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Dear Betty

Thank you for your letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> October, which we received on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, regarding the development of services and facilities at Hemel Hempstead hospital (Hillfield Road site)

As you are aware, West Hertfordshire PCT engaged widely with the public on the location of the Local General Hospital for Hemel Hempstead. It was agreed at the PCT Board in November 2009 that only one site option – the current hospital site would be taken forward.

The current work is part of normal business case development which is an NHS requirement to ensure the development is financially viable and deliverable.

NHS Hertfordshire is working with Dacorum GPs to confirm the services that they wish to commission on the site. Armed with this information, we are assessing how best to deliver the services on the site and in what facilities.

Alongside this, the PCT is undertaking a high level appraisal of the options for the redevelopment of the Hemel Hempstead Hospital site with West Herts Hospitals Trust - the site owners.

The options under consideration are:-

- 1 Do nothing
- 2 A) New build on the site of the existing Windsor Day Hospital, Jubilee and QE wings.  
B) New build on the site of the existing Tudor Wing and Cheere House.
- 3 Refurbishment of the existing Verulam Wing.

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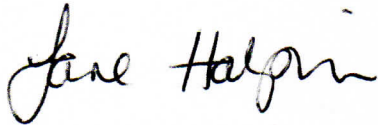
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This is a crucial part of the preparation for the business case. The work will be reported to the PCT Board at the November 2010 meeting. We need to be able to ensure that any proposals are affordable and achievable before they are discussed further with patient representatives.

We will be engaging with local stakeholders including your group as plans for the site are developed; and of course, any planning application will include public displays and presentations of plans for further comment.

With very best wishes



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