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Dear Ashley

I am writing in relation to the potential development of Crown House, Huddersfield and the context of the creation of the neighbouring National Health Innovation Campus by the University of Huddersfield.

The Campus is a transformative project for the people of the region. It will improve health outcomes and lead innovation in healthcare for the North of England, the UK and internationally.

It is based on the University of Huddersfield's outstanding track-record in professional courses and pioneering research, and its wide network of partnerships with leading health and care organisations.

Work on the first building, the Daphne Steele Building, has already commenced and the building will be open in September 2024. Approval in principle for the second building, which will include an NHS Community Diagnostic Hub, means that second facility should be open for University teaching and innovation activities from 2025.

**The campus will feature:**

**The Health and Wellbeing Academy**, which will bring together the University's public-facing health facilities (clinics and research) and be a focus for entrepreneurial academic activity, linked to the needs of the local health workforce and the regional health economy.

**World-leading research facilities**, in fields such as skin integrity and infection prevention, psychological therapies, addiction and falls prevention.

**Specialist clinical teaching facilities** – led by the University's internationally significant expertise in simulation and hi-fidelity teaching, and a focus for the beacon offer in distance and blended learning, engaged with partners who are leaders in the digital agenda.

- A mock-up 'residential home' for use by occupational therapy, paramedic science, mental health nursing and social work / health and social care, where community-based simulated teaching can take place.

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- Psychology labs – computer suites with additional specialist equipment.
- Sports specialist teaching facilities.

**A full range of public facing facilities, including:**

- Our award-winning Podiatry Clinic, which services the needs of staff and public and provides much needed placement opportunities for students.
- Our THRIVE telehealth service, recently established in conjunction with partners Age UK Wakefield and Aspire, delivered through placement opportunities for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy students; students work in interdisciplinary pairs with participants by video link, using a health coaching approach to support participants to identify goals and devise intervention plans.
- New Sports and Physiotherapy Clinics, parent and child clinics, mental health clinics and public facing spaces oriented to the work of social science groupings.

The campus is expected to support a significant increase in the range of health and care related courses at the University, and to allow for a significant expansion in student numbers. There will also be increased innovation activity drawing in the expertise of groups from across the University, including in Computing, Design, Engineering, Physical Sciences and other disciplines.

I would be happy to provide further information as required.

Yours sincerely



Professor Tim Thornton  
**Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

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