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The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
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Dear Steve,

Re: NHS Property Services funding for Weybridge hospital site

Congratulations on your appointment at Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. I look forward to working with you to deliver further improvements in health and care in both Runnymede and Weybridge and nationwide.

I write to ask for your support to ensure NHS property services receive the support and funding required to deliver the rebuild of the Weybridge hospital site in my constituency.

As you may be aware, Weybridge Hospital burnt down in a catastrophic fire in 2017. The hospital housed a walk-in centre, GP surgeries and provided vital community health services to residents in Weybridge and the surrounding area. The two GP services which remain on site have had to operate out of portacabins, and while they provide an excellent service with the resources they have, this is not sustainable nor sufficient to meet local need, and five years is already too long to have waited.

The project to rebuild the site and deliver wider regeneration in the town is a joint partnership between the NHS, Surrey County Council, with input from Elmbridge Borough Council. However the original property was self-insured by the NHS, meaning the funds required for the rebuild must be identified by the Department and released to NHS Property Services for this project to be able to proceed.

Following a similar letter sent to your predecessor, I met with the former Health Secretary last this week where we discussed this, and I was informed meetings were taking place over the coming weeks, with a hope that the funding will be identified and agreed to enable this project to be delivered as soon as possible.

Resident consultation has been ongoing and plans are being prepared. It is absolutely vital that all aspects of this project are taken forward at pace to rebuild and deliver the long awaiting local health services which are desperately needed in Weybridge and beyond. I would therefore ask if you could provide me with an update on the progress of ongoing discussions and help me in supporting efforts to ensure funding is identified and released as soon as possible so this essential project can proceed.

Yours ever,

Dr Ben Spencer MP
Runnymede and Weybridge