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Letter sent by email to: hello@improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk

1 April 2020

Dear Matthew,

Please find enclosed the [Council's response](#) to the Improving Healthcare Together (IHT) consultation.

The Council's preference for St. Helier derives from our concern that services should be available in the heart of our community and that priority should be given to issues of access and availability to our most deprived communities.

The attached report shows our consideration of the issues which impact on residents' ability to access and use high quality healthcare, including access, transport and considers the consequences for employment, the local economy and wider public services.

The report was approved by the Council's Strategy and Resources Committee on 30th March 2020. The committee agreed;

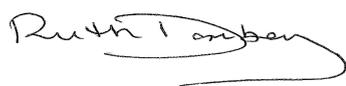
- To endorse the proposed model for service delivery as set out in the IHT consultation, i.e. a single specialist emergency hospital and two district hospitals.
- To note the benefits and issues with both the Sutton and St Helier sites and to agree to the Council's preferred option to site the specialist emergency treatment hospital at St Helier.

The committee further requested me to write to you to request the deadline for the consultation be extended by three months.

As a result of the current situation, the opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute has been significantly reduced. Given the importance of this decision to our Borough and the wider region, we need to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the consultation, so as to ensure the best possible outcome for our residents and stakeholders.

This is a decision that will shape the delivery of healthcare of our residents for years to come and it is vitally important that the right decision is made on where services are located in the borough moving forward.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Dombey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Cllr Ruth Dombey
Leader of the Council

Enc. Strategy and Resources 'Improving Healthcare Together' Report