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Dear Sir or Madam

For over a decade, the Trust has made significant improvements to our hospitals with new facilities and wards. We now host over 974,000 patient visits each year which is projected to rise by up to 4% annually. These numbers present a challenge about how we can support our patients, visitors and staff to conveniently access our hospitals.

Patients and visitors travelling to our hospitals are encouraged to use the bus, cycle or walk but sustainable travel can be impossible for those with certain medical conditions. Our research snapshot suggests that 32% of people who drive do so due to medical necessity, including patients who live locally and further afield. Those people who must travel long distances to our specialist regional services, like those for child burns and brain injuries, may also find it difficult to use public transport for their journey.

There are pressures on the road network as people using our hospitals search for one of a small number of hospital car park spaces or park on-street, including in bays shared between pay and display and residents permit parking.

The Trust would like to address these challenges, while ensuring we support people to travel to our hospitals in a sustainable way such as by bus, bicycle or on foot.

A new Hospital Transport Hub

We propose to build a new Hospital Transport Hub to address these challenges and achieve the right balance of transport options for patients, visitors and staff. The hub would be built on the land where the Eugene Street flats are currently.

We want to improve access to our hospitals with a new patient car park, staff cycle facilities and public transport services up-and-running by summer 2021.

The hub would contain 820 car park spaces, a net 628 space increase on today, of which 34 would be disabled bays, a net 27 space increase on today. We would provide 400 cycle spaces for staff helping to free up some of the public cycle parking spaces that our staff currently use. The hub would link to the existing free hospital shuttle bus and we will also work with local bus operators to improve public transport links to the hub.

The cycling and public transport links build on the Trust's commitment to sustainable travel. UH Bristol provides a free hospital shuttle bus, encourages people to use sustainable transport wherever possible and offers staff access to regular cycle to work schemes offering discounted

bikes, discounted park and ride bus seasons tickets and encourages staff to take part in the Big Green Scheme which works to reduce our environmental impact across all areas including energy, transport and procurement.

The hub would be a similar height to the Bristol Royal Infirmary main building because the natural slope of the site would mean the lowest floor of the structure would be set into the steep hill side. It will not be the tallest building in the area.

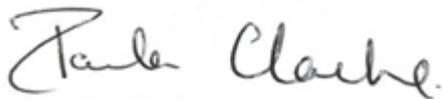
Give your feedback today

We would like to hear your views about our proposal before we submit a planning application to Bristol City Council. There is much more information on our website at www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/transporthub where an online survey form is also available.

We are also holding a drop-in session where people can ask us questions about the plans. This will be held from 4.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 19 July 2018 in the Level 9 Restaurant at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, BS2 8HW.

We look forward to hearing from you about our plans.

Yours sincerely



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