
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 7 – THE GOVERNMENT'S BROKEN PROMISE TO REFURBISH AND REBUILD CHARING CROSS, HAMMERSMITH AND ST MARY'S HOSPITALS BY 2030

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Ben Coleman
- (ii) Councillor Rowan Ree

This Council:

- Regrets the statement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Stephen Barclay, in the House of Commons on 25 May 2023 that Charing Cross Hospital, Hammersmith and St Mary's Hospitals are no longer on the list of 40 hospitals to be refurbished or rebuilt by 2030 but instead *"may now fully complete construction after 2030"*.
- Notes that this breaks the pledge given by the Conservative government in 2019 to refurbish and rebuild Charing Cross, Hammersmith and St Mary's Hospitals by 2030 as part of the New Hospitals Programme.
- Notes that the well-respected Professor Tim Orchard, chief executive of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs Charing Cross, Hammersmith and St Mary's, said the Health Secretary's statement was *"clearly disappointing"* and *"hugely damaging for the health and healthcare of hundreds of thousands of people"*.
- Notes that Professor Orchard also said the statement *"does not reflect our understanding of next steps on the urgently needed redevelopment of our hospitals"*; and notes that Mr Barclay subsequently apologised for making the incorrect claim in the House of Commons that work had already started at Charing Cross Hospital.
- Views as meaningless the government's claim to be committed to refurbishing Charing Cross, given that they have delayed any building work, given no deadline by which any refurbishment will be completed and not guaranteed any funding for the building work.
- Regrets the inaccurate and disingenuous statements by Greg Hands, MP for Chelsea and Fulham, who in leaflets and on his website has wrongly claimed that funding has been secured for the full refurbishment whereas funding has not been secured and the previous 2030 deadline for completion of works has been scrapped.
- Urges the Conservative government to honour its promise to provide the funding for the refurbishment and rebuilding of Charing Cross, Hammersmith and St Mary's hospitals and to reinstate the 2030 deadline for completion of the works.