



# Emsworth Residents Association

**AGM**

**Monday 25 January 2010, 7.30<sub>pm</sub>**

**Mountford Rooms, Emsworth Community Centre, North Street**

**David Willetts MP**

**Current and future focus areas in the constituency  
including our healthcare facilities**

**NHS Hampshire panel of four**  
Meeting Emsworth's healthcare needs



**Emsworth Hospital—What will become of it??**



**The new Oak Park Hospital Will we ever get it??**

**Thousands of new houses to be built in the area!**

**How will the NHS cope?**

**Come and ask them!**

**We need health facilities before the houses, not years after.**

## QUESTIONS FOR OUR NHS GUESTS TONIGHT

I will be grateful, on behalf of the Emsworth Residents Association, if you could answer the following questions. You will be aware, I hope, of the strength of feeling in Emsworth at what people perceive as a betrayal and a series of broken promises.

1. Initially we were promised that before the Cottage Hospital closed, the new facility at Oak Park would be ready. Why did that not happen? Please can you let us have the dates of the relevant decisions made?
2. We were promised that the new hospital would have 90 beds then that was reduced and, now, we are told that it is unlikely to be built at all. Why were these promises not kept? Please may we have the dates of the relevant decisions?
3. We believe that the reason for cancellation has been the running costs, once built. While the upgrade of QA Hospital was, no doubt, necessary, was that paid for by way of a loan and, if so, why? Is it the case that the funding of that loan is at least one reason why there are not funds for the Oak Park scheme?
4. What is happening and what is proposed for the future of the Cottage Hospital? At present it serves little purpose and is denied to the local surgery. Is it to be sold? What will be done; if sold, and to whose benefit will the proceeds be put?
5. It is common knowledge that within the small strip of land between the QA and St. Richards there are schemes to build approximately 5000 new homes, creating 12000 new people in this very small area. Can you please tell us what plans you have to give this Border Community of Emsworth some semblance of hospitalization facility in the years ahead?
6. Can you guarantee that the Cottage Hospital, or its site, will continue to be used for medical facilities for the people of Emsworth?

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