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Dear Cllr Barber,

Right to Contest Application, Dulwich Hospital

Thank you for using the Right to Contest in relation to the East Dulwich Hospital site in London Borough of Southwark, and for your patience whilst we have worked to find a solution. I share your frustration that sites like Dulwich have been under-utilised, and it is a priority for me to improve the efficiency of the Government estate and release sites not vital for Government operations to be put to better economic use.

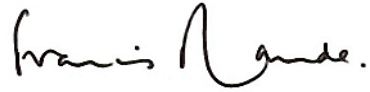
Following your application, the Government Property Unit in my Department has discussed the matter at length with the Department of Health and NHS Property Services.

As you are aware, NHS Property Services and Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group have, in consultation with existing tenants on the site, been developing options to bring forward plans to develop a new healthcare facility on part of the site. The Clinical Commissioning Group's preferred option is for a new healthcare facility to be located on about 0.8 hectares of the cleared area in the south east of the site. They plan to re-locate services into the new on-site facility once this is completed. The balance of the site (around 1.7 hectares) is expected to be released once services have been transferred.

The Government Property Unit, Department of Health and NHS Property Services have worked closely together to consider a sequence of events that would enable the phased release of the remainder of the site not required for the new healthcare facility.

I am delighted to tell you that the balance of the site has been placed on the Register of Surplus Public Land.

I am copying this to Hon. Tessa Jowell MP, Dulwich and West Norwood.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Maude." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

FRANCIS MAUDE