



## HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

### REPRESENTATION FROM MS BETTY VOS

The following representation has been received from Ms Betty Vos:-

“Will the Scrutiny Committee please vote against the proposed plan to implement a new health care system in Ashby which includes the closure of Ashby hospital, the latter being the main subject of my argument?”

As you will know from your perusal of the relevant Land Registry documents and reports of both the Leicestershire Partnership Trust and the West Leicestershire Clinical Committee there is a legal requirement that the LPT must fulfil four conditions in order that they might obtain the necessary permission from the Secretary of State to sell the hospital.

1. Support from GP commissioners. This is not wholehearted as reference to minutes of their meetings shows. Also, local GPs have provided written evidence in favour of retaining the hospital.
2. Clarity on the clinical evidence base. Other statements today will show that this condition has clearly not been met.
3. Strengthened public and patient engagement. The fact that we are here today proves that this condition has not been met. Also, our petition held in September 2014 received 3000 signatures in favour of keeping the hospital and the public meeting held on 26th February 2015 elicited 100% response for the hospital to be open.
4. Consistency with current and prospective patient choice. Today's response by members of the public must answer this point.

Rachel Bilsborough, in her reports to the Boards states that these conditions have been met thus indicating an untrue position.

It is the true position which the people here today bring to your attention and, we hope, your agreement to keep Ashby Hospital open.”