

**From:** Councillor Dennis Pearce  
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**To:** hello@improvinghealthcaretogether.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Latest Consultation

To Consultation Team members.

Writing as a resident and long term Councillor of St Helier ward Merton.

I wish to register my objections to the latest plan for the changes in the supply of hospital care in the area.

I will not repeat all the objections to previous plans of which there are many this latest plan is much more of a disadvantage to even more residents Mitcham and Morden and St Helier South in Sutton which are much more densely populated and have more areas higher deprivation than Belmont. Doubling the journey time for ambulances for all types of patients and public transport for day patients and visitors. I will not question the medical care which ever option is finally it will be up to NHS excellent standards.

My main objections focus on the new long term strategic plan.

Assuming the consultations preferred option is agree.

- 1 A new critical care hospital in Belmont is not only not enough but 20% more expensive.
- 2 A increase in local population which means more and longer journeys for the majority.
- 3 An increase of 4 bed would be laughable if it was not so short sighted.
- 4 The present Covid-19 crisis proves that one critical care hospital in the area is not enough as residents who need A and E will travel to hospitals closer like St George's as we know are already over loaded.
- 5 The wish to provide approaching 50% single rooms is as anybody like myself who has on more than on occasion in hospital for many mouths dose not want to be in isolation unless it to protect other patients as it might lead to what is now called cabin fever. Interaction between patients will without doubt help recovery
- 6 After this crisis the finance for the new hospital may well be cut or withdrawn like many other projects as the whole country go's into recession again to recover financially.

Please look more in the long term good of the majority, and forget this vanity project and put the finance where it is most needed around the catchment area of St Helier and Epsom.

Yours Sincerely  
Dennis Pearce,  
Local St Helier Ward Councillor and Resident