

To the Clerk and Chair of your Parish Council

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Support for Byfield Medical Centre Planning Application

You may be aware that Byfield Medical Centre have applied for Planning permission to build a new Centre to replace the existing facility.

The current building is 36 years old, and was built to serve up to 4500 patients from our area. There are now over 8500 patients on the books many of whom are from your parish.

The Plan is to build a purpose-designed new Centre close to the existing, on a 10.5 acre site. The Planning Application is for the Medical Centre and new housing, which will help pay for the Development. The landowner is gifting land for the Medical Centre, and the construction cost is dependant on the new houses being built.

The Doctors are reluctantly applying to the NHS to close patient lists to new applicants, as the Practice has reached saturation level. The NHS will not fund new rural Medical Centre builds, as policy is to direct patients to town-centre surgeries.

Please at once write in support of this Planning Application, even if your Parish is not within the Daventry District Council. Your support should be addressed to: The Planning Officer, Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP.

Alternatively email Mrs C Phillips, her address to be found at www.daventrydc.gov.uk Go to Planning, then click on reference DA/2017/0826.

Any queries, do please contact me, Chairman of the Patient Participation Group, The Byfield Medical Centre. My phone is 01327 261800 (or 07836 502756), email john@grindlay.org.uk.

I know that our Doctors will be most grateful for your support.

Thank you

JOHN S.F. GRINDLAY

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