

Tuesday 12th September 2017

Dear Mr Elkeles,

**Response to public consultation**

I am a local resident in the Pollards Hill area, I am responding to your consultation on the building of a new local hospital. I believe it's crucial for my community that any new hospital is built on the current St Helier Hospital site at Rose Hill.

My community is thriving and diverse and some of us have significant health problems and require ease of access to a fully functioning Accident and Emergency unit. There are also many young families who have a great need for a consultant led maternity unit. I therefore oppose the closure of any services at St Helier Hospital.

In Mitcham we have very few services in the local area. The local Wilson centre has been closed recently. We already have so little that it would be wrong to shut St Helier or reduce any of its services. This would be a terrible blow to our local community. Jobs would be lost locally and people would not be able to travel to Belmont or Epsom. Instead we would either be unable to access health services or we would put further pressure on Croydon University Hospital and or St George's Hospital.

We trust in you to make the right decision, which is to keep St Helier Hospital where it is and to ensure the previously promised improvements from umpteen consultations now take place.

Thank you for listening to my views.

Yours Faithfully,

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