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Dear Ms Hutton

Hospital and Primary Care Facilities, Forest of Dean

As I believe you are aware the Forest of Dean District Council at its meeting on 9 December 2020 considered a motion in respect of the above matter. It read:

It is well over 2 years ago that the NHS undertook an exercise that resulted in a Citizens Jury deciding that a new Hospital Facility should be situated in the Cinderford Area.

Since the Spring, the Forest, like everywhere else has been subject to extraordinary challenge and pressures that the unprecedented Covid crisis has forced upon us.

Undoubtedly having the two existing Hospital Facilities (Lydney and Cinderford Dilke) has been invaluable in fighting the threat of Covid.

Following debate members formally resolved that:

This Council fundamentally believes that the entire future of Forest Hospitals and indeed Primary Care facilities needs to be revisited in light of the Covid emergency and mindful that the greater proportion of new build expansion is destined for the South Forest Area.

Pursuant to that resolution I now write formally to seek an urgent meeting with you, to be convened at the earliest possible opportunity, to discuss your proposals and for members to ask questions.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Gwilliam
Leader of Council