



HILLINGDON

LONDON

Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
Department for Health and Social Care

By Email

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Dear Secretary of State

Re: New Hillingdon Hospital

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding your recent letter to MPs, reported in the press on 23 September, indicating that the provision of a new Hillingdon Hospital is to be reviewed by the Government. This has caused significant concern among the residents of Hillingdon, who have been eagerly anticipating the much-needed improvements to our local healthcare facilities. You will be only too aware that this project has received the assurance of full funding by the previous Government, full planning permission from the London Borough of Hillingdon and the GLA, and preparations for construction are well under way.

It is no secret that the current Hillingdon Hospital is in urgent need of modernisation to meet the growing demands of our community. In fact, you yourself commented to the press during your visit on 26 June that it was "The worst hospital I have ever seen as shadow health secretary, indeed as a member of parliament."

You added that, "Staff are working in intolerable conditions, patients are sweltering in intolerable conditions."

The new hospital promises to provide state-of-the-art facilities in new buildings and enhanced patient care. You backed this during your visit on 26 June by saying "I'm making a commitment today that the next Labour Government will deliver the modern state-of-the-art hospital that the people of Hillingdon need. And we will do it in the first term of a Labour government."

The decision to review this project, with no consultation, not only delays these critical improvements but also undermines the trust of Hillingdon residents in the promises you have made to them regarding the hospital.

I urge you to reassure our local community that you are indeed a man of your word and that the commitments you made regarding the construction of the new Hillingdon Hospital in the first term of a Labour Government will be honoured.

I look forward to your urgent and positive response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Edwards', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Ian Edwards
Leader of the Council