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Re; Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation (closing 27.3.23)

Many thanks to you and [Redacted] for sharing the consultation document and for inviting your colleagues to present the emerging York City Local Plan to colleagues at the recent Health and Care Partnership Board.

I wanted to write to express some concerns around the amount being earmarked for the development of health premises in the consultation document. We are faced with a situation where infrastructure in General Practice in the city is becoming a significant concern. There has been very little development over the last decade and we now face a significant increase in population due to the increase in housing proposed by the plan. We are anticipating 10,000 additional dwellings and potential increase in population of 40,000 citizens according to the data presented by colleagues at the partnership meeting.

We find ourselves facing not only an increasing population but also an ageing population and with that comes both increasing medical complexity and increasing health and social care need. This comes in the context of the recent Health and Social Care Act which is encouraging a shift of care into the community and out of Hospital and that in turn will add more pressure onto the community infrastructure. We will, as recent Nimbuscare activity has demonstrated, see increased collaboration between sectors delivered in the community but as you know we are currently delivery some of that from temporary facilities from a council owned car park, which has been earmarked for housing development.

There is no doubt that General Practice in the city of York required significant infrastructure investment if it is to keep up with the demand of the population. This may involve modernising or extending existing buildings but will also require the development of additional new builds. These may take the form of GP practices but will also include community hubs allowing collaborative working along the lines of the Acomb Garth Facility that has recently been developed with NHS Property Services.

I would like to express concern that my GP colleagues have not been engaged in this process and therefore the projected funding shortfall for healthcare seems woefully inadequate and this could pose a risk for future citizens of York especially given our health and social care ambitions are so high. This seems to be brought further into focus when the funding requirements for leisure activities and green infrastructure are 12 times higher than that suggested for healthcare (and this doesn't mean to say I don't recognise the important

of these). Furthermore the healthcare funding is across the board including secondary care requirements.

I am not aware that a full primary care estate needs assessment has been carried out recently in light of the proposed local plan and therefore I would like to express concerns that the process by which these figures have been arrived at is flawed. If we had been more involved earlier in the process we could have supported a primary care needs assessment and the offer to do that moving forward is firmly on the table. We recognise this will take time but we feel this is vitally important for the health of the citizens of York – failure to address this could have significant consequences.

Many thanks for taking the time to considering this response and including it in the formal response to the consultation. On behalf of General Practice I pledge commitment to being part of this process moving forward if that is possible.

Yours Sincerely,

