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**SPECIAL MOTION NO.2 – RECOGNISES THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO DEMOLISH CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL AND CALLS ON GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRATS AND THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP OF COUNCILLORS TO APOLOGISE FOR MISLEADING PEOPLE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CHARING CROSS AS A HOSPITAL**

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Andrew Jones
- (ii) Councillor Sue Fennimore

The Council condemns health bureaucrats for attempting to gag the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham and stop us campaigning against the demolition of Charing Cross Hospital.

It recognises that: it was thoroughly wrong for Conservative councillors to falsely claim they had “saved” Charing Cross Hospital in 2013; wrong for them to have consistently accused all those opposing its demolition and closure of not telling the truth; and wrong to have mislead local residents by claiming their administration had led to the A&E at Charing Cross being “retained”.

The Council notes that the department of health, the CCG and Imperial Collage Healthcare Trust have said they will “continue” with the proposals for Charing Cross Hospital “set out in the service strategy [Shaping a Healthier Future (SaHF)] for NW London which was signed off by the Secretary of State for Health in 2013 and that those plans include:

- Demolishing the current Charing Cross Hospital and selling off most of the site
- Replacing the current Charing Cross Hospital with a series of clinics on a site no more than 13% the size of the current hospital
- Re-branding these clinics as a “local hospital”
- Replacing the current A&E with an urgent care clinic
- Losing more than 300 - and possibly all – acute care beds.

The Council concludes that the government’s approach to telling the public of the plans for Charing Cross Hospital are, at best, thoroughly disingenuous - and calls on them to listen to the borough’s Labour administration and take a different approach.