

## North East Mitcham Community Centre: St Helier Hospital Engagement

### Example 1

[Insert Your Address Here]

August 2017

Dear Mr Elkeles,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Mitcham who attends North-East Mitcham Community Centre, based near our local hospital, St Helier. Our Centre is particularly concerned about the impact your proposals could have on St Helier's acute services, upon which many of our community rely. After the Wilson Centre closed earlier this year, St Helier A&E is our only option left for us. I am shocked to see that these services could move to an area like Epsom or Belmont where health is already far better and residents are considerably better off.

The statistics do not lie: our community is in far greater need of acute services than the alternatives in your proposals. If any funds are available, they should be used to improve St Helier on its current site in Rose Hill. Please listen to our views and stop running the same consultation process over and over again.

Thank You

### Example 2

[Insert Your Address Here]

August 2017

Dear Mr Elkeles,

I am shocked to hear that moving acute services from St Helier Hospital to either Epsom or Belmont is even an option.

I am a member of the nearby North-East Mitcham Community Centre and I rely on St Helier Hospital's acute services. Indeed, many members of our youth clubs were even born at the hospital thanks to the wonderful consultant led maternity units. My friends, family and neighbours, many of whom don't have a car, all use St Helier Hospital and can reach it easily thanks to its wealth of transport links. I have no idea how we would get to Epsom or Belmont and dread to think of the impact the extended travel would have when there is an emergency.

If there are funds available to improve St Helier then of course we back them, but I cannot emphasise enough the devastating impact that the loss of services would have on my local community. Earlier this year we lost the Wilson Centre which was a huge blow to us all. If we lost any services at St Helier then we would have to use St George's which is already at breaking point.

Our community has seen similar consultations in the past to the cost of tens of millions of pounds and I can only imagine the improvement that this could have had if it had been spent on St Helier instead. Past governments have budgeted for our hospital to be upgraded and I say it's about time it happened.

Yours Sincerely,