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Dear Martyn,

I am writing to raise my objections and concerns over the proposals to merge the Bursledon Surgery and the Blackthorn Health Centre.

As you have outlined, the proposal is to retain one GP surgery in the area and continue to use the Lowford Centre as an NHS building for staff and services, but not for direct GP services at this site since a replacement GP had not been found since 2019, even though I do not believe that a substantial process was put in place to find one.

Bursledon is an area of my constituency that is growing substantially, with development and a growing population in the area, it is wholly unacceptable. It is also worth noting that the local area has some of the most acute health needs in the Borough of Eastleigh. It is also disappointing that several years ago extraordinary efforts were made to develop a bespoke and purpose-built GP facility that will now not be used for its intended purpose.

The administration of Eastleigh Borough Council has also clearly stated that it is worried about these proposals, and I share their concerns. I do not believe that not making full use of local facilities and investigating a replacement GP service is giving my constituents the services they expect and deserve.

I ask therefore that this proposal be reassessed, that you explore securing a replacement GP practice at the Lowford Centre site and halt any merger until these have been exhausted.

My constituents deserve and expect the best health services in locations that are easily accessible and flexible, these proposals do not achieve that and are a step back for accessibility to some of my most vulnerable constituents.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and I am happy to discuss this further should you wish.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,


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