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By Email and Post

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Dear Andy,

Community Infrastructure Levy Capital Application for the New Emergency Department

I write on behalf of Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust and further to correspondence and discussions between our consultant advisors (Turley – Mervyn McFarland) and Tristan Samuels requesting an in principal agreement between our two organisations about the Community Infrastructure Levy contributions required to be made by the Trust for the new Emergency Department.

You maybe aware of a significant issue that has arisen through the application of the current Community Infrastructure Levy process to our recent planning consent at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Site. It is likely that the current situation was not intended and inadvertently rests outside the spirit of the Community Infrastructure Levy. However, the unintended consequences of the charging schedule established by the Council back in 2012 means that the hospital is facing a levy of £513,992.57 associated with the delivery of its much needed additional emergency capacity.

I cannot stress enough how significant this is in terms of its impact on my organisation's ability to continue to meet the demands of the post pandemic issues over and above the day-to-day demand that presents at our front door. As an organisation we are doing everything we can to manage the demands of the local population as well as prepare for the anticipated increases arising from the growth forecasts for Portsmouth and its surrounding area.

The Trust has applied for and is seeking a capital contribution of £513,992.57 representing 100% of the Community Infrastructure Levy to be paid on this Emergency Development and understand this will be reviewed at the Councils 14th February 2023 Committee meeting.

The current Community Infrastructure Levy charging process does not provide any allowance or relief for the Trust, as an organisation providing community infrastructure, or account for the financial pressure the levy would place on already stretched elements of the public purse.

The Council previously (July 2022) resolved to make a Community Infrastructure Award, equivalent in value to 100% of CIL Liability, in respect of community infrastructure outputs to be created in association with the Trust's new ward block and new multi-storey car park. The decision was predicated on a recognition of the fact that "Hospitals (including healthcare and social care facilities)" are recognised as a type of infrastructure which can be funded through CIL within Portsmouth. The items of community infrastructure identified in connection with that former award were:

- a new patient garden (part utilising the neighbourhood CIL contribution)
- the introduction of new barrier-less access to the car park reducing queues and on-site congestion whilst enabling an easier way of paying for spaces when charging is reintroduced
- the introduction of electrical car charging infrastructure (part utilising the neighbourhood CIL contribution)
- provision of improved signage and variable messaging signs for public parking information
- access improvements to the pedestrian routes between the new car park and the north entrance
- a range of further measures to promote sustainable travel

All of which have been or are currently being implemented onsite.

In order however to provide confidence to the City Council when considering the allocation of CIL funding in connection with the new ED, the Trust will deliver the following community infrastructure outputs:

An Emergency Department - The ED capital project is the physical expression of the Building Better Emergency Care Programme, the aim of which is to improve the emergency care patient pathways at PHU. The scope of the Emergency Department capital project is to deliver a modern up to date clinical environment that provides appropriately sized and configured accommodation to support the implementation of a new clinical model, ensuring best value for money and an ability to meet national, regional and local targets for the delivery of emergency care at the QAH.

The new Emergency Department, obtained full planning consent on 23rd March 2022 and will open ahead of Winter 2024 to the first patients in November 2024. The capital from the community infrastructure bid would secure the delivery of the above scheme and the following much needed replacement element of equipment for the new facility:

- **Contribution to a Canon Aquilion Prism CT Scanner Circa £950K + VAT**

The scanner will significantly contribute to improved care and patient outcomes. The Benefits of having a scanner within the new Emergency Department will allow for direct and rapid access to radiology embedded within the ED itself, this was a clear vision for the new build, to provide rapid access to diagnostics to allow for the implementation of prompt treatment for patients as highlighted in previous CQC reports as needing improvement.

The Trust is in engagement with Canon and is currently undertaking early design development work to scope the room design. It is anticipated that the Trust will place the order in Autumn 2023 to allow for delivery in Summer 2024, ahead of opening the new department in November 2024.

Should the Trust be awarded the Circa £514k CIL applied for, the balance for this machine would be provided by Trust

The Trust will be happy to share progress updates with regard to the procurement of the scanner with the authority as it will also the wider plans for development of the site, including the development of the new Emergency Department. Should Council officers or members wish to visit the site to view the facility, when complete, we would be happy to make appropriate arrangements.



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Our understanding is that this bid will need to be sponsored by you as the relevant Director. It would be helpful to understand the timeline that follows and if you need any further information please get in touch with me directly.

Yours sincerely

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