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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to object to the planning application for the proposed C2A hospital at John Munroe Hospital, as I believe it will have a significant negative impact on the local community. My child is cared for by her grandparents three times a week, and as they live in the immediate area, I am deeply concerned that what is currently a safe environment would no longer feel suitable for her to play outside. It is well known that there have been occasions where patients have left the previous hospital unaccompanied and walked around the surrounding area, which raises understandable concerns for local families. Furthermore, the proposed hospital is located in close proximity to both a first school and a special educational needs school. As a teacher myself, I believe this presents significant safeguarding concerns for the children who attend these schools. In addition it was highly distressing to hear the screams of patients in obvious distress (when this was a category 2 hospital) at various times throughout the day and night. This is unsettling for local residents and would be particularly inappropriate for children attending the special educational needs school, many of whom require a calm, predictable, and nurturing environment. For these reasons, I believe there are very few benefits to this application that outweigh its potential negative impact on the local community, and I would strongly encourage the applicants to consider a more appropriate location for the proposed C2A hospital.

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