

The General Pharmaceutical Council

25 Canada Square

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Dear Sir,

As Chairman of Ash Parish Council in Surrey I am writing to you on behalf of over 7500 residents.

Please see a copy of a letter that I have just sent to the Managing Director of Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

It is evident that the current level of pharmacy care being provided in both the Parishes of Ash and neighbouring Tongham is wholly inadequate. Currently, Tongham has no pharmacy provision of its own. This situation is only going to get worse in the future and the following facts must now be considered.

- The population of the Parishes of Ash and Tongham are set to expand to at least 15,000 residents in the next 3 to 5 years, as planning permission has already been granted for an additional 1800 plus dwellings.
- This area of Surrey is already recognised as an area of social deprivation and has many elderly and vulnerable residents who have no other means or resources to access services outside the immediate community.
- The National Health Service (NHS) is currently advocating people should consult their local pharmacist first with minor health issues.
- The current national agenda for people to have less reliance on cars and to walk or use more environmentally modes of transport to access local facilities.

Accordingly, on behalf of my local community I would now ask that you consider all the above as a matter of urgency and agree to increasing the capacity for at least one additional pharmacy to be authorised / licensed in the Ash Parish area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Nigel Manning.

Chairman

Ash Parish Council.