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Addressed to the NHS England authority in charge of this matter.

Dear Mr Simon Hope,

Re: The Proposed closure of the Bayswater Medical Centre, Craven Road, London W2. Petition from Patients Against Closure.

We write as the Pharmacy Practice situated immediately opposite the long-established Bayswater Medical Centre to register our opposition, and that of several hundred patients of the Centre, who have recorded their opposition to the proposed take-over by the Grand Union Health Centre situated some considerable distance away for our elderly and disabled patients.

The petition which is still being raised is attached. You will appreciate that trying to consult with patients about this issue in the middle of the holiday season is extremely difficult. When complete the petition is likely to run into several thousands.

The period allowed for consultation is universally agreed in the area to be totally inadequate, as indeed are the full grounds for the proposed closure of this popular and highly regarded surgery. Mr Steven Atack, Chairman of the Patients Consultative Panel, can vouchsafe for the powerful opinion felt locally and amongst the 7,000 patients of the surgery and can be contacted on steveatack@aol.com

Dr Kostas Vranakis is a hugely respected local practitioner and one who commands the highest regard amongst his patients and the community. This can be documented professionally upon request.

Other medical practices are willing to come forward and finance and operate the surgery at the existing location, and if need be, expand it to the vacant property situated immediately next door. They have funds and medical staff, headed by a medical practitioner to do so. It does not appear that NHS England have allowed consideration of such an offer preferring to present an ultimatum to patients to the contrary. Possibly this is NOT the case but the patients have received only the most inadequate information on this.

We write to request that the closure of the surgery not take place until the fullest consideration of the options most advantageous to the patients care and wellbeing who live nearby be taken into account. With this in mind we would request please that the public consultation period be extended by one to two months to allow for it to be fully and effectively carried out.

We are willing to meet with executives involved in these deliberations at your convenience but urge, on the reason of fairness and common sense, that the period of time for consultation be extended to allow for a just evaluation of this dire situation for local patients. We feel that the end of the year would allow for a full and professional evaluation to take place.

Thank you for your valued response which we would be grateful if you would share with ourselves and steveatack@aol.com

Yours faithfully,

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