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Dear Dr Small, Chairman HVCCG and and Mr Townsend, interim Chairman WHHT

WHHT and HVCCG continue to deny that a new A&E Hospital for West Herts could be built within WHHT's annual turnover of approximately £350 million!

Why then have the following NHS Trusts been allowed to go ahead with their new hospitals and why did they decide not to renovate their old dilapidated hospitals?

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| 1)The Midland Metropolitan Hospital - 670 | beds |
| Estimated to cost between £300-350 | million before the demise of Carillion |
| 2) The new Royal Liverpool hospital - 646 | beds |
| Estimated to cost £335 million before the | demise of Carillion |
| 3) Papworth - 310 beds | |
| Estimated cost £165 million | |
| 4) Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary hospital - 344 beds | |
| Estimated cost £212 million | |

To add to this the following Trusts are looking to build brand new "state of the art" hospitals

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board - 1000 bed hospital to replace the 1970's University hospital of Wales.

Jersey General Hospital - plans to redevelop the current hospital site have been blocked and the consensus is now that a new clear site should be sort for a new build

"The board said patients "would be safe" while building took place on the current site, but could suffer with "noise, dust and disturbance"

Work has started on the new Heatherwood hospital, Ascot - "Dr Tim Ho, Trust medical director, said: "We are delighted that work to build a new hospital can now begin on the Heatherwood site.

"This will be a fantastic hospital fit for the 21st century, offering state-of the-art care for our patients and a first class working environment for our staff."

Why are WHHT and HVCCG so dogmatic that they cannot build a new A&E Hospital for West Herts within WHHT's annual turnover when other Trusts can ?

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to build what is needed to replace the dilapidated hospital estate that West Herts' residents and hospital staff currently have to put up with - and to it with the minimum disruption to patients, staff and hospital operations (this is a hidden cost of redevelopment!)

Have the Trust not the expertise and experience to carry out a project like a new build? They should have given their high salaries!

WHHT and HVCCG need to stop hiding behind their excuse that a new A&E Hospital cannot be afforded and engage with the Trusts that have decided that a new hospital is affordable and is the best use of public money rather than expensive and inefficient redevelopment of existing dilapidated hospital estates.

£350 million is too much public money to be spending on the wrong project - renovation of Watford General Hospital will lead to it becoming a bottomless pit of expenditure as other parts of the Vicarage Road site fail!

Kind regards

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