

Dear Scrutiny Panel

I wish my concerns for the following to be noted:

- The complete lack of transparency and information as to why “Overdale” was selected as the site for the new hospital.
- The continued escalating costs - now £11k+ per metre - for this new hospital. The £1.4 billion total cost when interest costs are added to the proposed borrowing.
- Decisions about this hospital are continually being made behind closed doors and without any information being shared in the public domain. Why do we need a “vanity project of a world class hospital” when what is needed is a functional building with more importantly, qualified staff who are valued.
- Decisions are being made by invisible consultants and unaccountable politicians without reference to public opinion or public health needs. The resultant debt being created by these plans will just be added to the chaos and cost of the failed “One Gov” debacle!

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