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Ms Karen Dare
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Dear Ms Dare

Thank you for your letter regarding the Ashington Neighbourhood Plan. I am pleased to be able to inform you that I would not anticipate any problems with being able to accommodate a further 800 patients here at The Glebe Surgery in Storrington. Currently we are going through the final phases that will allow us to build a brand new medical facility on the Glebe field in Storrington. This will allow for the anticipated significant expansion of patient numbers within the Practice boundary, as anticipated by Horsham District Council.

Unfortunately we cannot make predictions up to 2031. However I am quite confident that we will have the space, facilities and professional expertise to manage the influx of patients that you anticipate.

I do not anticipate the Glebe Surgery providing a satellite surgery in Ashington. This is mainly due to NHS England's current views on safe ways of working and funding. I understand many patients in Ashington find transport to their registered surgeries difficult. It is my personal opinion that this is due to insufficient public transport available for those who do not drive.

I hope this letter has answered some of the questions you have asked. If you require any further information on potential services that we can offer, then by all means please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Dr Keir Newsom