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4th April 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand you are acting on behalf of [REDACTED] in a planning application at Knoll Lane, Little Hoole. I have been asked to provide a letter of support in respect to the proposal for a medical practice on the site and I am more than happy to do so. I have previously worked [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED], I [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have no pecuniary interest in the proposed development.

Hoole has historically been served by a GP and in keeping with the size of the village in the mid-to-late 20th century this was a single-handed practitioner. Until the 1970s [REDACTED] worked out of premises on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] served patients from a property on [REDACTED] until the mid-1990s. Subsequently most of the population have been registered with Longton Health Centre and the more recent Beeches Medical Centre, also in Longton. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] In fact, it remains likely that the new facility would be managed as a branch surgery of an established local partnership and is likely to be of benefit to the contract holders there.

Although there is a historical case for a primary care facility for Much Hoole and Little Hoole, there are two further important factors. First is simply the population growth of the parishes, which

from the data I have appears to be 14% in the last twenty years alone and is almost certainly higher than that since there was GP surgery in the village. Annex 4 of the Central Lancashire Plan identifies many hectares of land in the parish as having potential for planning development which will add further population pressure on current services. In addition to population growth the central government drive for localised provision of services via its PCN DES (Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service) places ever greater incentives into providing localised, out of hospital services. The proposed facility will be ideally suited to help current local services meet the conditions of this part of the primary care contract.

I have no doubt that the proposed development will have support from residents and will be very helpful in helping to deliver the 10-year health plan of the government. The localising agenda mentioned above is supported strongly by The King's Fund and is very likely to remain a priority even if there is a change of government.

Yours sincerely,

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