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NHS FF Consultation

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Dear Sirs

I write in my capacity as Powys County Councillor for the Forden Ward, which encompasses the communities of Forden, Leighton and Trelystan.

It is of great concern not only to the residents of my ward but to many residents living in Mid Wales and on the Powys/Shropshire border. Residents in this area rely on the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital as their nearest District General Hospital and its A & E Department. Whilst we are fortunate to have the Air Ambulance sited at nearby Welshpool Air Port, there are times when inclement weather prevents this from flying, and travel in an emergency has to be made by road. Therefore Option 1, the preferred option is essential to serve the Mid Wales and border region. In the event of a serious accident or suddenly being taking life threateningly very ill, transport via road to the Emergency Care Centre can be achieved within the 'Golden Hour' if sited at Shrewsbury, but could not be achieved if sited at Telford, even when the roads are reasonably quiet, let alone during peak travel times.

Would you therefore please note my preference for Option 1 of the FF consultation.

Yours faithfully

Cllr. Linda Corfield