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Our Ref: NHSE/LeistonNDP/KH

Your Ref: Leiston Neighbourhood
Development Plan

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Dear Sirs

Leiston Neighbourhood Development Plan

I write following the above consultation on behalf of NHS England Midlands and East (East).

We have reviewed the information available and note that there is little reference to the access of local healthcare services for the current and future population of Leiston. It is also noted that there is ambition for the provision of assisted living developments or nursing/care homes, the provision of such services will have an increased impact on primary care services in the area. Leiston is currently serviced by the main GP practice Leiston surgery and its branch surgery in Yoxford, in terms of space this practice and its branch surgery are currently at capacity.

The plan identifies the preference for housing developments with smaller numbers of dwellings rather than one large development. Please bear in mind that the planning obligations that can be gained from larger number of smaller developments will not always have as much benefit as one large development. This will limit the options available for the provision of additional community infrastructure to be delivered as part of a scheme and NHS England have limited funding available to invest in creating additional capacity as a result of development growth.

We would welcome the addition of a simple statement, to confirm that Leiston Parish Council will support NHS England in ensuring suitable and sustainable provision of Primary Healthcare Services for the residents of Leiston.

If you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Kerry Harding
Estates Advisor