

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (THH) is seeking to reopen existing car parks at Mount Vernon Hospital to provide additional car parking for relocated staff, as a result of the ongoing major redevelopment programme at Hillingdon Hospital. As you will be aware, the redevelopment works at Hillingdon Hospital will lead to the temporary and in some elements permanent relocation of staff to Mount Vernon.

THH has put in place a strategy to ensure that both healthcare and cooperate services continue to operate as normal during the major redevelopment works. The strategy involves temporary relocation of services to Mount Vernon Hospital until the redevelopment is complete at Hillingdon Hospital. This will mean that there will be a transfer of patients and staff and make this transfer successful, THH is trying to maintain the necessary infrastructure or facilities these services currently have at Hillingdon Hospital with the assistance of professional teams who are delivering the necessary work areas, such as offices, clinical or car parking spaces. To avoid disruption to site wide traffic flow, the Trust identified that additional parking spaces will be required as the existing staff car parking spaces are fully utilised and any increase in staff numbers without car parking space might lead staff parking along key access road which might disrupt emergency vehicles, or even staff driving around the site longer than required hoping to find a parking space. This will impact staff activities and explains why car parking is vital to the staff to provide a service to patients.

The Transport Note submitted to support the planning application details how THH proposes to meet this car parking requirement, following several exercises and looking at pre and post COVID-19 parking demands for Mount Vernon car parks. THH have also reviewed the number of relocating staff and patients to understand the required parking numbers and avoid providing unnecessary provisions and our proposed is seeking to add 127 staff car parking spaces out of 194 relocating staff. These car parking space will be used by following relocating services, Paediatric Audiology, Booking Admission, Outpatients, RECES, HR and Finance.

With your approval for the required car parking provisions detailed in this planning application, THH will be able to successfully deliver the planned relocations, which are key to ensure that the healthcare service is always provided at a high standard for the communities.