

Our Vision

for our future as the best surgical hospital in the country

JANUARY 2019 UPDATE

Queen Victoria Hospital provides outstanding care and has an international reputation for specialist reconstructive surgery. We also provide important services for local people in East Grinstead and the surrounding areas.

We have wonderful modern operating theatres but we also have some ageing buildings put up during and immediately after World War II, some of which were intended to be temporary but are still in use today.



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Creating new specialised surgical wards and critical care facilities alongside our operating theatres

At the moment we move patients between our wards and operating theatres down a long public corridor. This does not give patients the privacy we would want and it can be cold in winter.

Providing outpatient clinics closer to the car park at the front of the site, so that patients can find their way to appointments more quickly and easily

Currently most outpatient appointments are in a rented modular building. We believe we could make better use of tax payers' funds for the NHS if we were providing services from permanent buildings with lower running costs and maintenance bills.

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Improve staff facilities to help recruit and retain high quality staff

At the moment many staff eat in their offices, and our staff room for people working in our operating theatres is too small for the size of the team.



Additional parking and making our hospital more environmentally friendly

We would like to create 100 more parking spaces on site; our patients come from across the south east and we are aware of the impact on our neighbours in surrounding residential streets. We are also keen to improve green transport options for staff and visitors.

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Site plans

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Raise funds to secure our future on our East Grinstead site

The sale of some unused land belonging to the hospital could help fund some of our vision for the future and could provide homes for local people including nurses and other key workers.

The land shaded on the map to the right has been allocated for development in the Council's Local Plan. We would like to sell the land with planning permission in order to maximise the value for the hospital to reinvest in our future.

We held a well-attended drop in session for local people in October, giving us the chance to explain our plans face to face and listen to people's suggestions and questions. We were pleased to receive considerable support for securing the long term future of the hospital; of course, there were also concerns and questions.

Two of the key questions which came up were:

- **Can we create more parking on-site?**

We were able to confirm that this is part of our plans.

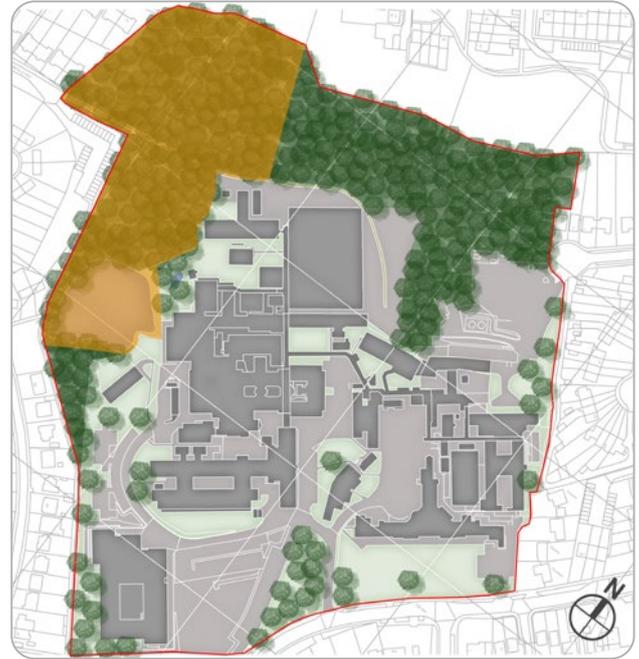
- **Is Oakfield Way a private road?**

This is the road which would lead to the proposed new homes. We have received confirmation from West Sussex County Council that Oakfield Way is an adopted (or public) road.

We are working with planners and architects to develop a plan for new homes which opens up some of the green space for local people and protects the most notable trees.

We will take expert advice on what we can do to enrich other parts of our woodland for the benefit of wildlife and environmental diversity. We are also commissioning ecological surveys which will take place in the late spring 2019.

We expect to submit an application for planning permission in autumn 2019.



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