

Correspondence received via e-mail to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, from an individual regarding the proposed location of the Velindre Cancer Centre – 28 November 2021

I am a supporter of the campaign to co-locate the new Velindre Cancer Centre at the Heath UHW site and not to destroy a large area of valuable green urban space at the Northern Meadows. I believe that both of those issues are within the terms of reference for your committee.

Climate change is such a topical issue now and we have our very own opportunity to act locally. The proposal to build a replacement Velindre Cancer Care Centre on a largely green field site in north Cardiff is not only wrong clinically, but it will seriously affect the environment and climate care aspirations of Wales.

I would be grateful if your committee could spend some time debating whether this project is in the best interests of Wales, and the world, at your meeting next week. Could it please be considered then or proposed as an agenda item for a future meeting?

Over a year ago, 24 out of the 33 Oncology Consultants at Velindre signed up to a letter expressing serious concerns about the proposed clinical model and suggested that the Cancer Care facility should be on the same site as the Acute District General Hospital at the Heath, so that other specialist support services would be immediately to hand. Since then many more senior clinicians have added their support

Lady Brown spoke to your committee recently about adaptations and mitigations to meet the challenges of Climate Change. She highlighted the value of Green Urban Spaces and that point seemed to resonate with members.

At 75 years of age, I am not a NIMBY. I live in the Whitchurch area, but my concern is about the legacy which I will leave for future generations. I am currently researching the possibility of installing Solar PV panels and an air sourced heat pump. I am unlikely to achieve a payback whilst still enjoying my time on this planet. The total cost to the public purse of this project is very considerable and will be borne by future generations - but is this good use of that money?

Thank you in anticipation,