

## **Motion 1: Improving Parking Provision at Royal Oldham Hospital-REFORM UK AMENDMENT**

To be Moved by Cllr Lewis Quigg  
to be Seconded by Cllr Sandra Ball

This Council notes:

- That Royal Oldham Hospital provides essential health services for thousands of Oldham residents every week, including emergency, maternity, and specialist care.
- That patients, visitors, and NHS staff frequently report serious difficulties finding parking spaces at and around the hospital site.
- That parking shortages lead to missed or delayed appointments, added stress for patients and families, and unfair parking fines for staff and visitors.
- That the hospital's current car park layout cannot meet the increasing demand from both hospital users and staff.

This Council believes:

- That access to healthcare should not be made more stressful by inadequate or unaffordable parking.
- That a multi-storey car park or other expanded parking solution would significantly improve accessibility and patient experience without consuming additional land.
- That NHS staff, particularly those working long or unsociable hours, should have access to safe and affordable parking.
- That dedicated and accessible parking should be available for people with mobility issues and wheelchair users.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Request that Oldham Council works collaboratively with the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust (NCA) and relevant partners to explore options for:
  - a. Developing a multi-storey or expanded car park at or near Royal Oldham Hospital;
  - b. Introducing fair and affordable parking arrangements for patients attending A&E, those with regular appointments, and NHS staff;
  - c. Creating dedicated parking directly opposite the A&E department for patients attending A&E only;
  - d. Improving access and facilities for wheelchair users and those with mobility needs.

2. Write to the Chief Executive of the NCA and the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board (ICB) expressing this Council's support for urgent improvements to parking provision at Royal Oldham Hospital.
3. Request that Oldham's Members of Parliament lobby the national government and publicly support a campaign for better parking provision for Oldham residents attending Royal Oldham Hospital.
4. To write to the owners of B&Q LIMITED and OLDHAM ATHLETIC (2004) ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED to ask if they will allow for a portion of their car parking to be used to alleviate (in the short-term) parking provision for Staff at the Royal Oldham Hospital.