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Dear Tom,

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 December about Kettering General Hospital. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in replying.

The Department remains fully committed to rebuilding Kettering General Hospital by 2030 as part of the New Hospital Programme (NHP). On 25 May, we confirmed that the NHP is expected to be backed by over £20billion of new funding.

The rebuilding of Kettering General Hospital will benefit from our national approach to standardisation, Hospital 2.0, which brings together all the components of hospital building in one system. Standardised designs and solutions will help to provide innovative, sustainable and world-leading healthcare facilities for patients and staff and will ensure value for money for the taxpayer.

By the end of the 2022/23 financial year, the Department had provided over £5million to Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to facilitate the development of its new hospital scheme. This included funding for the development of business cases and programme teams.

The trust is now working with the NHP to produce a Full Business Case (FBC) for the new energy centre that will be built as part of the enabling works. Once the FBC is received, we will progress the case to enable the release of funds and ensure construction can begin as soon as possible. We expect initial works for the energy centre to be underway early this year.

We will continue to engage with the trust to support progress and ensure the scheme remains aligned with our national approach.

With my very best wishes,

LORD MARKHAM CBE