

Dear Planning Department at Hinckley and Bosworth.

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Sent by Cllr Claire Harris on behalf of Markfield Medical Centre

Impact Statement: Proposed Development of 135 Houses will have on Markfield Medical Centre

The proposed development of 135 new houses in our area presents significant implications for Markfield Medical Centre, which is already operating under considerable strain. In recent years, our patient list has grown from 7,131 to 7,276, reflecting a steady increase in demand for our services. This growth has occurred without a corresponding increase in funding or resources to support additional staff, which is crucial for maintaining the quality of care we provide.

Current Challenges:

1. Capacity Strain: Our practice is already experiencing high demand, with appointment availability and waiting times being a concern for our patients. The addition of 135 houses could potentially bring in hundreds of new residents, further exacerbating these issues.
2. Resource Limitations: Despite the increase in patient numbers, there has been no significant increase in funding to support the recruitment of additional GPs, nurses, or administrative staff. This lack of resources limits our ability to expand services and meet the growing needs of our community.
3. Impact on Patient Care: The increased patient load without additional resources could lead to longer waiting times for appointments, reduced availability of same-day appointments, and increased pressure on our existing staff. This situation risks compromising the quality of care and patient satisfaction.
4. Infrastructure and Facilities: Our current facilities are already operating at full capacity. The influx of new patients is requiring not only more staff but also potential expansion of our physical infrastructure to accommodate the increased demand.

Conclusion:

The proposed housing development poses a significant challenge to Markfield Medical Centre. Without additional funding and resources to support the necessary expansion of our services, the quality of care we provide to our patients could be adversely affected. We urge local authorities and stakeholders to consider the impact on healthcare services and to provide the necessary support to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of our growing community effectively.

We are committed to working collaboratively with local planners and health authorities to find sustainable solutions that will allow us to continue providing high-quality care to all our patients.

Yours sincerely
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