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Representation to the Rugby Borough Council Local Plan Review Preferred Options
(Regulation 18) Consultation

This representation is written by the University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust towards the Rugby Borough Preferred Options (Regulation 18) Consultation. You will be aware of our desire to see a dedicated Blue Light Route (BLR) provided into the University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire (UHCW) due to congestion vehicles face accessing and exiting the hospital.

We write in support of the Land at Walsgrave Hill, Rugby site (the 'site'). SEGRO are promoting the site through the Rugby Borough Council Local Plan Review as a strategic employment site and have also submitted representations towards the Preferred Options (Regulation 18) consultation in support of an allocation on the site.

The content of this representation relates to the delivery of the proposed BLR through the site to connect into the UHCW. The BLR will primarily be an access for emergency vehicles to access A & E without having to travel through the western side of the hospital which suffers from congestion. It will also be used for UHCW staff into the new car park that is located on the eastern side of the hospital. The route would benefit the UHCW by helping to avoid congestion associated with the main hospital entrance off Clifford Bridge Road and its approaches.

It is the preference of the UHCW to provide the BLR through the access road with the proposed development of the site as it will enable ambulances and other vehicles to access and exit the hospital more quickly from the A46. Therefore, cutting congestion and emergency response times for residents within Rugby Borough and beyond. This is because the catchment of the UHCW includes the residents and businesses of Rugby Borough. The hospital also provides the only A & E department for the residents of Rugby Borough.

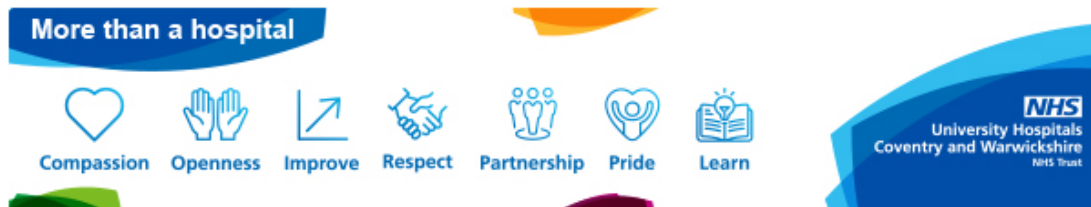
We are aware that the eastern arm that has been designed off the A46 Coventry junction (Walsgrave) Scheme; a National Highways scheme that is currently subject to a Development Consent Order (DCO) application, would provide the main access into the proposed employment development on site and it would also serve as a route for emergency vehicles and staff between the UHCW and the A46. This further illustrates the importance of the development of the site and the certainty its delivery will provide in contributing towards providing the BLR to the benefit of Rugby residents.

For clarification, SEGRO are safeguarding a route for the BLR within the proposed development and the funding of the delivery of the BLR will be undertaken by SEGRO as part of the development when it is brought forward.

The UHCW supports the allocation of the Walsgrave site for employment purposes as this safeguards the important BLR as the delivery of the site will facilitate the construction of this dedicated route into the hospital.

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