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Your contact is: **Nicky Simpson - Committee Services**

Dear Jaabir

Reading Health and Wellbeing Board Response to Application to secure identified improvements or better access within the proposed Reading Gateway Development, Imperial Way, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 0ET by Ascent Healthcare Ltd.

Further to your letter of 18 October 2018, informing the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board of the above application, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board have considered the Officers' report attached.

The Chair and Vice Chair of Reading Health and Wellbeing Board have agreed that the following representation be made to NHS England on the application, in line with Schedule 2, paragraph 19 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (as amended).

The Reading Health and Wellbeing Board's response is that the services as outlined in Reading's 2015-2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment met the need of the local population in terms of essential pharmaceutical service and that an additional high street pharmacy was not considered essential in this area.

I am sorry that the representation has missed the 2 December 2018 deadline, but would be grateful if it could still be submitted to the Committee if possible.

Yours sincerely

Nicky

Nicky Simpson
Clerk to the Reading Health & Wellbeing Board