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Dear Councillor Bethia Thomas,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Great Western Park (GWP) Health Centre in Didcot. I appreciate the council's continued commitment to ensuring that our local residents have access to essential primary care facilities they not only deserve, but desperately need.

I fully share your frustration at the lack of progress, and I have been taking a number of steps to press this issue at the highest levels. I would like to reassure you that this remains a top priority for me.

In Parliament, I have pressed Ministers repeatedly on the stalled progress for the promised GP surgery, raising the matter with Minister Matthew Pennycook, and pressing the Health Secretary, Wes Streeting, on this back in October in the Chamber. It was good to get this on the Health Secretary's personal agenda and prompt movement regarding the status of the surgery's developer, but we cannot rest until there are spades in the ground and health professionals in place to serve Didcot and the surrounding villages.

At the local level, I have been meeting with Julie Dandridge, Director of the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) - now Thames Valley ICB - on a recurring monthly basis to discuss updates and progress with the new developer.

As you mention in your letter, the situation we face is symptomatic of the wider challenges posed by private finance in healthcare infrastructure, and speaks to a much broader issue around how we fund and deliver essential health infrastructure across the country, especially in areas of high housing growth like ours.

My meeting in January with partners at Woodlands GP Surgery exemplified the urgency of the matter, with the lack of a GWP GP surgery placing tremendous pressure on the staff at Woodlands.

I will continue to reinforce the message that this surgery is desperately needed, as population and housing growth mean infrastructure must keep pace with the growing demands of the area. If there is anything specific you would like me to raise at a national level, please do not hesitate to ask.

I am committed to continuing to work with you, your district council and other stakeholders to maintain pressure on the ICB, to ensure that the much needed GP

surgery is built and operational as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O. Glover', followed by a period.

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