

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Scrutiny (Communities, Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well-Being)
Committee – Wednesday 18th December 2019

Question from Councillor H Hall

“Some of my residents received letters in August, telling them that they would no longer be patients at Trent Meadows Medical Practice. The patient who contacted me has been with them for 30 years. They say this is partly due to 3000 houses being built in the Branston area. There are no practices to cover this area, so NHS England has allocated those new patients to existing practices. Trent Meadows have subsequently made the decision to remove patients who are not in catchment. Could the committee consider whether anything can be learned from the planning decisions over the Branston Leas development, with regards to the provision of health services? Could they also consider what can be done to help the affected surgeries and patients?”

Response from the Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Planning Policy)

The provision of health facilities is an important consideration when determining large scale developments which incorporate new housing provision. The Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England have the opportunity to comment on such applications. The application description includes the requirement to ‘provide up to 929 sqm (10, 000 sq ft) of health care and associated community uses (Class D1). This is expected to be delivered as part of a later phase of the development. Members should also note that the CCG and NHS England will be consulted on future phases.