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Planning Department
High Peak Borough Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application reference HPK/2018/043 for Thornbrook Surgery, Thornbrook Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, High Peak, Derbyshire, SK23 ORH

NHS England's Estates and Technology Transformation Fund (ETTF) is a multi-million pound investment (revenue and capital funding) in general practice facilities and technology across England between 2015/16 and 2019/20. It is a key part of the General Practice Forward View commitment for more modernised buildings and better use of technology to help improve general practice services for patients.

The ETTF funding comes out of the £1bn Primary Care Infrastructure National Fund which as well as providing a funding boost for estates and technology has invested in other areas of general practice such as workforce.

Some examples of what the ETTF funding is paying for include;

1. New consulting and treatment rooms to provide a wider range of services for patients and so more patients can be seen
2. Improved reception and waiting areas
3. Building new facilities to deal with minor injuries
4. Creating better IT systems to improve the way information is shared between health services in the area
5. Extending existing facilities to house a wider range of health staff including GPs, Advanced Clinical Practitioners, Nurses and Clinical Pharmacists
6. Building new health centres which have a greater range of health services for patients in one place.

The early stages of the programme focussed on improving and expanding the size of existing GP facilities.

Building on this, local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) submitted recommendations to NHS England for further investment, in line with their local estates and digital plans. This includes proposals for new buildings and technology schemes.

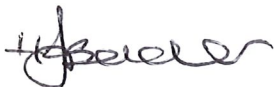
North Derbyshire CCG received a number of bids from practices which were prioritised and submitted to NHS England for consideration. Thornbrook Surgery were successful in being considered for an extension to their practice premises to provide much needed additional capacity for training, and population increases from the new housing developments in their area.

Many of the developments will enable practices to work with other services, including local authorities, voluntary organisations and NHS Trusts to provide services that people need to access locally which supports the Derbyshire strategic direction to expand existing premises wherever possible.

North Derbyshire CCG are therefore very supportive of the premises development that has been submitted for Thornbrook Surgery and hope that their planning application is successful so that the national funding can be accessed to support the local population's primary medical care needs both now and in the future.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H Belcher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hannah Belcher
Head of Primary Care Commissioning