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To: Planning

Subject: Letter of support for Planning Permission for Children's Cancer Centre, Great Ormond Street Hospital/ref. 2022/2255/P.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of the application from Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) for planning permission for a Children's Cancer Centre, ref. 2022/2255/P.

As the London lead at Arts Council England for our work in arts and health, I believe that this new facility has considerable potential to make a hugely positive contribution by enabling children to be treated in the best possible environment, with an arts programme that will support their wellbeing and recovery – something which is frankly not achievable in the existing wards. The GOSH arts team has an excellent track record of developing and delivering innovative programmes and creative projects that enhance the hospital environment, comfort and stimulate patients, and engage families and visitors, relieving the stress many of them will be experiencing.

The integration of commissioned artwork into the façade of the new facility will serve as an inspiring and welcoming introduction to the new resources inside – which will include a cancer day centre, cancer wards, critical care facilities, new theatres and new machines for complex imaging. As well as continuing to work with high profile artists and performers to create an environment that is both exciting and safe for children and their families, the arts team are now enhancing their relationship with the local community, including schools, so that this creative activity can be shared for the first time outside the hospital walls.

In short, the new development will further cement the hospital's international reputation as a centre for excellence in children's healthcare and I very much hope this exceptional proposal will gain your approval.

Yours faithfully

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