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**By email**

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Dear Councillor [REDACTED]

I am writing to personally update you regarding progress with our proposals to bring forward a planning application. This is to accommodate the current and future requirements of Siemens Healthineers, an existing Oxfordshire-based business, whilst creating additional job opportunities for the local community.

The proposal is for a new high-quality combined research, development, and production facility, providing superconducting magnets used in MRI systems. The selected site is on land north of the A41 and east of the M40 near Junction 9 known as Symmetry Park, Oxford North (please see enclosed site location plan).

The site has been chosen following an extensive site search exercise undertaken by Siemens Healthineers across the UK and Oxfordshire. In short, it is the only site that can meet the operational requirements and timescales of Siemens Healthineers, that faces increasing demand for its superconducting magnets.

We have recently submitted a Scoping Opinion to Officers in your authority and will be undertaking a public consultation exercise on the proposals in mid-September this year.

The Community Engagement will involve local press advertisements and leaflet delivery to surrounding local communities. Exhibition materials will be available online, and an in-person event will be held. We will also be offering to present at Chesterton, Wendlebury and Weston-on-the-Green Parish Council meetings prior to submission of the application later this year.

We would welcome your attendance at a private virtual consultation event on Monday 13th September 7-9pm. Our Planning Consultants, Framptons, will follow up with further invitation details in due course.

The proposals are for a facility of circa 54,000 sq m which will support over 1,300 skilled jobs when fully operational, including physicists, engineers, and cryogenic experts. Successful delivery of Siemens Healthineers requirement at Symmetry Park Oxford North will ensure the retention of the significant knowledge, expertise and embedded supply chain benefits that have been established over the last 40 years within North Oxfordshire.

The building is bespoke to Siemens Healthineers design and production process and will be delivered to net zero carbon in construction to accord with the UK Green Building Council's definition. The facility will achieve a minimum rating of BREEAM Very Good and will incorporate substantial solar PV coverage on the roof.

The proposals will be exemplary in all respects, and the application will be accompanied by a thorough and robust assessment of all relevant technical matters, including highways and transportation, landscape and visual impacts, ecology, archaeology and heritage, and flood risk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any aspect of the proposals further, and we hope that you are able to attend the virtual consultation event on 13<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, we will continue to liaise with Officers of your Council to progress the proposals through the planning application process.

Yours sincerely,



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