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## Dear Mr Marfleet

Please find attached letter from the Chair of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer of GOSH Charity in support of the GOSH planning application.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards Claire.





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Patrick Marfleet Senior Planning Officer

22 July 2022

Dear Mr Marfleet

## Redevelopment of the Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) Frontage Building, Phase 4 Children's Cancer Centre (Reference 2022/2255/P)

I refer to the planning application recently submitted by Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust for a new Frontage Building and Children's Cancer Centre located on Great Ormond Street.

Improving outcomes for childhood cancer is a major priority in the UK, as well as for GOSH Charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and its academic partners at UCL – the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health (GOS ICH) and UCL Cancer Institute. These organisations have come together with a commitment to make a strategic investment in cancer leadership, research, and infrastructure.

More recently this has received a major boost with a strategic initiative to build a comprehensive Children's Cancer Centre, the vision of which is to improve outcomes for children through holistic, personalised and coordinated care. The centre will be a national resource for children with rare and difficult-to-treat cancers, and with the volume of patients and wider investment in cancer research and data science, there is a great opportunity for the centre to become a national and global focal point for excellence in paediatric clinical care and research. This is especially true given the co-location of our partner organisations within the Bloomsbury area, which provides an exceptional ecosystem for undertaking translational research into children's cancer.

The centre itself will be the physical embodiment of the hospital's cancer vision and an exemplar for research hospital. It will be underpinned by continued and sustained investment in cancer research and other cancer related programmes and initiatives that are integral to realising the vision. This includes research capacity building and infrastructure investment for clinical trials and digital technologies, as well as education programmes and investment in clinical modernisation. In addition, advances in paediatric cancer will only be realised in partnership and GOSH Charity has had promising discussions to date with national cancer charities and funding bodies about the opportunity to deliver our vision as a joint endeavour.



The Children's Cancer Centre and wider investment is a truly exciting opportunity to create a centre of excellence for paediatrics. It will put the child and the family at the centre and ensure that we are prepared for the changes in how we diagnose and treat cancer that are imminent. It will provide an outstanding environment that will encourage creative thinking and help to attract and retain talent. Most importantly, it will enable us to work at an even faster pace to improve outcomes for children with rare and difficult-to-treat cancers.

We therefore fully support the development and planning application.

Yours sincerely

Anne Bulford CBE Chair of Trustees Louise Parkes Chief Executive Officer