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Dear Sir/Madam

As a GP working at the Malthouse Surgery in Abingdon I am very concerned about the lack of health care planning/ provision in the local plan for the future.

We are a major health service provider in Abingdon offering primary care services to a population of over 19,000 patients. The proposed development plan would be introducing over 2000 new homes (potentially 4800 patients based on average occupancy) into our current catchment area (which covers 100 square miles). This could not possibly be catered for with the current surgery building and resources. As you are aware, The Malthouse Surgery was due to be re-developed as part of the town centre refurbishment, but this is now not proceeding, leaving us with an outdated building that is not really fit for purpose currently and certainly is not suitable for the future healthcare needs of a growing population.

As part of the community infrastructure levy on the developers, it would seem that this is an opportunity to relocate The Malthouse Surgery and create a new health centre fit for the 21st century.

The Surgery would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with the Vale.

Kind regards

Dr Rachel Jakeman

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