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Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
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Dear Secretary of State,

Re: Weybridge Health Centre rebuild

I write to ask the Department of Health and Social Care, under your new leadership, to reconfirm its support in ensuring the swift completion of the ongoing project to rebuild the Weybridge Health Centre in my constituency.

The previous facilities, including a local walk-in-centre, burnt down in 2017, and it is vital that the health centre is rebuilt as soon as possible so that residents can again have access to same day NHS services within the community, and our local GPs can once again operate from a purpose built health centre, rather than the temporary buildings they have been residing in for years.

The project has been subject to numerous delays, not least those resulting from the pandemic, however in recent years real progress has been made. The designs have now been produced, the project is due to be submitted for planning approval this summer, and I am proud to have helped secure capital funding from the Department for Health and Social Care so that work can begin as soon as the planning permissions are granted.

We are so close to getting spades in the ground for the new Weybridge Health Centre. Yet I am aware that during the recent election the Labour Party's manifesto included new plans to re-assess all NHS capital projects already in motion.

The Weybridge Health Centre project has already been reviewed and consulted on to within an inch of its life. At best yet another review would just cause further delay and uncertainty. At worst it could deny residents in Weybridge and the surrounding areas the access to community health facilities that they have already waited too long for.

I therefore request your ongoing support to ensure this project will not be subject to further delays, and the funding, already agreed, will be honoured by your Department to enable the new facilities to be built as soon as possible.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter further, should it be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Ben Spencer MP
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