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Dear Sir/Madam

Application for Full Planning Permission at Frimley Park Hospital, Portsmouth Road, Frimley, Camberley
Planning Portal Reference: PP-12329422

Vail Williams LLP has been instructed to prepare this full planning application on behalf of The Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust. This application seeks:

Installation of substation and associated emergency generator to support existing hospital operations

The following information has been prepared to support this application:

Document type	Document ref
Completed application form	
Cover letter	Vail Williams LLP
Substation GRP and Foundation Details	00-E-DE-100-03 Rev T1
Arboricultural Method Statement	Keen Consultants
Tree Constraints Plan	2153-KC-XX-YTREE-TCP01 Rev 0
Tree Protection Plan	2153-KC-XX-YTREE-TPP01 Rev 0
Tree Survey and Impact Assessment	Keen Consultants
Generator Container GA	17845-SGP-XX-XX-M3-M-2002-S3-P01

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Existing site plan	SK-E-00-123-10 Rev P2
Location Plan	SK-E-00-123-10 Rev P2
Proposed site plan	SK-E-00-123-12 Rev P2
Proposed substation layout	SK-E-00-123-13 Rev P1

Site Context

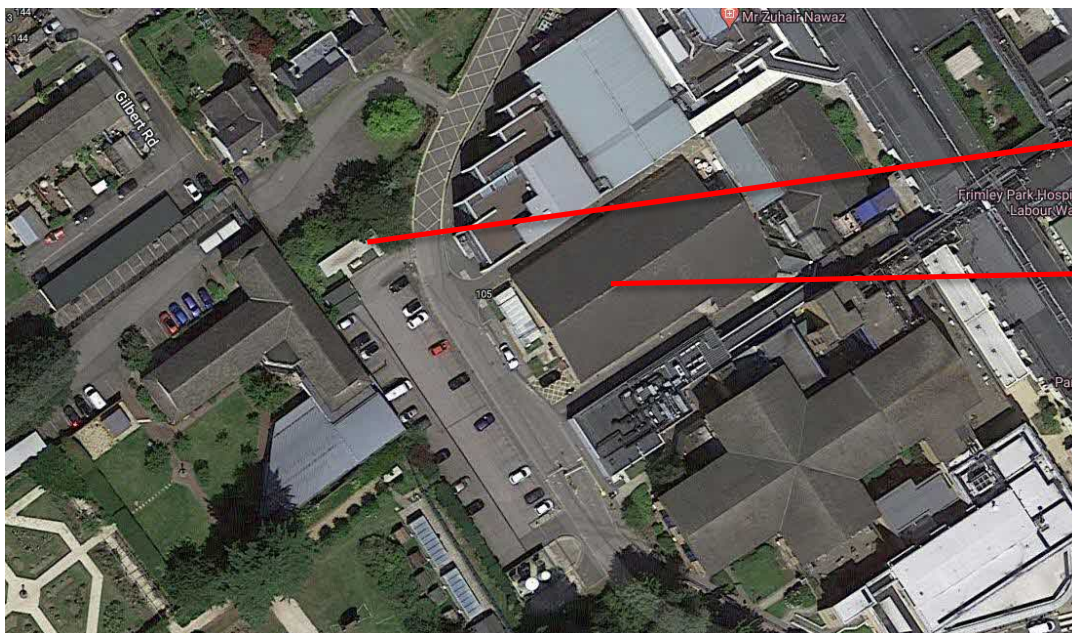
Frimley Park Hospital is located approximately 1km north-east of Frimley High Street approximately 3km south of Camberley centre. The wider hospital site is surrounded predominantly by low-rise residential properties to the north, south and east. To the west, an area of MoD land abuts the site, with Frimley Park located directly to the south of this. To the north, the site is also bounded by the M3 motorway.

The site is not within a Conservation Area and does not contain any Listed Buildings.

The application site is not covered by any land designation as specified within the Core Strategy DPD Proposals Map.

Proposals

This application seeks full planning permission for the installation of a new substation to support the new diagnostic building (known as Block M) and existing hospital infrastructure. To ensure resilience of electrical supply, the proposals also seek to install an emergency generator alongside the substation in the event there is any interruption in power supply to the substation. The proposed generator will only be used in an emergency but will be tested during daylight hours once a week for a short period.



Location of proposed substation

Location of approved diagnostic building to be developed in 23/24

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As the substation will support the new Block M once development has been completed, proximity to the new building is required and therefore the only location considered to be appropriate for the substation is towards the western boundary of the site adjacent to the internal link road. The site already contains an area of hardstanding which used to contain a single storey portacabin which has recently been removed from the site. The footings and hardstanding where the portacabin was located remains on site.

The proposals will not require any demolition of existing hospital buildings and by locating the substation on an area of the site which is free from development, will ensure no operational impact during the development of the substation and generator.

Both the substation and generator will be single storey in height. Details of the substation and generator scale and dimensions has been submitted with the supporting documentation.

Planning Considerations

The proposals are linked to existing hospital operations and will provide essential infrastructure to support the new diagnostic building and the wider hospital infrastructure to ensure the Trust are continuing to provide high quality facilities for patients and staff.

The proposals for ongoing improvements to the existing hospital are in accordance with Policy CP1, CP2 and DM4 of the Surrey Heath Borough Council Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2012.

Whilst the proposals are located on an area of existing hardstanding, due to the size of the substation and associated emergency generator which need to be located adjacent to one another, the area of existing hardstanding needs to be increased to accommodate the necessary infrastructure. As a result, the proposals will lead to some essential tree removal. The application is supported by the tree constraints plan, protection plan, impact assessment and method statement. The impact assessment identifies that the trees that are required to be removed to accommodate the development are small in stature and are not of significant merit. It is intended that some replacement planting will be provided which can be secured by planning condition.

Conclusion

The proposals are seeking to install essential infrastructure to support the new diagnostic building which the Trust are seeking to develop in 2023-24 alongside the wider hospital infrastructure. The proposals will not lead to any loss in hospital floor space or parking numbers so will have a negligible impact on the existing hospital. The impacts of the proposal in relation to tree loss can be suitably mitigated through new tree planting across the wider Frimley site. The proposals are therefore considered acceptable in planning terms when considered against national and local planning policy.

I trust you have all you require to assess this application but if you have any queries or would like to undertake a site visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours faithfully



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