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**SENT BY EMAIL**

Dear Simon

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the County Council to share with you some of the discussions that took place at a recent meeting of Full Council. As I am sure that you are aware, our councillors are very supportive of the work that you and your colleagues are doing to tackle the pandemic and everything that you have done and continue to do to provide the highest quality of care to patients in the county.

At the County Council meeting on 18 November 2020, councillors expressed their full support for NHS workers and the huge and ongoing effort that they are making to treat and support patients during the pandemic under very difficult circumstances. As part of this, councillors were keen to see what additional help could be put in place for frontline NHS staff. The councillors resolved that I contact you, on behalf of the Council, to raise the issue of access to free on-site parking for front line NHS staff at their place of work, wherever possible. This was viewed as a significant gesture that would provide additional support that would directly benefit front line NHS workers. As such, I would ask that this is something that you actively consider, assuming that you have not already done so.

In reviewing this, councillors also wanted to encourage carbon reduction initiatives as part of the overall move to tackle climate change. As such, our councillors were keen to see whether we could work with you as a Council to consider how parking policy and grants for using sustainable travel options could best achieve the long-term aim for carbon reduction and sustainable travel across our County.

I realise that you are extremely busy at the moment tackling the third wave of the pandemic but my fellow councillors and I would be grateful if you could give this matter, particularly the issue of free parking for NHS front line staff, your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this or if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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