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Dear Matt,

I was thrilled to hear the new Prime Minister's commitment to upgrading hospitals.

As you know, the Horton General Hospital in Banbury has faced a number of threats over the past 40 years. Most recently, we have seen a downgrade of obstetric services in the maternity unit, compromising the safety of mothers and babies in my constituency.

With travel times and parking at the John Radcliffe in Oxford very unpredictable, the Horton offers a vital lifeline for those living in the North of the county, and wider area including South Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. It caters for over a third of Oxfordshire's A&E and offers award-winning neck of femur services. It is simply too far to travel to Oxford for treatment.

The staff at the Horton are world-class but the building is not meeting the needs of 21st century medicine. Many of the buildings are empty and dilapidated. The Oxford University Hospitals Trust (OUHFT) are considering the future of the site and how it can be improved. I would therefore be most grateful if you could strongly consider the Horton for an upgrade under the Prime Minister's plans. Any support from the Department of Health and Social Care would be very gratefully received by all my constituents.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Prentis".

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