

LYNSTED with KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

We write regarding the re-location of the Medic Care Surgery in Teynham to the Memorial Hospital in Sittingbourne.



Whilst we appreciate that the surgery's current location is in Teynham, if you cross to the other side of the A2 London Road you are in the parish of Lynsted with Kingsdown and many of our residents are registered at the practice. We are therefore surprised and disappointed that this Parish Council was not invited to the meeting in May to brief councillors on the situation. Moving forward, we would ask to be kept informed of developments.

We would like to add our voice to the many patients who have indicated their unhappiness with this re-location.

It means there will no longer be a GP surgery in the entire Teynham & Lynsted Ward. Many parishioners do not drive and some are disabled. They will find it very difficult to get to the Memorial for a GP appointment, particularly as KCC have announced plans to axe every single bus service in Lynsted. For those who do drive, parking is notoriously difficult at the hospital, as you are aware.

We would ask that the CCG does everything in its power to assist Dr Nilan to maintain the surgery in Teynham. The idea was aired at the recent public meeting (attended by 140 residents) of a mobile unit - we trust this option is being actively investigated.

It was also mentioned that when the current surgery building was sold to Dr Nash some years back by the Co-op, there was a condition attached that it should remain a GP surgery. Can it please be established whether this covenant remains in force?

We are surprised that community engagement is happening so late in the day. This issue surely could have been anticipated earlier? Local knowledge can only be of assistance in identifying potential locations for the surgery.

For example, the new owners of 102 London Road (the former Mint Leaf restaurant) have indicated to us that they would be willing to discuss this building as an option. It is a large premises with four bedrooms, a kitchen/diner, living room, three bathrooms and a conservatory - plus ample parking.

If this is of interest, we would be happy to put you in touch.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman