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Dear Andy,

RE: Forest House Medical Centre

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Leicestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in connection with a Petition the Committee has received. The Petition was submitted by one of the Committee members Mrs. A. J. Hack CC along with Cllr. Bob Waterton from Braunstone Town Council and states as follows:

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the Forest House Medical Centre's proposal to close its Park Drive surgery. This proposed closure will severely disadvantage many of its patients. These proposals are causing worry and distress in the community.

We, therefore, call on the local East Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group in consultation with the Local Primary Care Network, and the Leicestershire County Council Health Scrutiny Board to reconsider the proposal and work to achieve a satisfactory solution for patients."

At the time of submission to the Committee the Petition had 1,284 signatures.

Mrs. Hack CC and Cllr. Waterton presented the Petition at the Committee meeting on 19 January and explained that in their view the consultation process in relation to relocating the surgery from Park Drive to New Lubbethorpe was inadequate and poorly communicated. They also believe that the proposals would negatively affect a large number of residents because of a lack of transport links to the New Lubbethorpe area. They ask that the decision to relocate the surgery and close the site at Park Drive be reconsidered. Given the number of signatures to the Petition there is clearly a large amount of concern amongst local residents regarding the proposals.

The matters raised by the Petition are not under the direct control of Leicestershire County Council. I understand GP Practices come under the remit of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and this particular GP

Practice is within the area that East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG have responsibility for. I am therefore writing to draw this Petition to your attention and I would be grateful if the CCG could provide the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a response to the Petition. I would also like to invite representatives from the CCG to take part in our next Committee meeting on 2 March 2022 at 2.00pm and address the concerns in relation to Forest House Medical Centre.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. J. Morgan CC

Chairman – Leicestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee