



OUR NEW HOSPITAL PROGRAMME



Royal Berkshire  
NHS Foundation Trust

## WEST BERKSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

### Building Berkshire Together Update

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# Background

- In Oct 2019 the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT) was placed on the New Hospital Programme (NHP)
- The RBFT is in Cohort 4 of the NHP - which means being full adopters of the new approach to building new hospitals
- This is called '**Hospital 2.0**' and means, for example;
  - standardised designs
  - centralised processes and
  - Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)
- It is anticipated that, through the programmatic approach this will deliver economies of scale, such as reductions in time and cost to build new healthcare facilities



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# New Hospital Programme

- On 23 May 2023 announcement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care as £20bn
- An additional 5 hospitals were added to the programme which have RAAC (*Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete*)
- Some hospitals currently on the scheme are not able to be delivered before 2030, due to both constraints on the funding allocation, but also supply chain issues
- The scheduling of RBFT was pushed back to 2031 and funding allocation was aligned to a partial/early phase development of the current site
- The Trust Preferred Way Forward is a new hospital on a new site



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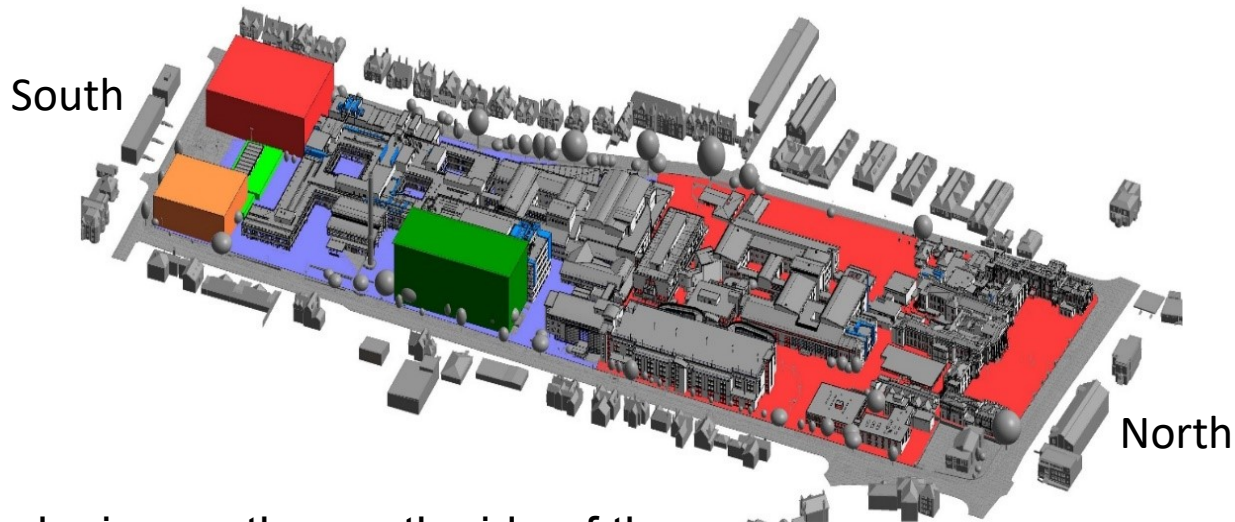
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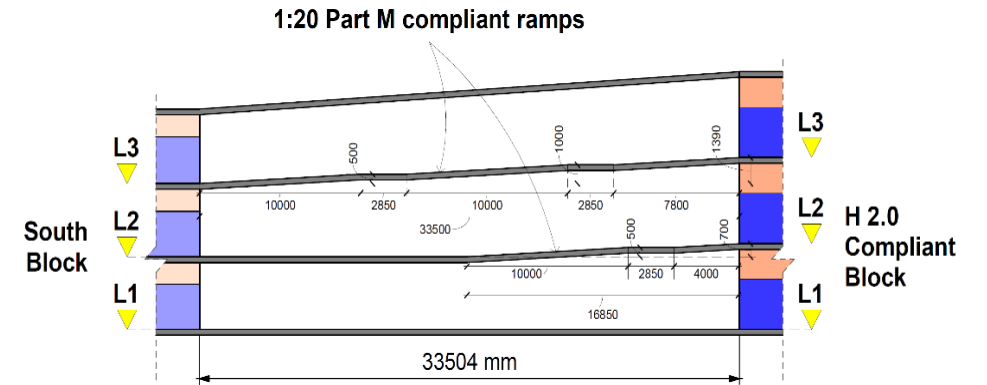
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# Remaining on RBH site

Our current site is challenging to build on – constrained, potential planning issues and underground challenges which will cost more to build on



Developing on the south side of the site if permitted by RBC, would result in poor adjacencies



Hospital 2.0 requirements may make development on site challenging to achieve



# Alternative site

- Jan-Mar 2024 - Criteria Survey – over 2,400 responses to understand what is important to our stakeholders when we review alternative sites
- Two sites have had initial due diligence:
  - Thames valley Science Park
  - Thames Valley Park
- Carrying out further review with updated criteria – The feedback and impact of feedback on criteria survey and site search will be published in May



# Impact Assessment

- We will now be exploring how alternative locations impact our staff, patients and communities and what mitigations we might need to explore
- Health inequalities
- Traffic and transport analysis
- Economic report – local businesses and residents
- Workshops / focus groups / Interviews
- Survey



# Summary

- Building on the current site is very challenging
- The Trust Preferred Way Forward is a new hospital on a new site and we have provided the New Hospital Programme (NHP) with independent evidence to support this
- We are exploring alternative sites, carrying out due diligence
- We will be engaging with patients, public, stakeholders and community between now and August on impact of moving the RBH – please get involved
- The NHP are meeting Treasury on 30 April to agree final funding allocation and the timing of schemes – we have been told we will be informed of the outcome in May



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