

Statement of Common Ground

**Harlow District Council and Lawson Planning
Partnership Ltd (on behalf of Princess Alexandra Hospital)**

Harlow Local Development Plan



April 2019

Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared jointly on behalf of Harlow District Council (HDC) and Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd who are acting on behalf of Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH). It proposes a number of modifications to the Harlow Local Development Plan in respect of PAH. These modifications have been agreed between the two parties subsequent to the Local Plan Hearing Sessions. These modifications will be included in an updated Schedule of Modifications which will be presented to the Planning Inspector for his consideration.

Wording to be deleted is set out in ~~Strikethrough~~

Additional agreed wording is highlighted red

Signatories

Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd (on behalf of Princess Alexandra Hospital)

Name: Mr J.C. Lawson

Signature:

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Designation: Planning Director

Date: 17th April 2019

Harlow District Council

Name (printed): Andrew Bramidge

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Designation: Interim Head of Planning

Date: 17th April 2019

Modifications proposed to Chapter 5: Harlow and Gilston Garden Town

Princess Alexandra Hospital

- 5.38 The District and County Councils will work co-operatively with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the future provision of high quality healthcare facilities and services, including the potential relocation of the Princess Alexandra Hospital, to serve the wider area. These facilities will respond effectively to planned and sustained growth and will be sited at the most sustainable locations. The replacement/relocation of Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is considered to play an important role in this.
- 5.39 ~~Two potential sites for relocation of Princess Alexandra Hospital are currently being considered through a Strategic Outline Business Case: one in the Gilston area to the north of Harlow, and one at land to the east of Harlow within the Epping Forest District.~~ In March 2019 the PAH Board approved the recommended preferred way forward for the provision of a new hospital. This option comprises the development of a new state of the art local acute hospital. The hospital is to be located on approximately 12 hectares of greenfield land within the Epping Forest portion of the East of Harlow Garden Community.

Modifications proposed to Policy HS2: Housing Allocations

HS2

Housing Allocations

To meet the housing requirement of 9,200* dwellings during the Local Plan period, the following sites are allocated.

REF.	LOCATION	DWELLING CAPACITY
1	Princess Alexandra Hospital	650 550

Modifications proposed to Chapter 11: Strategic Infrastructure Requirements

Healthcare

- 11.16 Harlow pioneered the development of health centres and multi-professional medical centres which combined several health related services into one location.
- 11.17 The Council and Harlow Health Centres Trust are working together to expand health facilities for existing population growth and will work with the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS to deliver new health facilities as part of planned growth. New healthcare facilities will be delivered as part of new settlements ideally located in accessible locations, situated in a local centre with a range of other community facilities.
- 11.18 The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust **has approved a preferred way forward for the provision of a new hospital. This option comprises the development of a new state of the art local acute hospital at land within the Epping Forest portion of the East of Harlow Garden Community.** ~~is currently considering options to meet its future service requirements including the potential option to relocate to an alternative location in the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town. Two potential sites are being considered, the first in the Gilston area to the north and the second to the east of Harlow within the Epping Forest district. The location will be determined through a Strategic Outline Business Case.~~ **In the event that the Hospital is relocated, land at Princess Alexandra Hospital may be redeveloped for housing with a capacity of up to 550 homes (Policy HS2-1). In the event that the Hospital is not relocated and remains in situ, the redevelopment of the site for healthcare purposes will be supported and will be taken forward in accordance with an agreed masterplan to be prepared by the Hospital Trust. Under the latter option, surplus land may be identified which could accommodate approximately 100 new homes. The purpose of the masterplan would be to provide certainty for the Hospital Trust, to allow for the phased delivery of its strategic long-term objectives for healthcare provision and investment.** New and improved healthcare facilities play an important role in sustaining the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town and the Council will work with the hospital and all relevant parties to help deliver this.