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Dear Sir,

HORTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

We write in support of the continuation of all services provided at the Horton General Hospital.

As a small rural community we have seen a steady decline in services to our village, including the closure of the village shop and other mobile retailers, declining public transport and mobile library services and therefore the requirement of residents to seek services in nearby towns such as Banbury has increased. Due to the poor public transport arrangements, any removal of hospital services further afield would be an added burden to our residents.

Local GP surgeries have traditionally been able to send patients to the local HGH Hospital where all necessary treatment has been undertaken in an efficient and caring manner. Family support is always imperative in times of accident or illness and the additional stress to both patients and their families having to travel long distances out of their area for treatment or visiting purposes cannot be calculated.

We urge the Commissioning Group to consider very carefully its decision to remove services from the Horton General Hospital and to clearly understand the effect this will have on the wider rural area around Banbury and South Northamptonshire, both of which have always been served most magnificently by the Hospital. With the current rapid expansion of the area generally, we urge the OCCG to consider expanding both the Hospital and its facilities to enable it to service the community.

PLEASE KEEP THE HORTON HOSPITAL

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of Aston le Walls Parish Council

