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Councillor Cem Kemahli
Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

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Dear Baroness Morgan,

World class health facilities at the Royal Brompton hospital must be maintained – our Council is united on this as can be seen from the unanimous vote on 23 September.

We are aware that your board will meet on Tuesday 15 December to vote on the merger of the Royal Brompton and Harefield and Guy and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trusts.

We are writing to you today to request that you delay that vote until March 2021.

We are currently consulting on new planning guidance for the Brompton Hospital site, which may fundamentally affect the future delivery of services. We believe it is right that the public have the opportunity to have their say and we can analyse their responses before making decisions.

The Royal Brompton has been offering world class respiratory care, from its foundation treating tuberculosis over 170 years ago, to its vital work today during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It has been a lifeline for Chelsea communities and losing the Royal Brompton is unacceptable. The Council will keep insisting that this lifeline stays in the borough.

Our appointed governor on your board has submitted a written motion to defer the decision on the merger until our consultation has concluded. Please take this time to pause and listen to our residents.

We as a Council do not operate in a vacuum and nor should The Royal Brompton and Harefield Trust

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Cem Kemahli
Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Cllr Johnny Thalassites
Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment