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Dear Madam/Sir,

RE: GOSH's application (Ref: 2022/2255/P)

In 2011, my then nine year old nephew was admitted to GOSH where he was diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma. He remained at GOSH for some five months and I'm pleased to say he is in remission. I am hugely grateful for everyone at GOSH for the treatment and support provided to nephew. Further to my nephew's treatment, I was inspired by him to start in 2013 the children's charity 'Spread a Smile' whose purpose is to entertain children during their prolonged hospital stays. COVID aside, Spread a Smile had made regular visits to GOSH over the last nine years to support many brave and courageous children, breaking the monotony of long hospital stays and providing a distraction from their treatment. As a result, I have witnessed first hand the facilities at GOSH and have seen the need for GOSH to modernise its facilities.

That is why I am writing to strongly support and endorse GOSH's application (ref: 2022/2255/P) for a new Children's Cancer Centre. In my opinion these works are greatly needed and much overdue. GOSH is one of the leading children's hospitals in the world but does not have facilities to match. I support this application because it is critical that GOSH develops and modernises its facilities so it can continue to provide high quality cancer services, in a fitting environment. Having seen my nephew and then the thousands of children that Spread a Smile has supported go through their treatment, it is clear to me that the best care and wellbeing comes from having specialist doctors and nurses, the latest technology and equipment and an environment that is clean, modern, fresh and uplifting. The current facilities are tired and outdated and are in huge need of modernisation; something the new Children's Cancer Centre would provide. In addition, the new Children's Cancer Centre would provide for innovation and research to take place and this is to be welcomed and applauded. GOSH is synonymous with the very best in Children's health and in the provision of specialised complex care and treatment. However, GOSH needs to adapt and progress and this means investment in its facilities. This is something the new Children's Cancer Centre will provide. I recognise this Centre is a material project that will take a few years to complete. However, the inconvenience will be short lived whilst the benefits to so many children and their families will be for decades and generations. That is why I wholeheartedly support the new Children's Cancer Centre development at GOSH in Bloomsbury. This is so important for young patients from across the UK, who deserve to be able to easily access highly specialised complex care and treatment.

Yours sincerely,

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Spread a Smile

