centre; growing as additional new housing built, excellent road communications with Gloucester & Bristol for patients who need to be referred; close to major commuting routes to meet emergency requirement

Lydney is the biggest town in the forest with the best transport links to the rest of the county.

Easy access

It's what we're used to

Accessibility, A48 makes it a quicker choice in a situation where one has to act swiftly....Ambulance availability...is very close ... The bypass and M4 make it an easier option ... Large community and still expanding house wise....

It's the best spot, nice and quick down the a48

Good quick access to the A48 for transfers to both Gloucester and Cardiff. Not impacted by bad weather such as snow.

Transport links to other towns are very poor. Lydney has a longstanding and very well supported facility.

Growing population, easy access, friendly professional staff. Lydney always seems to get forgotten when services are provided eg buses!

It has the A48 passing through for easy access and bus links, it also has a train station. There is land to accomodate the building.

Lydney is central in the Forest of Dean to many villages, it is well known and already a location for the existing hospital. Lydney is on the A48 between Chpstow and Gloucester so those visiting the area would have easy access. Locals would have the best public transport option without having to change buses and trains.

It will be easier to get to for many people

PEOPLE LIVE THERE

Hospitals should be designed to meet current as well as future needs. The removal of the bridge tolls and the house prices in Bristol is increasing demand in areas with good commuter transport links. I commute to Newport each day: there is also a good rail network that runs through Lydney as well

as good bus links. We should design to meet future demand, which is why I think Lydney surroundings is the best location

More convenient

It is on a main route to bigger hospitals. Easy to get to from around the forest.

Easier access for people living on the Wales England border, at present Gloucester hospital is 30 miles. Several large housing estates being built in Tutshill and Lydney

It is where the current minor injuries unit is which I have used rather than A&E in Newport. It is a quick and easy journey.

It's a good central spot, would replace the existing hospital, my other choice is Coleford. Cinderford isn't so easy to commute to, essentially with people who use public transport.

Far superior road links to other hospitals

Lydney

Good sites. Good history of town support

transport links are better i.e. A48, train station and Lydney has the largest population and is the most central town.

Access availability

It is closer to the a48. And people need a local hospital in Lydney as we have for hundreds of years.

Central and easy to get too.

Next nearest hospital is too far away for locals. Major road access. Current growth area. Excellent fundraising friend's exists. Only rail station in FOD.

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It has direct access to a main road for onward transport. All 3 of my children were born in Lydney Hospital, and we as a family have always supported and fundraised for it.

On major through road to larger hospitals if need arises

theres nothing this side of the forest

Is ideally for our area as it has been proved over decades

The current lydney has worked well over the years with a well working structure.

Cinderford I nearer to Gloucester Royal. Lydney is easily accessible from the A48. Lydney is growing quickly

It is easily accessible for all local areas.

it complies with many of the reasons you have given to consider on your booklet. It is on the A48 and therefore there is good onward connection to major hospitals, it is very accessible via public transport for all of the Forest of Dean, it has a train station and it has good all weather access. More importantly for me Lydney is much easier to get to via bus from Blakeney, getting to the other proposed sites would require at least two bus rides and I imagine in bad weather this would make things very difficult.

I & most of my family live in or near Lydney. We the people should not have to choose. LEAVE LYDNEY & DILKE HOSPITALS AS THEY ARE-STOP WASTING MONEY & RESOURCES.

It will be of great benefit to everyone in the surrounding areas instead of traveling to Gloucester

Lydney has much better accessibility from the FoD and surrounding areas by various modes of transport. It is the only location with a mainline train station. The A48 passes directly adjacent to Lydney.

Great access to A48, this means access to Gloucester if needed

It's a large town and transport is so difficult to get to within the forest. Lydney has more bus routes in and out of the forest than any other forest town. I struggle to get to the Dilke as it is. Also Lydney has a great reception signal compared to other forest towns.

The population is mainly centred around this area. Most people do their shopping in this area.

Accessibility via A48

Easier access in bad weather.

Nearer routes to Gloucester and Bristol

There is already the facility there so why not make it bigger. Lydney is also close to the A48 for easy access for ambulances etc.

Lydney has access to trains & buses. With the new housing developments Lydney is the largest town in the area.

It will have ample parking, is on a main route and hopefully with ample bus services

Road links to get to Lydney are better than the rest of the forest. Better route to Gloucester and Bristol. Less snow in the winter than other locations

I think it's central

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In Lydney, we have good road links to all major hospitals whereas as you are straight onto the A48 through to Gloucester, Bristol etc.

The population is growing and it's not always easy to travel elsewhere, I'm just as happy if it's in Cinderford for the same reasons

I think the largest population in this part of the forest. Communications with other parts of the forest are good. The location is tired and tested. It is near where i live in Bream

Communications are excellent. Cinderford also seems sensible but already has a good access to Gloucester Royal

It is close to the A48 for fast access to major hospitals (if needed) It has a growing population and is linked by good roads to other forest towns / villages. Being near sea level it is less likely to be affected by winter ice / snow road conditions. It has a nearby rail station for staff / visitors

The balance of the population and the projected housing in the south favours Lydney. The A48 simplifies access. Everyone knows how to get onto it

Access to A48 hence access to motorway network. Main bus route, Access to railways

This area has better road links

The south forest is the furthest from Gloucester in case of an accident or illness at home and therefore should be the place for an urgent treatment centre. Also it is the only major centre not cut off by bad weather in winter

It is near the A48 and closer to BRISTOL. It's also easy to travel to in bad weather in the winter for the public and hospital transport! As Coleford and Cinderford also gets more snow

Lydney is on the main A48 road from Chepstow to Gloucester and I think the new hospital would be more accessible on the A48 than in Coleford or Cinderford, especially in the winter when the weather is bad

It is accessible to a large area of the community. The hospital also serves Chepstow which has no minor injury unit. Gloucester is quite a distance and Lydney is a perfect halfway point. The site there is well established

This is a central position which affords "the optimum access for the greatest number of patients within the area prescribed. Those further North have ready access to the Gloucester hospitals. Those to the South have reduced access than north because of lack of public transport

There is a perfectly acceptable community hospital in Lydney, opened in 1882 and incidentally had during the 1914 - 1918 war the capacity of 236 beds with an average occupancy of 130 patients. The new medical centre in Cinderford will cost £6M. you have already allocated £11m so what you are really asking is where do you want the portacabin when we have closed your two existing hospitals

The cottage hospital in Chepstow is due to close, with the result that the FOD is between Gloucester Royal and the Gwent hospitals. Lydney is therefore well located geographically and also by quick road access if necessary to Gloucester

Transport Issues Many new houses built so lots of new people living here

Car parking issues. Active league of friends for funding help. Ease of getting to Gloucester. Necessity to have more than 24 beds

It is easier to access for most people Coleford and Cinderford can both be cut off in bad weather. People in Cinderford can access Gloucester more easily than people in other parts of the Forest therefore Lydney would be a better location for the area. The road links are better than Coleford too

Two sites have already been offered both of which would provide easy access by road and rail. Not only should we consider the needs of the patients (probably the majority by road) but also the staff where the railway could be beneficial. The great increase in the building of new homes in the area has already meant a great change in the services needed so it is likely some planning work has already been done. Easy fast access to the motorways will also be important and the airways for helicopters, Lydney can also be approached from all parts of FOD and Bristol and Wales if needed

A48 proximity. Rail station at Lydney. Largest population. Most convenient to all 3 towns. I live near Lydney.

Of large population and the A road and by pass being so much more convenient allowing speedy transfers to other hospitals. The railway station at Lydney is very useful for staff and visitors. The land required to build would be available in close proximity to the A48. Bus services are centred on Lydney

2) Lydney is seriously expanding (3000 new houses being built now) but not near Coleford and Cinderford and connecting roads from 2 towns to Lydney are not built for speeding ambulances

It will be easy to get to from every where

ease of access, larger site with opportunity for expansion

Well served by buses, trains as well as good road access to all parts of the forest. Cinderford is already close to Gloucester hospital, would be strange having two hospitals close together. Lydney is a growing community that will be a long way from any hospital. I understand land is being given for free and that this will be a green field site.

Lydney provides care for the west of the area where there are a lot of homes, and more being built. It has good access by road and rail. Cinderford is close to Gloucester. There is a tradition of funds being raised for Lydney. It's easy to transfer patients to other hospitals along A48. I understand that there is a site that has been given.

Lydney because if there is any serious issues you have the A48 straight to Gloucester or Bristol hospital

It will continue to have the highest population, it has the best transport links to other major centres in the Forest (important for patients, staff and visitors) and to a good number of other medical establishments, eg Bristol or Gloucester

Because we already have a lot of services from the current hospital, the road links are very good in Lydney and a growing population.

Massive development in Lydney. Road infrastructure is better than elsewhere. Fit for purpose sites available all around bypass. I live in Lydney (obviously).

It is important to have a facility for local people to access easily

It will mean lower transport costs for moving the equipment from the existing hospital. It's also easy access to m4 and a48 making transfer of patients easier and recruitment of staff

It is close to major road links and is a developing community, being closer to Bristol than other Forest towns

Accessibility, low traffic build up, central location

It would be located near main transport routes in and out of the forest

of access. Travel to Cinderford and Coleford are awful. Also the bulk of the population is around Lydney and it is easy access for everyone in the far south of the Forest of Dean area.

Because it is near the major trunk road to Gloucester should patients need to be transferred in an emergency. It's more accessible for border families, especially in the winter when heavy snow can affect access within the forest itself. A48 is not affected by subsidence as some forest roads are. Expansion of communities in the Lydney area.

X

It would be on a main road or close to a main road. Weather conditions especially winter months. Would make easier access possible compared to the other alternatives as road structure to Lydney is much better

Lydney has the largest population of the forest towns and the highest projected growth rate of new housing. It has a major trunk road running through the town with easy access to major cities of Gloucester and Cardiff by the A48, plus a main line railway station all providing easy access and good rail links to the other towns in the forest. The present Lydney hospital has a well established and active league of friends

The A48 provides the best road link to the major hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham. The roads and the area around Cinderford and Coleford are often difficult in the winter. Lydney also has significant new housing developments which mean a rise in the population especially with the predicted growth when the Severn bridge tolls cease

The hospital in Lydney should be retained and modernised

Lydney is the most central and because Lydney is the town furthest from Gloucester, Cinderford / Coleford patients could get to Gloucester Hospital in the case of borderline accidents and injuries etc much more quickly than anyone from Lydney area. Gloucestershire residents living in the villages between Lydney and Chenstow would find the journey to Cinderford

hospital too far. Lydney area has majority housing development and the population is rapidly increasing. Lydney is the most accessible.

It is central between our two major hospitals, Newport and Gloucester. There is much expansion due at Lydney which is readily accessible from FOD area

It has quick access, short waiting times, nearer to main roads. Suitability to location. Lydney in the next year have a lot of new houses being built. Lydney need this hospital to be located in Lydney

it is relatively central, well connected by the A48 and already has an excellent small hospital that could be expanded

Of the traffic route makes easier access

It is the largest of the areas. It already has a hospital that is very central that is also well used by the local and outlying population. Having made the decision to close the existing hospital, the people of Lydney would be disadvantaged if the new hospital were situated elsewhere. This would impact particularly those who don't have their own transport.

Of access to A48 for any emergency transportation of a patient and also as the population of Lydney is going to increase far more than the other locations.

the accessibility

To replace the original! It will also cater for the increasing housing development in this area

Better road access for ambulances and what public transport that we have goes to Lydney

Second most easiest to get to on public transport

We need it

Easy access the GRH and southmead. Train and bus links

Without a hospital in lydney it would take me/my family at least 30 minutes to access a minor injuries depastent. We would have to rely on public transport/taxi service 24 hours a day which is not a facility we have. Lydney hospital is a vital part of our town and provide a lot of support to patients that need treatment on a longer basis. It is easier to access than the dilke and with all the new homes being built in lydney we need this to be kept within our town.

it is near the A48 so easier to get to than the other towns

The transport infrastructure for Lydney makes it the most accessible . The A48 runs north to south right through the area and passes Lydnet

Communication and transport are better facilitated there.

The current hospital in Lyndey serves both the forest and lower wye valley. It is the closest a and e to Chenstow and means a longer journey to

Newport often in heavy traffic. I was thankful that my local gp let me know we can use Lydney when my young daughter had a fall.

Predicted population growth will be at Lydney. It has already the largest population. Best transport access by road and rail, even during the winter months. Of late the existing Lydney hospital (minor injuries) is the choice for Chepstow GP's. Lydney has excellent community support, and is probably the most contributed charity (Friends of Lydney Hospital) in the area.

The hospital should be on a line drawn between the Dilke and Lydney Hospital

Lydney is situated on the A48 but also has good communication throughout the forest. Those areas such as Tidenham that do not have good public transport into other forest towns such as Coleford or Cinderford would find Lydney the easiest site to access

It has good transport links to Gloucester, and the public transport is there, it's not great but it's definitely more accessible than cinderford and coleford. Any kind of bad weather and cinderford and coleford are very difficult to access.

Major transport link to main A48 and Gloucester. Easily accessible. Greater population in Lydney and more new housing developments. Good links with the rest of the Forest.

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Accessible Main link to A48 and Gloucester. Greater population in Lydney and more new housing developments. Good links with the rest of the Forest.

It is the closest to us and the existing site is extremely convenient.

It's easy to get to not too much traffic and plenty of buses that could get there more easily also if you take your car not a major problem

No major traffic getting here

Lydney has great transport connections.

it will be on the A48 and any where

Lydney has a direct route to Gloucester

Better access roads

Location is good for all to get to and weather is not as bad as Cinderford or Coleford in winter which would mean staff and patients will be able to get there easier

It is the ideal position. There is already a site for it. Cinderford is too far away for Sedbury and Tutshill areas so is Coleford. Lydney is on the A48 not B roads. These in Cinderford have access to Gloucester Royal. Sedbury has nothing. No police force nearby, unless we use Bristol or Newport. Both 17 miles away.

Lydney's population has seen a large increase in the last 10 years, and due to a number of housing developments which will increase the traffic in Lydney dramatically, the hospital will be able to fend for the large elderly population, elderly people mostly take public transport due to lack of mobility, my grandparents have had to visit hospital on a number of occasions, (they live in Lydney), the most recent occasion was my grandmother, she broke both of her wrists and had to go to Lydney hospital via a lift with a family member, when she arrived at the hospital they could not do anything about her wrists as they didn't have an x-ray machine that worked, so she had to wait about an hour with two broken wrists to get transport to be able to get to Gloucester hospital, which is about half an hour from Lydney, and by then, both of her wrists had swelled up. I believe the evergrowing elderly population in Lydney are having problems like these with finding a mode of transport of getting to the main hospital half an hour away in Gloucester, and if it isn't an emergency (e.g a broken bone) it will take at least half an hour for them to get treated. So if the hospital is built in Lydney, the increasing elderly population will be able to get health problems treated quickly.

It is on a main route from Chepstow to Gloucester so easy access.
Convenient for the majority of people

It is the hospital of choice for a wider area than the Forest extending to Chepstow so Lydney is a more central location

Easy access in the catchment area

It has good transport links

Lydney hospital needs to stay

Is Lydney in the Forest proper? - not central at all

It has a slightly larger population, geographically has a main road (A48) for deliveries and safer driving for ambulances, also it is between the other towns the

Easy access

Access is excellent on A48 on the Lydney relief road. It would provide much needed revitalisation of Lydney Town Centre by employment opportunities

It should be near Lydney because northern towns are much closer to GRH or Cheltenham General. It needs to be near the A48 for easy access for ambulances and patients and to minimise the time and cost of travelling. It should be near the largest concentration of population and where many new houses are being built. It should be on a bus route.

Lydney is easily accessible by road and public transport. It is also the Forest town due to expand the most in the future. Already 1900 new houses are being built in the town. Also with the beach key army camp due for closure and the land probably being released for housing Lydney is ideally placed for this area's needs.

It is easily accessible to all areas of the Forest.

Easy access to major roads. Bus link. Train link.

Because this a better road link south to both Bristol and South Wales and north to Gloucester and Cheltenham. There is also more available land close to the A40. The Lydney area is also growing in population so a Hospital here would appear to be a more logical and "future proofed" location, when compared to the other Forest options, both of which are more isolated with poorer road links, especially in winter conditions.

I think the new community hospital should be in Lydney. Because Lydney is easily accessible and has a large growing community

More accessible to the A48, Largest population relative to size.

Better road links to main Hospitals e.g. Gloucester, Bristol. Main A48 not affected by bad weather as much as rural roads in Cinderford, Coleford.

It is easy to access and has good roads. In the colder months it would be safer to travel to Lydney than the other site locations.

There's great transport links to the area, the town is growing fast and we need services to support us and the Forest of Dean as a whole. The existing site could be easily modernised and redeveloped.

There are existing services in Lydney with lots of new houses being built we need the hospital here for the increasing population

Very easy access along major road and easy transfers to hospital in Gloucester. Lydney doesn't get cut off in very bad snow conditions.

Having the A48 running through, it would be a direct route to and from the main hospital in Gloucester. Having older parents to care for I find myself constantly using Lydney hospital and Gloucester hospital and the route is so easy

No

It is close to the main trunk route through (A48) therefore if urgent care needed can send persons via A48 to either Frensham or Gwent or GRH

it is accessible

Lydney

its central for everybody and it would be impossible to get a bus to Cinderford directly

Lydney is well connected with transport routes. Large population.

1) Best Transport Access. A48. Train. Bus. 2) Least affected by weather. 3) Easy access to cities. 4) Access for staff from Bristol and Cardiff.

Put the hospital on land by the bypass, its better access to Gloucester and Bristol, the A48 is not affected badly by adverse weather

It's central for everyone to get to and also holiday makers easy to find if it is in Lydney

Lydney hospital must stay

Good road and rail network, we are the furthest town from a major hospital.

It is on a main road between Gloucester and the south of the Forest and is likely to be kept open in severe weather as the snow earlier this year. Both Cinderford and a bit less Coleford are closer to the general hospital in Gloucester. We are getting older and may not be driving much longer and transport is a real issue needing to be looked at

Because it is easily accessible from A48

It's on all transport links making it easier to get to

It is convenient to where I live, have used the outpatients

Of its proximity to the A48. The A48 is the only decent major route linking the Forest of Dean to major hospital facilities in Gloucester and Bristol. To site the community hospital elsewhere would cause major access problems for many residents of the area. The A48 corridor is also where much of the new housing development will take place following the abolition of the Severn Bridge tolls

It has access to major routes both for health care staff and public. Access to train station, larger population. A very good team backing the existing hospital as well as support from friends of Lydney hospital. Good links / access from other hospitals

I live in Lydney and need it to stay here. I have both of my girls in Lydney hospital so is very dear to me. It is easier access to Gloucester Hospital on the A48, also easier in the winter if the weather is snowy or icy on the A48 than other roads out of the forest.

Best transport links

Superior access and potential transfer to another major unit

Where I live in Yorkley it would mean it easy access than anywhere else. How would the people of Yorkley and surrounding villages get to this new hospital if it was somewhere else, when we have only a limited bus service

Lydney doesn't need a new hospital as it already has one

The vastly increased demand resulting from planning permission already granted for over 2000 houses in Lydney itself. The increased demand expected for housing resulting in increasing in population resulting from removing Severn Bridge Tolls - affecting particularly A48 area - Lydney to Chepstow area. Increasing population and use of rail services from Lydney station - useful for Gloucester - Lydney staff contacts. Lydney seen as the gateway to the FOD in a planning context i.e. proposed increasing protection for the statutory forest implies further development focus outside forest. I.e. Lydney "gateway" function already seen in transport routes - to Coleford and to Ross used by large traffic vehicles and numbers through Lydney. Best location for access from SW part of forest. Public transport within the forest poorer than between forest towns and Gloucester. Continual

complaints made

Most accessible trunk road. Close to A48. For rapid onward connection to major hospital. Adequate car parking spaces. Needs to be accessible to bus and rail station for patients and staff and visitors. We need an accident and emergencies and more than 24 beds

X

Lydney hospital it is within walking distance for any minor or appointments to see consultants when i need to attend

It's on the main A48. Easier access to Southmead hospital, local train station. Bridge tolls being free and people moving to the area

It is so convenient to access and as an elderly inform person it would be easier for me to get to it than either of the other options

Is at least closer to transport links e.g bus, train and a main road A48

Of the increased population (more houses being built). Road and Rail links

Of transport links. road and rail

It has the largest forest population with new housing estates spreading outwards. It is close to the A48, railway station and has its own bus station. At present Lydney hospital is funded and has a supportive active "league of Friends". Lydney also is positioned for rapid connection to major hospitals if required. Lydney hospital also supports more than 24 hospital beds proposed. Please think long and hard in your decision, it is closer to the motorway

The existing hospital in Lydney is very much needed and myself and family have used it extensively over the years. Lydney is already an ideal location, for ease of transport; it has a great, supportive friends committee. I don't see any other location in the forest practical

Of the easy access to the A48 and therefore access to the larger hospitals at Gloucester, Birmingham and Bristol

The number of new houses being built in and around Lydney will mean an influx of young families. A hospital in Lydney is plain common sense

Why spend money on buildings? Add extra facilities on existing sites if necessary, use the finances to employ more staff, therefore easing the stress on the loyal hardworking members of the team

Although i don't live here i visit it on a regular basis and i have been able to use the hospital a few times. I think for all the local people they should have a hospital near them. It would cause many problems for so many people, and first and foremost, it is a well used hospital with caring, loving and helpful staff

I think the new hospital would be best situated at Lydney for many reasons. Very easy to get to from all parts of the Forest of Dean by road and the staff at Lydney hospital are all first class

Population, massive building going on here. Proposed sites give easy access for car, bus, train. Enough space for air ambulance to land for transferring if necessary to bigger hospitals. Lydney - YES

1) Greatest area of population and future development. 2) Good communications (travel) by rail and road. (roads not affected by winter weather unlike other forest areas. 3) good community support

Lydney is expanding with new homes so there will be more people needing a hospital. There are three primary school and a comprehensive school. Lydney has a reasonable bus service - Access is important, Sufficient car parking will be necessary. Lydney has a fairly new excellent x ray dept. I hope this wont be wasted. Much effort went into fund raising. If specialist consultants could come into the Forest for clinics, this would be welcomed by the elderly

It needs to be in an area to connect to the A48, road enabling easy access to get to the Gloucester Hospitals in other emergencies. The hospital in my view is needed badly so the existing two hospitals instead of closing, be used as a convalescence or respite care for the elderly to stop the bed blocking in our hospitals at the present moment in time

We have a long established hospital which has served the public well for many years, with easy access from A48 road, and surrounding minor roads from the Forest of Dean. Many many members of the public have received excellent care over the years staying close to home but easy direct route to other major hospitals if required

There are a lot of houses being built and young families coming here. The health care is well needed. A train station is in Lydney and is already being used for staff coming to hospitals. Also being on the A48 road we are central for all hospitals and for the weather situation. I have never known the A48 to be closed in bad weather. (where as the forest roads have)

It is close to the largest (and expanding) community. It also closest to A48 and probably easiest to access. I am well over 80 and though mobile at moment, it will not remain like that. Long journeys to hospital are a protracted nightmare

It's where I live-I don't drive I need a hospital I can get to-SIMPLE!

Accessibility by foot, car and public transport including bus and trains for patients and staff (trains and toll free Severn bridges particularly expanding the staff recruitment area) with least disruption in seasonal bad weather being on a main trunk road thus giving direct access to the major hospitals with subsequent easier transfer of patients who require their specialist services. The patients can be assessed quickly, then either treated and sent home, admitted locally or if deemed necessary transferred to the larger hospitals. The new hospital should, of course, have more than adequate beds and enough excellent frontline staff to take the strain off these bigger and often over stretched hospitals. The population of Lydney is growing rapidly so will have more demands than less densely populated areas of the Forest of Dean. Lydney's population is set to rise even higher with the many

new housing developments already started. The present hospitals should not be closed until the new one is built and up and running as the pressure on the larger hospitals already often near breaking point would soon reach crisis point. Lydney hospital is so well supported by the local community and has its own well established funded League of Friends. The North FoDD Council area will use hospitals in Tewkesbury, Gloucester Cheltenham or Hereford.

It is easier to get to than the other locations especially if you have to travel through the forest alone

it has the largest Forest population and there will be a big increase due to lots of new homes being built now and in the future. It is close to the A48, the most accessible trunk road in the Forest of Dean giving rapid onward connection to major hospitals with best all- weather access plus the availability of large adjacent sites and adequate parking spaces with the opportunity to co- locate related services. It has a railway station providing access for staff and visitors. It has a well established funded, supportive and active League of Friends. The North FoDD Council area will use hospitals in Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Cheltenham or Hereford. That all said I only support a single new hospital if it provides an urgent treatment centre, has more than the proposed 24 in-patient beds, enhances out- patient services so able to serve the Forest of Dean for future generations.

Easy access from either 48 or A40

This is currently where the A&E is that we use

It's a community with poor public transport links and Lydney is a large community with many vulnerable people.

It is on the A48 road which runs the length of the forest and there is already a site available.

We shouldnt even have to be choosing! Keep the Dilke in Cinderford & DEFINITELY KEEP THE LYDNEY HOSPITAL. Use the money to upgrade BOTH. STOP WASTING MONEY & resources. No wonder we are the Laughing stock of the world. WE NEED BOTH LOCATIONS TO REMAIN. This 'consultation' costs us money & the powers that be will do exactly as they want. I myself now have to rely on public transport & voluntry hosp .transport. My disability is ongoing & my mobility issues have got worse. The existance of this 'survey' is a disgrace.

I live on the border and have to travel to Gloucestershire which is a long way lydney hospital is a fantastic hospital and near and would be local to a lot of surrounding areas

No

Lydney is a rapidly growing town with the best transport links.

Of accessibility to hospital for English patients currently with little or awkward to get to welsh facilities

Lydney has the largest Forest population with the highest present and

predicted growth rate. It is close to the A48 the most accessible trunk road to the Forest of Dean providing rapid onward connection to major hospitals. It has the best all-weather access. It has the availability of large adjacent sites and would provide adequate car parking spaces. It would provide the opportunity to co-locate related services. Lydney is close to the railway station providing access for staff and visitors. Lydney is a well established hospital which is already funded by a supportive and active League of Friends.

It has the best transport links, rail and road plus it has the most people.

There is currently a large amount of new housing being built and demand for the services will rise. There is also a considerable amount of industry based in the town. Road access to other major hospitals is quicker and easier from Lydney, particularly in bad weather; when the A48 is usually keep clear. There is good public transport to the town.

Lydney is fast growing with new housing estates at Highfield Hill, Lydney Bypass, Driffild Road and surrounding areas along the A48 towards Tutshill. It is close to a railway station and local buses. It would be accessible in inclement weather. Easier access for consultants from Gloucester and further afield, 1 consultant travelling instead of numerous patients travelling to Gloucester, saving on carbon footprint. Active league of friends.

No Community Hospital needed. divide the Money equally between the existing Lydney and the Dilk Hospitals

Easy road and rail access. Established hospital with transferrable skills.

Increased housing in the area, good access to the A48, central to the 3 Forest Towns

Lydney is near the centre of the Forest so is in reasonable travelling distance from all parts. It is also accessed by reasonable road network.

The road network to the large hospitals (Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bristol) is better from Lydney. This will enable a more rapid response for any critical care from the new hospital. There is also significant new build new build of houses in and around Lydney coupled with the Severn bridge stopping the toll, resulting in more migration possibly of people coming into the Forest from the Bristol area to live. The hospital being in Lydney may also bring the necessary cross border organisations together to agree future road network improvement.

it has quick easy access to the A48 for transportation to bigger hospitals if required. It doesn't get snowed in, unlike Coleford and Cinderford.

Given that there is due to be an expansion in the town I cannot understand why you would be taking infrastructure away rather than add to it

I gave my opinion in the original survey and the majority were ignored. This town is growing and needs more infrastructures not less. I have serious back problems and need many hospital visits which will become much more

difficult if you move the hospital. Both my husband and I are pensioners and although he can drive at present that may not be the case in future.

Nearer to good communication links, ie the A48 to Gloucester and Bristol, bus and rail services.

It's a central location with excellent road links

People in Cinderford can easily travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham. Coleford is not on a main road or transport link making it difficult to access for people living on the edge of the Forest especially from the Tidenham area. Lydney has better transport links including rail and A48 road and would mean access to hospitals on a time and distance basis would be fairer and more equal throughout the Forest

This will be the fastest growing area in the forest and the farthest away from Gloucester Hospitals. It has good transport links and the A48 is a good arterial route especially in winter. We have an extremely, hardworking Friends who have raised enormous sums of money to keep the hospital up to date with the latest most modern equipment. There are several factories working 24hrs a day that need a hospital near by. There are several sites available that would have enough space for adequate parking. Lastly with the bridge toll going and the army camp closing and several sites in the Sedbury area with planning on the community will grow even larger.

It has good access to the A48 and has a growing population.

I strongly believe Lydney and Dilke hospitals should be kept. If decision already made it should be Lydney because of good transport links

Good Road Links with the By-Pass and border to Wales. Allowing access from Bristol and other areas. New homes being built in the area will need the facilities.

I think what is already there is excellent. The doctors in Chepstow, Caldicot and the whole forest depend on Lydney due to over loading but no one is admitting it. I think someone somewhere some how in a position of authority have made up thier minds already

Local community and Friends of Lydnet hospital VERY supportive which will benefir all users of a new FOD hospital. Exisitng community hospital and MIU established of meeting the needs of the forest population and out of area people who commute to work in Lydney area from Wales etc. Also population growth and housing development plans together with good road access and potential sites for new hospital make Lydney ideal choice

Fpr English patients in our anglo / welsh split practice, if we are to be able to use an English hospital, Lydney is the obvious choice, otherwise we are obliged to use Chepstow, the Royal Gwent or Neville Hall. Southmead and the Bristol Hospitals are difficult to reach easily

X

No

Lydney is easily accessible via the A48. This makes travelling to hospital much easier, especially in bad weather i.e Ice & Snow. Lydney has a well established and active group of supporters. Lydney is the town for the forest

Lydney has the largest population and predicted population growth. It has the best transport links including a unique railway link - this is beneficial for patients, staff and connections to hospitals such as Gloucester / Cheltenham etc. This is especially important in bad weather. Lydney has 2 free sites available, both of which would permit cost effective construction, easy access and the opportunity to expand

We are expanding greatly in housing, and need a hospital near by. We are also on a main bus route, with the Forest buses arriving at Lydney bus station, which would be most convenient for the new hospital to be in Lydney area

BUT Lydney has good access from A48

The town is expanding so much with all the new houses being built. That is why I think that it should be based in Lydney

It has the only decent road in / out of the forest plus the only railway connection

It is easier to get to especially in the winter. We need a nearer place to go for treatment for small accidents

the access would be good close to the A48

Being 86 it would be very hard to get to Cinderford or Coleford especially in the Winter. We need a nearer A&E department and X ray

Easy travel from A48. Really good group of supporters. People familiar with having hospital in Lydney

A48 would be good access to Gloucester Royal Hospital.

NO Lydney hospital should be kept open

Main road accessibility i.e. A48 which would be available in any weather conditions

That's near where I live

It's nearer the main route A48 less snow during the winter months Coleford and Cinderford always get double the snow that Lydney gets and the main road from Gloucester to Chepstow always cleared and remains open as further into the forest roads are impassable

Nearest to my home

Nearest to my home

nearest and quickest access for medical staff/ambulances, deliveries etc to main A48 road or if needed to go directly to Gloucester Royal after having consultation at Lydney hosp.

Best access to main road. Also Lydney is expanding much quicker than

cinderford or lydney and there would be,an influx of new patients over the immediate,next few years

with the proposed housing expansion in lydney, therefore an increase in population, in comparison with coleford and cinderford housing programe, lydney is the best option.it has easy access to the a48 a new hospital located of the lydney by-pass would be ideally situated as proposed sites as been mentioned. preferably lydney and dilke hospitals should be retained

Close to A48 and main route to Gloucester

It would be more accessible to people living in Aylburton, Alvington, Woolaston, Sedbury and all places in this vicinity especially for disabled, elderly and people without transport. There is also a bus service to Chepstow and Lydney which would be distinctly advantageous

It is easiest of the 3 proposed sites to reach, especially in bad weather. Lydney is growing very quickly at the moment and is likely to be the source of the most users. Tolls will soon be removed from the old Severn Bridge which will make the South part of the Forest very attractive to incomers. As the current hospital has an operating theatre and very new x ray equipment, the necessary staff are more likely to live nearby. I also believe that the Dilke should remain open for rehabilitation and respite care. The new community hopsital will have too few beds to keep up with local needs

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Too hilly People from North forest cannot access without a whole day's outing. What is all this about near the A40?

Road communications (to Glos Hospital if necessary) are fast. Coleford and Cinderford can access Lydney equally easily. Accidents on A48 can get to hospital quickly

Lydney will be giving up a well loved hospital as aprt of this rationalisation of hopsital provision in the forest. Lydney sits on a main route between Gloucester and Bristol which each have major medical centres. Any condition requiring more help than Lydney can provide can be given by quick and easy patient transfer to these centres. Lydney is unlikely to be cut off in the event of bad weather (snow, ice) Cinderford and Coleford are more exposed. Lydney hopsital has enjoyed significant charitable support from local charities (particularly the masons) this might not continue if there is no local hospital. Access routes to Lydney are good for both patients and staff

Lydney has the biggest population and with expected development, will become even larger. Proximity to the A48 means that it can enjoy the best all weather access. The A48 is accessible to all forest areas. It is the main route to hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham There is a greater

availability of suitable sites able to provide suitable car parking spaces. A site near Lydney would be better suited to people living in the southern part of the area. More taxes are being contributed by citizens in the Lydney area relative to those in Coleford and Cinderford. A bigger site would offer more space to locate related services. The availability of a railway station at Lydney means more patients who all too often have to travel to Gloucester anyway have an alternative form of transport especially helpful when major roadworks hinder road journeys. Residents in the north of the area are closer to Gloucester and Cheltenham

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X

Lydney hospital stayed open to the public, whereas the Dilke closed due to snow. This will always be the case in hard winters and Coleford and Cinderford always get the deepest snow, I have witnessed that for 43 years living in the locality. We will still need access to a hospital in winter, so Lydney is the only sensible choice, no point travelling to Cinderford in a 4 by 4 vehicle to find they are closed

Easy access from M48 this is very useful if necessary to transfer urgent cases to Gloucester royal as main road is easily reached

X too far to travel

Lydney has better road links in winter the forest is usually cut off with road blocks. What little public transport there is is better in Lydney

No

There is a good road infrastructure in and around Lydney with direct links to the main Gloucestershire hospitals, the Severn bridge to Bristol and the motorways to bigger specialist hospitals eg Birmingham and Oxford. There is also a convenient railway station for visitors and staff. The winter weather is more equable in the Lydney area from the influence of the Severn making road journeys easier in poor weather for visiting consultants, staff and patient visitors. There are more and more houses being built in the Lydney area in the near future making good facilities in the town a necessity we need a hospital in Lydney. On a personal note I use the hospital often so of course prefer it near my home

There is a great deal of housing development going on and it is the furthest point to travel from for Gloucester or Cheltenham hospitals. More accessible as a place in bad weather

Oh look there already is a well equipped hospital so let's not waste money on a new build

The new hospital is just a bad idea

Best possible access for all transport in bad weather and A48 links up to M4 & M5 biggest town and growing fast includes Sedbury which is in Glos FOD area land available for the new hospital build. Friends of Lydney hospital give generously to support service

Keep and update and give us more community beds!!

We are the only town with a main accessible road A48 cos of easy access to Gloucester, Bristol or Cardiff, Wales for specialist hospital care. Also we are still easier for movement in bad weather as Coleford and Cinderford roads are usually blocked when it snows or freezes. We are near a main railway station for access. The population is biggest and growing fast including Woolaston to Sedbury in our county. There is land available to build a large enough site here

I believe the hospital should be Lydney because Newent - Mitcheldean - Drybrook etc are more inclined to travel to Gloucester. The other side of the forest to Chepstow border need the access to a hospital facility

Current and future projected growth in and around Lydney also around Sedbury, easy if needed to both Gloucester and Bristol and South Wales with the A48. Active small and large business in Lydney with 3 works on 24/7 shift pattern. Easy access for staff within area and further away Newport, Chepstow / Glos / Cheltenham via train

Cost of extending site too expensive, land dearer, more attractive for housing. Car parking badly needed. Also Lydney seems to get what ever it wants

With the amount of new houses being built in Lydney I feel the new hospital (if it is built) should be close to Lydney due to the accessibility via road for all the smaller villages along with the towns. Personally I feel that Lydney & Dilke hospitals should both be retained. I had cause to visit the Minor Injuries Unit in Lydney last Friday morning. I arrived at 11.10am where one person was waiting to be treated, by 11.30am another 5 people had booked in. If a new hospital is built surely it will need to be a lot larger than is being proposed to accommodate the forest people. This would ease the pressure off Gloucester Royal Hospital. Lydney has a small operating theatre where minor op's used to be carried out, would it not be more beneficial to utilise the local hospitals that we already have, again easing the queues at GRH. I feel that the emergency services will come under more strain if one "central" hospital goes ahead (which I hope it doesn't) as people may call for an ambulance as opposed to travelling further. I also feel that the Doctors surgeries throughout the forest will become even more log jammed than they already are.

Easy access to main road in case of onward transfers to main hospitals. Lydney is where largest centre of population is now and with the extensive new house building going on will be even more so in the future.

It is more central more bus routes

there are lots of new houses being built in Lydney - biggest population Lydney is on the A48 so would have the quickest route to Glos. If a patient needed transferring - also it would be more accessible for people living towards Chepstow. It is the only town with a railway station which could be helpful to visitors & sat app easiest site to access should weather be bad in the winter. i do think the Dilke and Lydney should be kept open for people to recuperate in !?!

Lydney by-pass for easy access

it has good access roads to Gloucester and Bristol if hospital transfer is required. It is fairly aquidistant from Sedbury, Coleford and Cinderford. It is easier to access in winter weather. With all the extra housing being built in Lydney and Sedbury it probably has more of the population around it than Coleford or Cinderford.

What will you provide with rising population and reduction of hospital beds. What are the alternatives?

I think Lydney or Colefore will be too far to go

THIS NEED THE SAME

Public transoprt is very limited with very few if arranging evening services. Therefore without a car it ould be impossible for people to reach the hospital. I also consider? that the money would be better spent, if necessary updating the present hospitals which mocal people have supported financially for many years

Growing population and lots of new homes. Good traffic infrastructure and easy to reach for most forest people. Long heritage of a hospital in the

Forest. Easy to reach Gloucester or Newport/Cardiff in an emergency

We need a cottage hospital in Lydney. People cannot always go in to the forest. Should never be closing Lydney Hospital anyway, it will never be the same anyway

Lydney is a nice town but Coleford I believe would be more preferable

Lydney by pass would be the best to build the new hospital which we need for the future of the forest community. Coldford and Cinderford roads network are too narrow. Lydney bypass is better road network for Gloucestershire NHS also for Wales and Bristol

or Dilke. Space available, population, cheaper alternative to new site

Wonderful views we are getting a hospital, Even better news if it was Lydney. Here's hoping the infrustructor is better for Lydney

its not all about the patients. You have to think about clinical staff sometimes travelling from Gloucester to the forest and back again, Time will be the essence here!!

Because it is on the main bus route "but" what ever is wrong with our exsisting hospitals the cost of modernizing them and keeping them open would be more beneficial that a new hospital with less beds that the two hospitals put together

It needs to be on a main road. Lydney is on the A48 it also needs a good bus service. Lydney has several good bus servies. Lydney is to get bigger with people for approx 1200 new homes under construction. If an emergency it has good direct access route to Glos and Bristol hospitals which Lydney is prefect position for the new hospital

Growing town with many new estates being built. Good road and public transport links with other areas;

I don't have a preference for where the new community hospital is located in the Forest of Dean because:

The location should be determined based on a needs analysis as part of the citizens jury

the importance is access eg local transport networks, direct bus routes

In only work in Cinderford and have to drive there from out of county so am not aware of the transport links.

It just needs to be in an area that is accessible to most local people

I don't know any of the options well enough to make an informed choice. New hospital should be located at the most accessible option.

I do not live anywhere near it

I think it needs to be located in the centre of the area; however, the location should also take into account the ease that people can access it via public

transport.

any location would be good so long as it has good parking

i do not live in or know the area

if I needed to, I could get public transport to the other 2 possible locations

My preference would be either Cinderford or Coleford, due to being more central than Lydney. Lydney is growing due the housing development which is ongoing, Cinderford or Coleford would be in a better position for both access and community support.

I don't live or work there and do not have an understanding of what would suit most people best

No preference

site should be picked on what serves the population best geographically

I do not know the area and it will not serve me living in Cirencester as we have our own hospital to date

Gloucester, Cheltenham or Stroud would be the nearest medical facility to my home address.

I think that the public will be able to access it regardless of its location. The important thing is that it is fit for purpose and can meet the existing and future needs of the Forest of Dean community.

As long as transport links have been extensively researched and the hospital is accessible within a reasonable distance to all, I don't have a preference

any of the 3 towns is ok as long as we have a new hospital fit for purpose

i don't really know where these areas are!

The hospital will benefit all. It does not matter where it is based as long as there are good transport links and it is accessible to all.

it should be built on the best available site wherever that may be. The site needs to be big enough for current needs and also large enough for expansion in the future.

As long as access to new hospital is along a main road and good signage. So accessible from A48 would be good

It needs to be easy accessible for all patients and staff, central location and on bus routes.

my main concern is the reduction in the number of beds. I think this should be reconsidered first because there are so many beds blocked, operations cancelled etc already that we can't afford to lose any.

They are each a similar distance from nearest alternatives - GRH, Ross or Chepstow

They are all similar distance from nearest alternative A&E/MIIU e.g. GRH, Ross, Chepstow

As long as it suits the needs of all patients.

x

Working in the Forest of Dean I understand from patients that travel around the area is increasingly difficult via public transport. Buses run from all areas via Coleford so this may be the best area for a hospital however, local population often regard Cinderford as the central area

no preference

I feel the location is not relevant, as long as all the relevant holistic healthcare facilities can be provided which will be sustainable long into the future.

The public will benefit from having a new multipurpose built hospital housing all disciplines under one roof.

I only work here and don't live here. Whichever location is most populated and has good transport links

As I don't live in the Forest I am not best placed to advise on this matter. The local people should be asked for their thoughts.

I don't think either the Dilke or Lydney hospital should be closed, this is what the majority of FoD residents told you

It should be situated in the centre of the Forest, on good bus links, amongst trees for in patients

no preference

I feel anywhere in the Forest will be suitable I personally feel that it should be away from Cinderford and Lydney due to past history with the hospitals. I do feel Coleford would be quite central for everyone in the Forest.

I do not live in the Forest of Dean and currently drive to both Lydney and Dilke Hospitals and Dean House in Cinderford in my working week. I do feel that the new site needs to have good access as both sites do not currently for public transport reducing accessibility for out patients and their relatives.

all the above options are easily accessible to me

so long as it has good facilities and good parking with dedicated staff

I don't mind where it is really as we have a car but Cinderford would be central and is on a serious bus route, it wouldn't be too difficult to get there from a good part of our forest.

It should be in a central location for all to access easily.

I do not want to have one hospital to serve the whole of the Forest, but would prefer the money allocated to be spent on bringing the Dilke and Lydney Hospitals up to standard

I think the new hospital should be in the centre of the forest with access from all parts of the forest. I do not mind where it is situated as long as it is easy to get to either by bus or car.

We need a single new build with good access to major route to major hospital. Roads A48 or A40 are both clogged at rush hours. But A48 probably a best option.

I think this is already pre determined and this is a tick box exercise

The hospital needs to be located centrally within easy reach, by public transport, of all parts of the Forest

I just think it needs to be located within the centre of all 3 major towns. It needs to be easily accessible by road for adverse weather.

I would like the new hospital to be somewhere easily accessible with parking. or not in the middle of the town.

X

As long as there is transport facilities available, I do not see a problem where the hospital is put.

I feel that the most "suitable" site should be chosen. This will allow the money to be spent wisely on a fully appropriate and most fit for purpose location. All residents within the Forest of Dean already travel around by some means or another and I am sure we will all appreciate having a modern hospital nearby rather than having to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham.

I believe the transport infrastructure / (stage coach) should be considered / the increasing housing developments & potential GP surgeries unable to cope with increased population & therefore supported by community hospital services - also to consider adverse weather conditions - recent snow / road closures etc & therefore accessibility to keep a continued service of the community hospital in these conditions

Because no matter what we say we won't be listened to, I have no confidence in these surveys and certainly none in NHS after most people in the Forest voted against a new hospital and the NHS took no notice so no point in these surveys it's probably all decided anyways

A single hospital needs to be in a Central location to be accessible to most residents. If located in the South (ie Lydney) residents in the North of the area will be able to access Gloucester Hospital easier so may not use the new facility when built.

All 3 sites would suit me as I have a car. Public transport in the forest is not great, so this needs to be considered when siting the hospital. At present the bus service from Staunton to Coleford is terrible. There then needs to be links to Lydney, Cinderford

I do not want the Dilke and Lydney hospitals to close. It is more convenient for people to have a choice of locations to travel to

I think it is more important for the Forest of Dean as a whole to retain its

own hospital rather than where it is situated. As long as there are good public transport links

Between Cinderford, Lydney and Coleford. (Speech House area) Road access already in place

It will probably be another situation like Brexit so i will wait and see!

This is the one many of would have to travel whatever the location

I dont mind where the hospital is situated as long as it serves all concerned as equal as possible

Except that it should be at the hub of public transport for people with no private transport. What about the old college site at Five acres

As long as it can be reached by public transport

I am happy to have a facility that can deliver 21st century care. So long as it has good access it doesn't matter

As long as a new hospital is built, I don't mind where the location is.

Whichever location is chosen is bound to be an 'inconvenience' to the other two towns. However, good road access towards Gloucester would seem to be important, which seems to rule out Coleford.

I don't live near the area and don't have enough knowledge on where it would be best placed.

1) I am unlikely to be around by the time it is built. 2) I think the present situation is far better (serving 3 scattered communities) and spend the money available on updating them and not throw away all the improvements (ay Lydney) financed by voluntary contributions and legacies

My preference for the exisitng hospital to keep them where they are and enhance what is already there

I think we should keep the existing hospitals that would suit everyone that uses them.

I STRONGLY BELIEVE THE TWO EXISTING HOSPITALS SHOULD STAY AND BE FUNDED PROPERLY...THEY ARE THERE FOR A REASON...OUR FOREFATHERS PUT THEM THERE TO SUPPORT BOTH ENDS OF THE FOREST OF DEAN AS WE ARE A VERY RURAL AREA AND THE COMMUNITY NEEDS THESE TWO HOSPITALS WHERE THEY ARE. WE COULD DO WITH ANOTHER FACILITY DUE TO INCREASED POPULATION AND EXTRA FACILITIES FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT TRAVEL TO GLOUCESTER OR CHELTENHAM FOR TREATMENTS. IF FUNDED PROPERLY BY THE NHS AND SERVICES RE-INSTATED AT BOTH HOSPITALS OUR CURRENT ONES WILL SUFFICE. IT IS A NONSENSE TO TRY TO CLOSE THESE BUSY HOSPITALS...THEY ARE OUR HOSPITALS AND HAVE BEEN FUNDED LOCALLY ON OCCASIONS DUE TO THE DISREGARD AND OBVIOUS INTENT TO PRIVATISE ALL LONG TERM. I BELIEVE OUR HOSPITALS AND INDEED THEIR VERY LOYAL AND COMPETENT STAFF SHOULD

BE APPLAUDED...THEY ARE WHAT WE WANT LOCALLY, NEED LOCALLY, AND NO MAN SHOULD CREATE A 'SMOKE SCREEN' FULL OF NONSENSE AND FALSE PROMISES IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE THEM...WE NEED HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN BOTH LYDNEY AND CINDERFORD AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY!!!

I think the Dilke, and Lydney should be kept going, but modernised!

Any site will be an improvement if the finances go in to one new build hospital that can to properly staffed

I feel the existing hospitals should be retained and the money spent on them

Rather than loose a community hospital, I would not really mind where it is as long as we have a community hospital in the locality

As long as it's in the Forest of Dean I can get to it easily. However I do think that being able to get there easily by public transport from any area should be taken into consideration

As long as it's in the Forest and easily accessible!!! but I believe both Dilke and Lydney have major resources to offer and should definitely be utilised in some sort of care in the community

I have my own transport

If it is to be - I would suggest that it be a parkend which is approachable and roughly equal distance from all 3 towns

Try Newnham because it's on the A48 so bad weather should not cut it off. Staff would be able to get to the hospital from Gloucester. If rest of forest is cut off with bad weather. Lydney and the Dilke should be used just for the older people the people of the forest would still keep these hospitals going, just so that the elderly could die or be cared for with dignity. This would then allow the new hospital to cater with everything else. Public transport would need to improve. TRY IT

I would still much prefer to keep the existing 2 hospitals as would most who took part in the original consultations, which proved to be just a publicity exercise

My preferred choice is for Lydney due to the superior road links to Gloucester and to GRH. however whichever location is chosen it is important that there is sufficient parking available and that there are adequate public transport facilities available

My preferred locations for this hospital is either Lydney where there is a large new housing programme or Cinderford because of the new college. Both of these locations have good road links and public transport already and could easily be improved

Ease of access is essential, Ample parking is essential, sufficient space to allow for expansion needed. (Cinderford probably fits these criteria)

Any location above is fine. In an emergency people will travel. Routine appointments will be nearer than GRH

Yes

I think we need 2 hospitals not one. And we need all the beds we currently have available.

It's just needed within the forest somewhere

As long as we get it any of the locations is fine

I have only recently moved to the area (2 months ago) from Bristol. I know where the hospital is in Lydney because i viewed a house on the same street when we were looking for a house to buy! I think i have driven past the Dilke hospital but i dont recall where it is. Lydney one appears to be an easy to find / access location but i guess parking may be a problem

The communities of Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford are almost equal population so in real terms no single community can use population so look at the geographical location. Public transport demographic and a location adjacent to A46 at Elton corner would seem to offer the best compromise for 2 out of 3 of the communities and good bus routes to cover all 3

I dont want one!!!! The majority of people in the forest DONT WANT a new hospital. but their wants and views will be ignored of course

As long as it's in FOD and near a major road

If you still use Newent as a choice it must be Cinderford

All should be kept where they are

I have transportation

I think it should be central

I live central to all these towns. As long as there is a good transport system put in place for people without their own I am not too worried where it is located

I don't think the two we have should be replaced

We need all people to have access to a modern hospital in the forest

Everyone wants it to be close to them, but it can't be close for everyone.

Wherever it is will not suit everyone

As long as the forest is covered by much needed facilities I don't mind

I don't have preference as I do not know the location best served by public transport. I imagine a large proportion of hospital users are elderly and may prefer to use public transport. I This would also save them parking fees which I guess will be imposed.

Keep it as it is already

I really don't care where the new hospital is built, but it will need to have lots of car parking spaces as most people using it will be driving to get there as there's rubbish public transport in the forest.

Don't want a new community hospital

N/a

I would prefer to keep to current hospitals. This questionnaire will just split the members of the community.

Putting aside my best interests, it needs to be somewhere with guaranteed good public transport. If you can't sort that, it's a white elephant.

Leave them as they are. No messing or wasting money the NHS does not have!!!!

As long as we have a community hospital I don't mind where it is in the forest

Wherever it is built it will be an asset to the forest of dean

In the middle of the forest say around Parkend, easily accessible for all communities.

If we spent the proposed budget for the new hospital building on improved services in the two existing hospitals we would have a much better NHS service and coverage for the Forest.

I do not mind where it is located, only that it has a few more beds than you first stated.

As long as it provides a good range of accessible and understanding staff

For me it is accessible as I drive.

Because I have my own car and all of these places are about the same distance from where I live

Everyone completing this survey is going to pick the place nearest to them. I think it would be better to pick a more central place in the forest. However I'm not sure why things had to change I'm sure probably financial and resource constraints but surely a larger hospital is going to create the same burden in a centralised location?!

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We do have our own car. I only use it though when husband is not in work, which is mainly over the weekend

All these locations are not very far apart. An improved road system will be needed

Anywhere - its good that we are going to have a new community hospital

Disagree

I think that accessibility is the most important factor as if it is not accessible people like myself who have to use public transport would choose to go to clinics at GRH. At present i can choose between Lydney or GRH by bus, which to me is important

There is no need for it. We love the Dilke, we love the Lydney. It was our ancestors and relatives who paid for them and built them. Now money is available it should be spent on them. As it is our money it should be spent according to our wishes

The location does not matter as i need help anyway

Either town would be suitable instead of travelling to Gloucester.

As long as it is not on the five acres leisure site!

Living in Parkend, we are in between all three locations

You should keep the remaining hospitals open! If that is not possible Lydney!

The hospital should be located where it is accessible to everyone living in the Forest of Dean area

Gloucestershire College FOD campus five acres near Coleford. Because good public transport links and good road infrastructure from all directions in the forest and central to the major hospitals in surrounding areas and good mobile telephone reception

But the plans for this hospital need consideration for the time delay for this build. Consider the FOD college - already suggested as financially unviable. In an inappropriate area and including less services than at 5 acres DONT do this with the hospital

Central with good links and car parking

A hospital needs to be in Lydney planning

As long as its open 24/7 and available with transport links and parking

This is better than losing a facility and travelling for the rising over 60+

year's population. In 5 years car travel / public services will have depleted. bus services do not travel from east to west, North and South - West / South even now in the Dean

It needs to make a decision and START. FOD needs a hospital. Most general staff are locals

This says that the areas for a new hospital are known. Why are they not published as part of the scheme. A map for example?

As long as it is located in the forest and is thought about in depth regarding its best strategic siting, with the least environmental impact.

The trend is for specialist centres to be concentrated where professionals can best be accommodated. It is unlikely that the FOD can provide a "centre of excellence" eg cardio care, neurology, maternity etc. Instead, the GP practices should be better resourced and reconstructed with updated clinical facilities. The day of cottage hospitals is long gone, but consider convalescence care

Cinderford or Coleford should be the site as they are in the centre of the forest

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It doesn't matter as long as it is in the FOD

Close to main areas of population, nice surroundings, good services

As long as there is a NEW hospital rather than old, out of date ones!

I think a new hospital is a waste of resources. We have Lydney and Dilke. It would make more sense to update and provide more beds and services to the existing hospitals. At the moment I have to travel to GRH and CGH quite frequently. This is at cost to myself and family. I am not criticising the care I am given but the expense that it costs to myself and family. How many people who live in Cinderford would opt for Lydney or Coleford

As a Newent resident I feel we are being pushed aside. Journey times to Gloucester are sometimes 45 minutes upwards. Cheltenham over 1 hour by car

It is critically important that bed numbers are commensurate with at least current availability (47) future planning and demographics need to be revisited

Would rather be able to go to Ross or Ledbury because they are nearer and Gloucester costs too much to park

.....As long as it is located within the Forest of Dean it offers convenient access for me and my family....

I believe that the new hospital should be placed on a large easily accessible plot where the public can be treated within the forest. As the population increases so will the need for hospital services, I believe that room for expansion in the future should be seriously considered. Car parking spaces

and room to expand should also be considered. No one within the forest lives far from locations near to Lydney, Coleford or Cinderford and will be fortunate to have bigger and better services housed within a purpose built hospital. A Forest of Dean hospital should be somewhere that forest people can be cared for possibly as they reach the end of their life. Built in a beautiful location that feels like home where ever that might be.

All the major Forest towns have pro's and con's. As long as we have a hospital somewhere in the Forest it will benefit all that live here. No one wants to go into Gloucester for appointments or to visit people in hospital

It should be near the centre point of the Forest so rebuilt on the existing Dilke site

I do -Lydney

I think that both the Dilke and Lydney Hospitals should be updated with better amenities. The idea of a new Hospital with less beds is absurd, with a growing elderly population. The Forest of Dean is outlying - Cinderford and Lydney are at opposite ends of the Forest with Coleford being in the middle. To build a new community hospital closer to one place rather than the other would mean that it would be difficult for people from the other places to get to.

as long as the hospital is fit for purpose ie plenty of in patient beds

The Forest needs at least two hospitals as the road system, combined with a poor bus service means that no one site is easily accessible to all.

I live in Chepstow

Agree

Should be centre of forest area which is Drybrook , Mitchel dean area

This is NOT my preference. However, I have major objections to siting the hospital in Cinderford (which would have been my choice had it not been for the already over-used roads in the area. Cinderford makes most sense because of its central position.

Keep the ones we have and improve them

I feel it should be easily assessable and along the A48 would be ideal. This is a main road so everyone can access it especially in the bad weather. Coleford or cinderford can be extremely difficult to get to if the weather is bad.

I am lucky to have my own transport.

At the consultation discussion talk was of a proposed dedicated bus service - i cannot see it coming via Tibberton. There is not a direct bus service to any of the proposed locations - therefore i will not be able to get there

It has always been there and it is easy access on roads

A must for Lydney easy road links

I am lucky, i can drive and own a car, but the new hospital must have good, regular public transport links, ideally free and sufficient free parking

There is no direct bus service to any of the proposed sites so it is impossible for me to get there. Talk of a dedicated bus service to the proposed hospital - I would like to see it come through Tibberton

Just hope it has adequate beds. And you can move with times and give us a birth unit. Hate having to go glos for appointments and problems with pregnancy

No single location is adequate. You should modernise the existing sites

I would like it to be closer to lydney because I live there but I think where ever it may be it would be a brilliant idea.

It should be lydney

The suitability of purpose of the site should be paramount.

Close to main road link, A48

None of the town's are to far for me to travel to

We already have hospitals in the Forest.

We really need a new one

it should be equally accessible to Cinderford, Lydney and Coleford

We should retain the two local hospitals

It seems that Cinderford is to have a new surgery - the other important issue is what use Lydney and Dilke are put to. I think it is particularly important that the Dilke is kept for public use i.e palliative / respite / interim care which would ease bed blocking. If the Dilke is "lost" to the public then there would be a much greater "anti" new hospital feeling

My main concern is that this is a proper well equipped hospital with minor injuries unit, Theatre, X ray etc. NOT just a care hospital but also dealing with smaller scale emergencies

Any of the 3 locations would be convenient to the Forest of Dean. I.e public transport from Cinderford - Coleford - Lydney and also Gloucester is available. The ambulance station is also very acceptable.

X

It should be where public transport is easily accessible to all areas in the forest

Ideally i think that the hospital should be in the middle of all 3 towns so as to be equidistant and fair to all. The main point is bus links. Otherwise it will be very very difficult for patients

You know the reason. We have 2 very good hospitals. Voted at consultation so why another vote???

I don't actually live within the forest just on the border with Monmouthshire. I think the new hospital should be situated where most people can access it either by public transport or good road access. Personally I would lean towards Lydney

No reason as long as a new hospital is built

I think you should update the 2 hospitals not build a new one

No preference

WE NEED AT LEAST TWO HOSPITALS IN THE FOREST BECAUSE TRANSPORT LINKS ARE DIABOLICAL. AS WELL AS LYDNEY AND THE DILKE HOSPITALS THERE NEEDS TO BE PROVISION FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEWENT

I just don't want the leisure centre and all those facilities at Coleford to close down, it would be such a huge loss

We are central to Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney

I believe the decision has already been made.

They are all accessible by bus or car, are relatively local and are close to shops and other services. All are residential towns.

It would make sense to situate the new hospital where it is accessible for all

I do. Lydney

I live in Lydney and yes a hospital based in Lydney would be better however I don't mind where a hospital goes as long as it has the good facilities so don't have to keep travelling to Gloucester that would be great. Maybe a bus service available to all 3 areas as a pick up for people who don't drive would make it more accessible any area if it's a direct loop route.

Depends on transport

As long as the forest gets its own hospital so that people in this area do not have to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham for their treatment at peak times it can take more than an hour to travel to Gloucester and the parking is horrendous.

Whatever is wanted the powers that be have decided. The foresters wanted to keep Dilke and Lydney, so why bother with asking views

UPGRADE OUR EXISTING TWO HOSPITALS - I want the two community hospitals to be maintained and improved as I and many of the forest population have already told you. You ignored our answer to the first consultation which was NO we don't want ONE new hospital and closing two wonderful hospitals. Quit this expensive faux consultation (AND its costs) and upgrade the existing hospitals

£11M is NOT going to build a hospital fit for purpose. KEEP BOTH hospitals as they are BOTH FIT FOR PURPOSE. Have all the facilities between them that the forest needs. Brand New X ray @ Lydney, Ultrasound etc at Dilke, all the clinics, outpatients, physio etc etc etc which the new hospital cannot

possibly provide. Won't be enough beds either, not enough parking. Cannot for one moment think all these facilities will be in this new "thing". Probably "haring" up the awful road to Gloucester Royal which is already stretched to the limit and not enough parking now. Lydney at the moment has the breast screening unit. Just halve the money between Lydney and Dilke and keep them both and ensure both for future generations. The stress which that trek to Gloucester for patient and carer is enormous and is not needed, then try and park when you get there and with all roadworks now. If it has to be anywhere - Lydney it must be

I have a preference as above to Lydney. However I feel that the decision has been made and "public consultation" is purely paying lip service to government process

I believe that the new hospital should be located on current unoccupied ground / Closure of existing buildings. E.g Lydney docks where many building have been empty for years. Number 1 priority is to enable ALL members of the public to access the facilities eg public transport, provision to enable access to without causing undue stress to the elderly. Speech house would be a central location also. Additional info - Please ensure that members making this decision are local, interested and appreciate that the local people need to be consulted throughout this process. Lydney hospital was a great support to my mother during her cancer support

I don't understand the need for this. People in this area voted against a new hospital. Powers that be had already decided. And now another vote on area when the site has in all likelihood been agreed and planning granted. This whole thing is a waste of NHS (the tax payers) money Burocuary rules

1) My preference would be somewhere between Lydney / Coleford and Cinderford (Newent has Tewkesbury, CGH, GRH) such as Speech House, Parkend, Yorkley area. (reasonable roads, equidistant between 3 towns - acres of canal, some derelict) I would hope the new hospital would have the appropriate number of beds to cater for a future FOD population expolsion plus health experse professionals. Connecting roads would need improvement

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We should keep two hospitals. Such a reduction in physical and service terms is a disgusting, inhumane concept that can only be borne out of a desire to put commercial interests above clinical and societal need.

Transport links and the large expansion of the town and surrounding areas

X

No to closures, Yes to improvements

All locations are easily reached by car and also have a bus service for those who prefer that

the most important consideration must be whether the new location is accessible to air ambulances in case of major, large, or serious incidents

as long as in forest of dean it should be accessible to all

The hospital should be on a line drawn between the Dilke and Lydney Hospital and should have sufficient space for expansion and parking

I do not have a preference at the moment as I have my own transport

As long as there's a hospital in the forest that people can get to and use, instead of being sent to Gloucester to wait for hours to be seen as Gloucester is used by a lot more communities

It is needed in Lydney

Why does the new hospital have to be located near one of the Forest towns? What about locating it in between. Parked is easily accessible from all three towns. Why not build it there.

The single most important element in deciding where the new hospital is located is how easy it will be to get to. Bus links will need to be vastly improved between all towns and villages in FOD to get to the new hospital. This is especially important as we get older and perhaps will not be able to drive. We are much more likely to need a hospital the older we get. Location of the hospital does not matter, investment into transport links to it is essential for the hospital to serve the community.

Don't see why we cannot keep lydney and dilke hospitals.

The hospital should be value for money for the tax payer and located at a site with good access for the breast screening service, chemotherapy etc. Transport is poor wherever you live in the Forest and should not override any decision

It has already been decided and this exercise is a farce.

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no preference

If it's ON TWO bus routes with at least one bus per hour for 7 days a week, just add a big car park for the others.

Canopy cross roads centre of the forest and accessible to all

It will not matter as the same idiots that made the original decision will once again ignore public opinion and site the hospital wherever the like. My guess is that it will be put in the most difficult place for people to get to, thereby cutting down on patients and justifying the astonishing decision to reduce beds, when the population of the Forest is forecast to increase, both in numbers and age.

Not sure, but there won't be enough beds so won't make a difference

Having a new hospital with fewer beds makes absolutely no sense at all

The road network in and around the F O D doesn't make it easier for getting to any location winter weather conditions would make it impossible to visit

any location

My preferred option is at Speech house, as this is centre to the three towns with transport between Coleford and Cinderford already exist, so transport from Lydney would need to be arranged

The new community hospital should be located in an area with good local transport links, road and public transport. An area large enough for parking and expansion if necessary in the future

There is nothing wrong with Lydney or Dilke hospitals that have served the forest people for many years. People in each town want or would prefer these places were maintained. £11 million could be better spent on these establishments being maintained and updated. Too much money has already been wasted locally at the northern quarter; let's not waste anymore of taxpayers monies. Also how much is this consultation costing? These are a complete waste of tax payer's monies as no doubt the decision has been made already. Saw too many consultations when i worked for GCC - a total FARCE. They achieved nothing.

Just do up and update Lydney and Cinderford we need more beds not less. Stop wasting tax payer's monies on these consultations which you do not need. Decisions already made. Why has this been put in the Review so near to the closure date?? should have been in weeks ago

but think that it should not just provide for those living in the bottom 3rd of the area as shown on the map

We do not need one - BOTH hospitals are still useable - Save the £11 million and put it towards other NHS problems and stop paying the hospital trust people too much money

Its more important to be on the most suitable site with good transport links, space for future development / expansion

A new hospital could not create the very special environment which we are so fortunate to have in our existing local hospitals. LEAVE OUR HOSPITALS ALONE

Until you allocate more beds this hospital should not be built, waste of money use it to improve NHS in county

Anywhere in the FOD will be a lot easier than going to Gloucester, A bus going past the hospital would be great

I do not see any need for a new hospital. The existing ones are perfectly adequate and any monies should be put towards maintaining the existing provision

My preference is that the two exceptional local hospitals should NOT be closed. I have many reasons to be grateful to both for treatment needs. WHY NOT SPEND MONEY ON IMPROVING EXISTING PROVISION

it should be accessible to all by both private and public transport.

I don't believe that the existing provision needs to be changed. Our views

will not be listened to and a decision will be made on cost.

I don't have a preference but I think a chance of an ideal site has been missed. The new hospital could easily have been built on the old Bells grammar school playing fields opposite the Golf club. However this site was captured for the Town Councils latest waste of money a skateboard park. Shame.

The Forest needs a hospital wherever it is built. Growing population, shorter journey for emergencies, more convenient for relatives to visit rather than going to Gloucester. Access to clinics, specialists, etc.

Yes - preference Cinderford

No Community Hospital needed. divide the Money equally between the existing Lydney and the Dilk Hospitals

A mathematical approach such as "Operations Research" (O.R.) to the hospital's location should be applied to selecting the location. This avoids emotion clouding the issue. For example see http://www.econ.upf.edu/~ramalhin/Referencias/Daskin_2004.pdf. Ultimately this would probably involve locating the new facility at some "mid" point. It would probably require a "free to patients" / disabled access / "circular" bus service from the main towns. If there is no one on the CCG with OR / mathematical / statistical knowledge, can I respectfully ask that this idea be passed to others for serious consideration.

It should have easy transport access for everyone, most people giving a specific location will be a selfish reason and not for all's benefit. Needs free parking spaces and room to build, but somewhere central to the forest.

A centre position between all 3 towns i.e. Parkend or Speech House, would be best. I live in Lydney but can see that a more central position is better.

I think it should be in the most accessible place for the greatest number of people who rely on public transport

X

We need a new hospital that caters for all and has all the facilities under one roof. A few more beds and unit for A&E

I realise it is impossible to please all three towns but Cinderford does have the most hills and normally gets cut off most winters. This year I had to have stitches out and they walked to me

We don't need a new community hospital. The money should be spent on the 2 hospitals that we have got. There is no way 11 million will build a new hospital

It should be in the most convenient place for the population bearing in mind the terrible services offered by BUSES in the Forest. TRANSPORT is the key to the location. Will buses be laid on direct to the new hospital from all outlying areas?

I deal for 3rd hospital

I see no need for a new hospital at all spend the money on the two existing ones, This was a done deal!!

I see absolutely no need for a new hospital. The existing ones are perfectly adequate and any monies should be put to maintaining and adding to them

I believe the new hospital should be based as near to the centre of the forest as possible

We do not need a New hospital. Save money and renovate - update the 2 we have

Public transport is so infrequent that i always have to drive to appointments / venues. Thus it will be easy enough to drive to hospital where ever it is sited. However when I have to rely on taxis, then Lydney would be my preference

This is a waste of time and money. Why do you want to know if i work in the Forest of Dean? I am retired and living in FOD. Whats in place on the web site to stop a person living in Mitcheldean making 10,000 answers to this survey, therefore making the results in favour of Coleford or where ever. Ethnic Group - WTF is this to do with location of a hospital in FOD. Have you never heard of CICO, this is what this survey will give - Crap in Crap out!

I dont mind really as long as its in the Forest of Dean but owing to my circumstances the nearer to Cinderford for me the better

2 sites have been made available through generosity. It would be too far away for us. Your "facts on Jury" out of date. How much money have you wasted - Worthless survey. Thank you for wasting my time and NHS money

Here we go again!! Yet another futile public consultation process. You have already dismissed the democratic vote by the public against a new hospital. Your consultation was a complete farce with the decision already made to provide a new facility as confirmed by reference to GCCG and GCS at the January meeting. A site has already been decided on so this latest consultaion is yet another example of a total public waste of time, effort and much needed monies. What a complete and utter farce this whole scenario has proved to be - so undemocratic. If at the very beginning a proposal included an A&E facility plus an acceptable number of beds plus a maternity provision then it would have been accepted and welcomed but not a second rate facility as that prospect. Totally disillusioned and annoyed. Please pass this response to the Citizens Jury, the board of GCS and governing body of GCCG

Leave the two hospitals where they are spend the money on extending them and modernising. Why waste money for something that is smaller and less beds

Dont think enough time has been given paper out 29th June reply by 3rd July or is this deliberate so peoples views can again be ignored and you already decided where hospital is to be built

X

Rather than taking up green land space, i believe a new hospital should be built and located on a disused site area. For example the old pin factort located in white croft. A large area with space for parking for patients

Note: The hospital should be large enough to accomodate the forest population (including the new houses in the pipeline. It should also include a maternity wing if we are to maintain the birth right of the people in the Forest of Dean. Without a maternity wing there will be no true forest of dean

Money should be better invested in the 2 existing hospitals in Lydney and Dilke

The whole concept of the new hospital is a stupid crazy idea JUST FORGET IT

It should be equal distance between the 3 towns and with ample car parking

no where else suitable for easy access to all times though DILKE could be kept open to support sevices with clinics etc

I believe the money is better spent updating the hospitals we have but i am sure there is an agenda to build the hospital on the old college site in Coleford. I also believe we are wasting so much money on "consultations" like this!!

Weather and accessibility mean only LYDNEY is suitable

Five Acres could be a possible option when it is returned to the council. Personally, I see no need for a new site as it appears the only new service will be an ENDOSCOPY SUITE which certainly would cost a fraction of the £11M. Quoted.The bed nos. could then be retained.

I do have a preference - this site of the present Dilke Hopspital. It is at the centre of the Forest making it faif for everyone. It has all the attributes mentioned onroute. It has beautiful surroundings which would male people feel better before they even go in to Hospital, For me its a no-brainer

It needs to be central to the radius of Forest of Dean plus ease of travel and access. Cinderford's a cauldron of Hodge Podge, Lydney's like storage units and Coleford, think I am warming to the place even though I feel council favours throwing money at Coleford than anywhere else.

I live in Newent and now rely on others with cars. I regularly use in this way to travel to within a radius of 15 miles (max) of Newent. Alternatively, regular bus service

It was requested by the majority of the public to retain both hospitals and you chose too ignore that and no doubt you will choose to what you want again which will add up to a massive unnecessary cost.

Don't mind because I can drive my car

Coleford Area

As a community we will help each other get to the location

I live in Coleford; all the buses seem to pass through there so it would be helpful for everyone but it is not central. Lydney already has a hospital so it would be good if that was enlarged. Ruardean & Littledean appear too small & away from the main population centres

i do not wish to lose our 2 hospitals but if we must, i suggest it be Parkend for a single unit.
