



Don't take a chance on Old Town healthcare

Our doctors are struggling in an overcrowded building. By refusing to let them move to more suitable premises, Hastings planners may force them out of the Old Town

The Old Town Surgery in Roebuck Street has served residents well for many years, but the practice no longer has the space to provide the safe, modern service that patients expect and deserve.

Dr Craig Namvar has drawn up plans to move to new premises in the Ice House on Rock-a-Nore. Besides GP consulting rooms, there would be a healthy-eating restaurant, a pharmacy, an optician, and facilities to deliver physiotherapy, chiropody, and more clinical services that are not possible in the crowded Roebuck Street site.

Hastings council have refused planning permission, because they claim the surgery would take away hotel space and cause traffic, waste and parking problems.

These "objections" don't stand up to close inspection, and Dr Namvar is resubmitting his application. He needs your support to get his application approved.

What's the alternative?

It's true that moving our GPs to Rock-a-Nore would mean a longer walk for many Old Town patients, but the alternatives are worse.

Staying in the Roebuck Street building is not an option in the long term. The council accepts this, but is unofficially floating the idea of moving the surgery to Clive Vale, where it would also serve a new residential development. This would mean much longer journeys for Old Town residents, many of whom are frail, live alone and have mobility problems.

What can you do?

By signing the petition at the surgery or at other spots in the Old Town, you can support Dr Namvar's application. Please also show this poster to your neighbours and display it in your window.

To find out more, go to www.hotra.org.uk
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