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To whom this may concern,

Re: Proposed Dialysis Unit at: Proposed Renal Dialysis Unit, Stationary House, Acacia Avenue, Port Talbot, SA12 7DP

I write in support of the planning application for the proposed Dialysis Unit at Proposed Renal Dialysis Unit, Stationary House, Acacia House, Acacia Avenue, Port Talbot, SA12 7P

The new Dialysis Unit at Proposed Renal Dialysis Unit, Stationary House, Acacia Avenue, Port Talbot, SA12 7DP best meets the requirement of SBUHB and our patients for the following reasons:

- The proposed unit is located to most optimally serve the patient population enabling local, convenient dialysis for patients living in the region. Current data indicates that 67 patients in the Neath Port Talbot area are travelling to Morriston Hospital for treatment.
- Increased treatment capacity to meet current and future needs; The proposed unit will feature 27 stations and provide two sessions per day, six days per week. This results in capacity for 108 patients to receive dialysis in this area per week.
- Fresenius Medical Care (FMC) will operate the unit as an independent service provider. They have a demonstrable history of being able to provide high quality renal dialysis service focused on patient care, safety and value for money.
- The proposed unit is located close to public transport, and serviced by 4 bus routes (66, 83, 202, and 9). It will also have its own dedicated parking area, and secure bicycle storage area. This will allow patients and staff to use active, sustainable or public transport to attend the unit. This facility being closer to home and more easily accessible is also likely to reduce the number of patients who are reliant on ambulance transport, which can result in long delays due to service pressures.

The renal community in Wales has a strong history of working together with patients, their representatives, renal charities and a broad multi-professional team to ensure best outcome for patients. Clinical care is guided by evidence-based guidelines. Dialysis is a lifesaving treatment for individuals whose kidneys are not functioning correctly. Patients are typically required to attend the unit for dialysis three times per week. Each dialysis session will last around four hours, to optimally filter waste products from their blood. Without dialysis life expectancy is drastically reduced.

Dialysis in Swansea Bay area is currently provided at two dialysis units in Morriston Hospital. These units have a finite capacity. The Morriston unit is currently operating at 140% of its capacity. This is being achieved using a twilight dialysis provision. Additional quality and safety difficulties present when providing a service 'out of hours', due to a reduced medical staffing and a reduction in available patient transport.

Dialysis population modelling suggests that there is an anticipated growth of 3-5% renal patients requiring dialysis. Local data suggest that annual growth in the patient population has been closer to 7% for 2023. Therefore creating a new dialysis unit in this area is vital.

A range of suitable sites were explored, and this been selected following a competitive tender process and the subsequent appointment of FMC as the successful bidder.

We respectfully request you to consider this planning application with the utmost priority, recognising the profound positive effects it will have on the community of Neath Port Talbot, and further afield.

SBUHB therefore fully support the planning application by FMC to develop a Dialysis Unit at Proposed Renal Dialysis Unit, Stationary House, Acacia Avenue, Port Talbot, SA12 7DP.

Yours sincerely,



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