

Amendment proposed by Cllr Barbara Brownridge and Seconded by Cllr Marie Bashforth

Delete *“Despite her warm words, no action has been taken.”*

Insert *“, where she was supportive of resolving this issue, whilst reminding people that responsibility for the provision of new health centres lies with the NHS and Integrated Care System, not Oldham Council.”*

After *“The Member of Parliament for Oldham East & Saddleworth hosted an event too to discuss the prospect of developing a new Health Centre,*

Delete *but she did not invite the Councillors for the area and we have never seen any outcomes from this discussion, at which there were senior Officers of the Council.”*

Delete *“However, a strategic site has opened up in a central, accessible location in Uppermill with the demolition of Saddleworth School and this is in the ownership of the Council.”*

Before *“To prioritise the provision of a state-of-the-art Health Centre for all of Saddleworth”*

Insert *“To work alongside the GM Integrated Care System and NHS England”*

After *“Saddleworth”*

Insert *“and find a suitable site within Saddleworth.”*

Before *“To consider ways to increase capacity at the Delph site in the meantime..”*

Insert *“To work with the GM Integrated Care System*

Delete *“To commit”*

After *“to making the”*

Insert *“best use of the”*

After *“site of the old Saddleworth School”*

Delete *“mixed-use, and ear marking some space for a state-of-the-art Health Centre.*

To improve the pitches and playing fields on the old Saddleworth School site for the use of local people, and for increased sporting provisions”

Insert *“for the people of Saddleworth”*

Delete *“To schedule a meeting with all stakeholders, including the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care and the Saddleworth North, South, and West & Lees Councillors, to discuss our priorities for the people we represent.*

Insert *“To invite all relevant stakeholders, including the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and the Place Lead for Health and Care Integration to a meeting of East District Community Council to discuss this issue with residents and local Councillors.”*

Amended Motion to read

The Civil Parish of Saddleworth is the only District in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham to have not had the provision of a Health Centre planned for despite the overwhelming public support for one.

While the current Centre, situated in Uppermill, has given care to many people over the years, the modern medical needs of the population of Saddleworth are not met by the current site. Many people living in Saddleworth's village communities have to travel to central Oldham for basic treatment – to Glodwick, Littlemoor, Moorside, or the Integrated Care Centre.

The provision of a state-of-the-art Health Centre of all of Saddleworth is the single biggest issue and this was made clear to The Council Leader, Councillor Arooj Shah, when she visited us in 2022 at her 'Meet the Leader' event in Saddleworth Civic Hall, where she was supportive of resolving this issue, whilst reminding people that responsibility for the provision of new health centres lies with the NHS and Integrated Care System, not Oldham Council.

The content of this Motion has an electoral mandate - in recent Elections, all successful Candidates in Saddleworth have been nominally or actively in favour of a Health Centre.

Increased pressure is being placed on the already stretched healthcare provisions in Saddleworth resulting from the increased house building, including the 78 dwellings on Huddersfield Road, Diggle, with the prospect of more developments to come at Knowls Lane, Birks Quarry, Bailey Mill, Fletcher's Mill and possibly Stonebreaks in years to come.

The Member of Parliament for Oldham East & Saddleworth hosted an event too to discuss the prospect of developing a new Health Centre.

The Integrated Care System for Greater Manchester has stated in the past that funding is not necessarily the problem in preventing progress, but the options for siting a Health Centre in Saddleworth is the stumbling block.

Therefore, this Council commits:

- To work alongside the GM Integrated Care System and NHS England to prioritise the provision of a state-of-the-art Health Centre for all of Saddleworth and find a suitable site within Saddleworth.

- To making the best use of the site of the old Saddleworth School for the people of Saddleworth
- To work with the GM Integrated Care System to consider ways to increase capacity at the Delph site in the meantime, whilst a new Health Centre is established, as it is a source of local commentary that this service is underutilised.
- To invite all relevant stakeholders, including the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and the Place Lead for Health and Care Integration to a meeting of East District Community Council to discuss this issue with residents and local Councillors.