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By Email

Anthony Roche Deputy Chief Executive North Herts District Council

Dear Anthony

## RE: Letchworth Health Hub, The High Street Fund

Through your attendance at the project group meetings with the four Letchworth practices, our community providers and The Letchworth Heritage Foundation, you are aware of the collective work on this project. Since we starting meeting in October 2017 significant progress has been made on the vision of delivering health services from one site rather than from multiple sites and the benefits that this will bring to the residents of Letchworth. The practices, supported by funding from the NHS, are working with external advisors examining how they currently deliver their service to patients and how this can be further improved with shared clinical resources to offer a broader range of local services.

Key to the vision is securing a site that would accommodate the health providers and following an extensive search all members of the project group were encouraged to identify the vacant units in The Garden Square Centre. Initial meetings and correspondence with the agent for the centre and planning authority have been positive and constructive and if they continue in this vain, it is very possible that the vision could be a reality in April 2021.

A further boost to the project would be a successful High Street Fund bid and for this purpose please accept this letter from the Clinical Commissioning Group who is the organisation responsible for commissioning health care in Letchworth and in absolute support of the vision and project.

Yours sincerely,

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