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Thank you

Katherine

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Dear Ms Daniels,

Re: Planning Application - 23/00977/OUT

I am writing on behalf of Cropredy Surgery, the local GP practice in the village.

Obsidian Strategic have proposed providing a brand new surgery as part of their planning application for sixty homes to the north of Cropredy. We would like to occupy this building, moving our practice from our existing rented premises in the village to this larger new building.

Our current building is too small – to the extent that the long-term viability of the practice is in question. We do not have enough consulting or treatment rooms, we have no space to store patient records, our dispensary is too small, there are not enough car parking spaces, staff welfare facilities are limited, and we have no outdoor space.

The village doesn't want to lose the surgery, but it is a matter of fact that our building is too small for the services we need to provide. Across the county, smaller practices are closing and being merged into larger, less personal services in towns. We want to stay in Cropredy as a village practice – but if we can't grow into a sustainable business in a suitable premises, there is a limit to how long we can do that.

We first met Obsidian at the public consultation they held at St Mary's Church in December 2022. We suggested then that they included a new medical facility in their plans, because the lack of space at our practice to provide primary care services is one of the key issues faced by the village. We are glad that Obsidian listened, and amended their plans to include our request.

We have been working alongside Obsidian Strategic and their consultant team over the course of 2023 to set out our operational needs, taking into account the likely growth in the number of patients we will see over the coming years. The proposed size and layout of the submitted proposal responds to the brief that we set, including:

- Additional GP consulting rooms
- Space for a district nurse or health visitor
- A larger dispensary area
- More space for administrative staff
- Improved staff welfare facilities
- A larger carpark, with space for patients and staff

Without commenting on the wider planning issues, I am writing to state that the surgery proposal was created with our input and responds to our brief. Outline planning permission is only the first step in the process, but we would in principle be delighted to move into this new building.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Catriona Reid  
GP Partner  
Cropreddy Surgery  
MBBS, BSc, MRCP (2018)  
My working days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

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