

Motion submitted for debate at the Council meeting on 17 March 2022

The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Alan Macro:

Building of a new hospital

“Council notes that:

- *The Royal Berkshire Hospital Foundation Trust has been consulting on various options to re-develop the hospital. Several options involve various levels of redevelopment of the existing site and one option the building of a new hospital on a new site.*
- *The existing site is very cramped and contains a mixture of new, old and very old buildings, some of which are pre-fabricated. Many have very poor insulation leading to uncomfortable conditions for patients in hot or cold weather and also to poor energy efficiency.*
- *Re-development of the existing site is difficult because of its cramped and dense layout.*
- *It is very difficult for residents of some parts of West Berkshire to reach the hospital using public transport.*
- *Car parking in and around the hospital is restricted and expensive.*
- *It can be time consuming to travel to the hospital by any means, including ambulance, at peak times.*

Council therefore resolves that its preferred option is the building of a new hospital on a new site.”