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Dear Sirs

I write on behalf of Northam Town Council following their most recent Full Council Meeting where the question of the possible proposals for cutting services at North Devon District Hospital was discussed.

The possible changes and cuts would be a major blow for this excellent hospital and for all local residents who use it and because of poor transport links, people of North Devon will suffer and die due to their inability to reach the services they require. Also, as a result of tourism, the population is greatly increased during the summer months and visitors will also be in great danger. The population of North Devon is growing rapidly because of government requirement to build thousands of homes and, sadly, the infrastructure is not growing to match it. We will be faced with huge increases in the population and a severely diminished hospital if the proposals come to fruition.

We wish therefore to express our great concern and hope that a sensible solution can be found.

Yours faithfully

MRS M J MILLS
Town Clerk

Copy to:
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