Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
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Dear Chancellor,

Yesterday during your statement, I asked you a question about the future of Hillingdon Hospital.

As you are aware, the new Health Secretary described Hillingdon Hospital as 'the worst he had ever seen' during a visit last year and said 'it will be a first term priority for a Labour government' to rebuild it. Work has already started on services, including major utility works to enable the full rebuild. Partial demolition of the existing hospital is underway while temporary facilities have been set up. This is in line with the planning consent granted by Hillingdon Council to preserve vital care capacity.

During the previous parliament, I joined colleagues with prospective hospital rebuilds in meeting ministers to discuss the finances. I am aware from that meeting that a budget (which attendees were asked to keep confidential) was set aside within the departmental allocations for this and other projects in the first batch to proceed.

I would be grateful for your confirmation that you intend to honour the commitment given by the previous government, especially as work is underway already on the project.

I am copying this letter to the MPs for Uxbridge and South Ruislip and Hayes and Harlington. Hillingdon's MPs have a long tradition of working cross-party together on this and other borough-wide matters, and I am sure will wish to be associated with this request. I also request you note that as declared in my register of interest I am married to one of the doctors at Hillingdon Hospital.

I look forward to your response in due course.

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