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Dear Steve,

I am writing to thank you for the report you sent to me last week on the “Better Future for Wycombe Hospital”, which you had commissioned from the Health Consultancy, Durrow. I have read the report with interest.

I note that Durrow make particular reference to WDC sharing a common interest with Bucks Hospitals NHS Trust and Bucks New University (BNU) in the renewal of this part of High Wycombe. They suggest that the Council could take a role in bringing together these bodies to publish the proposed redevelopment for consultation.

I am pleased to say that even before receiving your report, we have been in discussions with Wycombe Hospital and with BNU, to establish that common interest. As far as the Wycombe Hospital site is concerned, I understand that Bucks Hospitals NHS Trust is keen to redevelop its site and we have committed to continuing our discussions with them to assist wherever we can. As you are also aware we are about to embark, with the assistance of £8.5m of Single local growth funding, on the development of the alternative route around High Wycombe town centre, the start of which is along Queen Alexandra Road, between the University and the Hospital entrance. We are therefore talking with them closely about highway and access provision.

As you will be aware, BNU are relocating a considerable element of their medical faculty into the refurbished block at their Queen Alexandra Road site, on which they will be working closely with the hospital. We are also encouraging linkages between the Health & Social Care students and the planned Royal Star and Garter and Extracare Charitable Trust Homes at Hughenden Quarter, to provide apprenticeships and work experience for these students as well as making closer intergenerational links with the care home students.

Durrow’s report is silent on the financial implications of the changes it recommends, except to say that the NHS could deliver the overall plan within current resources. The financial implications of a wholesale redevelopment of the hospital site and associated infrastructure are potentially very major and we will be interested to hear Durrow’s views on potential funding of the scheme.

In summary, Wycombe District Council is keen to continue working actively with both Bucks Hospital NHS Trust and BNU on the improvement of this part of the town, which would form another aspect of very significant improvements to High Wycombe Town Centre which are in

If there is any further information that would be helpful on Wycombe District Council's plans in relation to the Town Centre, please do let me know and we can arrange a briefing.

I hope this is helpful in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,



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