

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP



**HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA**

10th April 2014

Dear Mr Cormie,

Thank you for your email regarding the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead's Borough Local Plan, and proposals for a new hospital at Junction 8/9 of the M4.

As I am sure you are aware, the purpose of the recent consultation regarding the Borough Local Plan was not to make a decision about whether a new hospital should be built at this site. The consultation asked for views on the suitability for development of a number of areas, one of which was this site. The consultation document stated that this site could support 400 dwellings, but also noted that others had suggested that it could support a new hospital.

In my response to the consultation, I expressed my general view that a hospital development would be preferable to housing on this site. This is in line with my long-standing support for a new hospital for Maidenhead. I appreciate that many people feel there should be no development at all on this site, and I am grateful to receive your comments regarding traffic.

These issues would have to be very seriously considered if any firm planning proposal came forward to build a new hospital. If a firm proposal did come forward then I would carefully consider it on its merits, and there would of course need to be an extensive period of consultation with local residents and other stakeholders – and this would certainly require detailed consideration of the impact on traffic. However, this was not the purpose of the recent Borough Local Plan consultation.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa May".

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