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**By email**

Dear Ms Thorne,

## **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE CORE STRATEGY – RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL HEARING**

I write on behalf of my client, the North Bristol NHS Trust (referred to as 'the Trust'), to respond to the letter notifying the Trust of an additional hearing for the Core Strategy on the 7 March 2013. I wanted to therefore take this opportunity to reaffirm and update the Trust's position in regards to the Frenchay Hospital site. I trust that you will find this informative when considering future housing sites in South Gloucestershire.

As you are aware, Frenchay Hospital is identified within draft Policy CS25 (point 6a) stating that the Council will support the redevelopment of the existing hospital site at Frenchay for residential and ancillary infrastructure and services, including new health services. Furthermore, the supporting text to this proposed policy further states that a proposal for 'new housing and community facilities, including health and GP services are brought forward at the former Frenchay Hospital site'. The Trust, in our letter dated the 16 February 2012, included support for the proposed policy wording.

Since the time of our previous submission (16 February 2012), the Trust have submitted an outline planning application to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) for 'Redevelopment of hospital site to facilitate the construction of up to 490 residential units; a new health and social care centre and; a 1 form entry primary school, all with associated works. Outline application with access to be determined: all other matters reserved' (SGC Ref. PT13/0002/O). The application was registered on the 28 December 2012 and the target date for determination is the 29 March 2013.

The above submission is supported by a robust evidence base which demonstrates that the proposed density is reflective of the character of the site whilst also delivering much needed housing within the North Fringe which will directly and positively contribute to the delivery of the required 5 year housing land supply. The site is also previously developed in nature and its ability to deliver up to 490 units will positively reduce the pressure for

development on Greenfield sites elsewhere within the administrative area. In order to meet SGC's 5 Year Housing land supply and overall housing figures, it is imperative that previously developed, sustainable sites are maximised in a manner which is responsive to its immediate environment. I trust therefore that this will inform your deliberations for additional housing sites at the hearing on the 7 March.

The Trust are not planning on attending the additional hearing, as we believe it more prudent to focus on the planning application in hand and in doing so deliver a housing site which is capable of delivering in the region of 490 houses within the next 5 years. Should you wish, we are available to discuss these comments at the earliest opportunity. I am available on 0117 9885308 or [liz.summers@gva.co.uk](mailto:liz.summers@gva.co.uk).

Yours Faithfully



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