

# Upper Lighthorne and Surrounding Parishes

## Primary Healthcare Objectives

1. No resident of Upper Lighthorne should have to travel outside of Upper Lighthorne to receive GP services.

We recognise that residents of Upper Lighthorne currently travel for primary healthcare, but the objective should be that this should no longer be necessary after a certain level of occupancy of the new Upper Lighthorne developments.

2. No surrounding parish should suffer a degradation of GP services as a consequence of primary healthcare provision for Upper Lighthorne.

A risk of relying on existing neighbouring GP services to take on Upper Lighthorne patients is that these services become over-stretched. Dedicated provision for Upper Lighthorne is essential, and will likely reduce load on neighbouring services, but must not result in a reduction of existing GP services in surrounding parishes.

3. A new facility at Upper Lighthorne should be designed with the input of practitioners experienced in the running of such a practice.

Recruitment and retention of staff is made easier where there is a facility that is fit for purpose. Retention of staff improves continuity of care. Adaptability allows for expansion, facilitates acting as a spoke for the main hubs at Warwick and Coventry, and enables response to situations such as COVID vaccinations.

4. On site provision should be made available as soon as practically possible.

The longer it takes to open a facility on site, the more new residents will attempt to register with facilities in surrounding villages, risking over-subscription, or difficulty in registering. The Integrated Care Board (formerly CCG) must reach a conclusion as soon as is practical so that options are not limited simply as a consequence of delay.

5. There should be no shortage of funds for the capital investment needed for the appropriate solutions.

GLH was presented as a landmark new settlement, the largest in the district outside of Stratford itself. Both SDC and the developers assert a desire for on site primary healthcare. As such there should be no question of a lack of capital funds being available for the optimal solution.

This is the settled view of the following parish councils:

• Upper Lighthorne	• Gaydon	• Lighthorne
• Chesterton & Kingston	• Kineton	• Harbury
• Burton Dassett	• Moreton Morrell	• Wellesbourne & Walton

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