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Dear Councillor Moseley,

Re: West Midlands Ambulance Station, Mercian Close, Shrewsbury, SY3 9EA

Thank you for your letter of 31 August 2023 requesting an update on our relocation plans for our Hub based in Mercian Close, Shrewsbury.

Firstly, I can assure you the Trust is committed to replacing the operational hub based in Mercian Close, Shrewsbury.

At the meeting on 21 February, I know Craig Cooke will have outlined that this building is our next building to update. We have confirmed in other correspondence that the current building has lease commitments until September 2027. Our intention would be to become operational in the replacement facility by Spring 2027, allowing time to resolve the current lease arrangements in good time.

The final requirements for the facility are being refined and this will create a PID for the Board of Directors to consider in due course. Discussions have commenced with ICB colleagues about the capital funding requirements, alongside a submission for national support for this development too. I know that a meeting is scheduled with some of your colleagues in early October to look at some location options and how this will fit in with other planning work within Shrewsbury – for example, the NWRR scheme, to ensure we are in the right location which works for everyone.

I trust the above information is helpful in demonstrating we are taking this project forward. Regarding the plans to improve safety along the Longton Road, WMAS remain fully supportive of those changes which you are planning to implement.

Yours sincerely

Anthony C Marsh

Chief Executive Officer

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