

WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDING GIVE US?

An easily accessed state-of-the-art medical centre offering a much wider range of services

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More consulting rooms, and so more slots for appointments

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Some minor surgery—no more travelling to Shrewsbury or Wrexham

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Better access for the disabled

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An end to queuing and an uncomfortable waiting room

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Privacy at reception

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Treatment for minor injuries

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Better accommodation for a baby clinic

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An expanded pharmacy

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Physiotherapy room

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Chiropody room

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Better accommodation for the District Nurses

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A Substance Mis-use clinic

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A better Help2Quit service

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A coil fitting service

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Accommodation for Citizen's Advice

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An extended NHS dental service

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The opportunity to provide other services, such as X-rays, enhanced services for the elderly and the treatment of long-term conditions.

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Better infection control procedures

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Somewhere safe to park

WHAT WE STAND TO LOSE

We might lose the current site

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All those improved services we deserve

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No new building in the foreseeable future– and then on the outskirts of Ellesmere with difficult access

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The potential for more NHS dentistry in Ellesmere

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THE CURRENT SITUATION

The new medical centre would be built on part of the land off Grange Road owned by Fullwood Limited. Already the company has been granted Outline Planning permission for development of a new medical centre. Our medical practice has engaged the services of developers and architects. They are poised to buy the land and start building. All that is needed is for the money to be forthcoming from the Primary Care Trust.

What money there is has to be fought for, and we are losing the battle to a practice from Oswestry and a group of practices in North Shrewsbury.

It could be that there is a bias in favour of towns against rural areas. How often do we hear the phrase “urban deprivation”? It would seem that, unlike the rest of us, our Primary Care Trust hasn’t heard of Rural Deprivation – low incomes, poorer services and more expensive travelling than our urban cousins. What interest too have the national politicians? After all, in rural areas, there aren’t many marginal seats to lose or masses of votes to be fought for.

What is even more galling is the simple fact that we have a site with planning permission and Oswestry hasn’t.

WE MAY BE LOSING THE BATTLE, BUT WE HAVEN’T LOST THE WAR, SO JOIN US AT THE PUBLIC MEETING,

**7.30P.M., Monday 9TH MAY,
THE LAKELANDS SCHOOL**