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Dear Andy

#### **COMMENTS ON ALVECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was very helpful to speak with you today and I am delighted that your health issues working group is taking such a proactive approach. As I mentioned on the phone, we are not in a position to comment on your Parish Neighbourhood plan in detail at this time, as we are still in the process of working with primary care and others to develop our place based approach at neighbourhood level. However, I am able to state that the overarching strategy of our Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) which covers the 4 CCGs across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, describes an approach that is predicated on neighbourhood working. For us, 'neighbourhoods' are typically populations of 30,000 to 50,000 patients and are based around a GP practice hub or hubs. With this approach we are looking to develop locally relevant service, based on the unique requirements and assets of the local population and associated primary care and community services. As such, I am confident that we can work together to build a locally sensitive and relevant plan for the future health and care needs of Alvechurch, aligned to your Neighbourhood Plan, and I look forward to working together with partners to make this a reality.

Yours sincerely

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