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Dear Ms Amoah

Support for Planning Application PL/24/1501

I am writing on behalf of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust to offer my support for the proposals being promoted and submitted by Elder under planning application PL/24/1501.

I have met with Elder and their team on behalf of the Trust and I am engaged in active and ongoing discussions regarding the opportunity to secure discounted market rent units being made available for NHS staff and nurses. Our key workers are crucial to delivering health and social care services across Berkshire and the housing proposals would deliver much-needed purpose-built accommodation in Reading to enable them to have affordable, flexible, and high-quality accommodation near to their places of work.

Attracting and retaining staff where there is a lack of housing such as this is impacting the quality of service that we can offer to Reading and Berkshire residents. We have conducted our own research in the Thames Valley with a partner from the University and identified that mitigating the high cost of living with housing and appropriate living spaces for staff is one of our shared strategic priorities.

Yours sincerely

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