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Ms Julie Curtis
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Ref: AL/TG/1904

Dear Ms Curtis,

I write in support of the funding bid from the Towcester Medical Centre in their application to the Estates and Technology Transformation Fund for an extension to their surgeries at Towcester and Paulerspury in my South Northamptonshire constituency.

I met Dr Philip Stevens, our Locality GP Chair, at the end of March and we discussed the pressures faced by the two surgeries due to the population growth in the local area.

As you will be aware, we have had fantastic success recently with the start of the work on the new Brackley Medical Centre which will provide a suite of outpatient services and intermediate step-down care beds for the community. I am continuing to work with the local GP practices in Towcester and the surrounding area to consider our "future vision" for Towcester healthcare to replicate the success we've had in Brackley, and this work is very much being supported by Angela Hillery at Northamptonshire NHS Healthcare Foundation Trust as well as by South Northamptonshire District Council. The extension of the surgeries in Towcester and Paulerspury form a key part of this, and I am delighted to offer my support to the proposals.

I understand that the benefits of the proposals are that they will provide sufficient space to:

- Deliver primary care services to the expanded town
- Bring more services out of secondary care
- Expand the training provision to more medical students and nursing students in addition to registrar training
- Bring care closer to home
- Improve access for patients
- Improve multidisciplinary working in the interests of patient care

I hope you will look favourably on the application by the Towcester Medical Centre for funding.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Leadsom".

The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP
Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire

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