Appendix B

Member Motion

Harwell Parish Council notes that:

1. NHS Thames Valley ICB, established on 1 April 2026, is the commissioner of primary care for Harwell residents.
2. The National Audit Office report on the restructuring of ICBs, published on 4 November 2026, found it is not yet clear whether ICBs will keep the skills and capacity needed for effective strategic commissioning.
3. The new GP premises at Great Western Park, on the boundary of Didcot and Harwell, have been promised for many years and have no announced construction or opening date.
4. Vale of White Horse District Council has already written to Government about this project.

It is PROPOSED that Harwell Parish Council RESOLVES that:

1. Its POSITION is that primary care premises and capacity should be in place in step with housing growth affecting the parish, and that the responsible bodies should state in writing who is accountable for delivery and by when.
2. The Clerk WRITES to the Chief Executive of NHS Thames Valley ICB asking for a dated delivery timetable and a named accountable officer for Great Western Park, how primary care estates capacity in the Vale is being assessed and resourced after restructuring, and what interim capacity measures are planned.
3. The Clerk WRITES to Vale of White Horse District Council asking how health infrastructure needs are assessed for allocated and pending sites, how S106 and CIL health contributions are secured to avoid a repeat of the Great Western Park delay, and for an update on the land transfer.
4. The Clerk WRITES to ask Oxfordshire County Council to consider a scrutiny item on GP capacity and estates in the south of the county, and to confirm the scrutiny arrangements for Thames Valley ICB.
5. The Clerk SHARES the council's position with the Member of Parliament.
6. The Clerk REPORTS all replies to the council by the next full council meeting, when the position is reviewed. Any spending needed will come back to council with the statutory power identified.

Cllr C Convery
4 November 2026

Clerk notes:

Legal power and financial implications: The council has no power over NHS services or GP provision (Harwell Powers and Duties list, 'NHS and Healthcare Services'). These resolutions are representations only. They are made under the council's power to represent local views on matters affecting the parish and to respond to public bodies, including supporting campaigns for local health services (Local Government Act 1972, ss.111 and 142, and the common law right to make representations; Powers and Duties list, 'Community Engagement and Consultation (General)' and 'Consultation'). Resolutions 1 and 3 also rest on the council's statutory role as a consultee on planning applications (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Schedule 1, paragraph 8; Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, article 25) and its interest in planning obligations and CIL (Town and Country Planning Act 1990, s.106; Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010).

No expenditure is committed. Expenditure, if any, would return to council with the specific power identified.