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Planning Committee
Reading Borough Council
Civiv Offices
Bridge Street
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Dear Members

Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust – New Urology Ward

This letter is in support of the attached Full Planning Application in respect of works at the Royal Berkshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust site in Reading.

The works set out in the attached application are for the demolition of South Block Annexe (a temporary building many years beyond its useful life) and its replacement with a new clinical block for the Urology Service, including its ancillary external works.

You have already graciously consented to a very similar project (July 7th 2023, application number 230321), and this fresh application before you varies only in the size of the building and its external appearance.

The NHS Trust were preparing to implement the consented works but due to the timeline attached to the project funding it was not possible to carry out the construction works in time.

The Trust have now advantageously purchased an “off the peg” modular design which better aligns with the ready availability of project funds.

The use of the building, staffing levels etc. are identical to the previous consent but the number and disposition of rooms, together with the overall footprint and material palette are different.

We would be very glad of your urgent consideration of this new application in order for the Trust to make use of scarce funding and would be willing to answer any additional queries that you may have at any time.

We commend this application to you.

Yours sincerely,



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