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Council

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Dear Ms Marlborough

**ALTERATION TO PRACTICE AREA – THE LONG HOUSE SURGERY (70234), 73
EAST TRINITY ROAD, EDINBURGH EH5 3EL**

The Long House Surgery has requested agreement from NHS Lothian to alter their practice boundary. As part of this process, I am writing to seek your views on this proposal.

The current practice area is:

"North Edinburgh (bounded by Princes St, Queensferry Rd, Cramond Rd South, Firth of Forth, Leith Links, Easter Rd)"

The proposed practice area can be defined as follows:

"From Gipsy Brae Recreation Ground south to Salvesen Terrace, along Pennywell Road, Groathill Road North, Groathill Road South, South Groathill Avenue, Craigleith Road, Comely Bank Road, Raeburn Place, Deanhaugh Street, Hamilton Place, Henderson Row, Eyre Place, Broughton Road, Bonnington Road, Great Junction Street, North Junction Street and Ocean Drive to Western Harbour, Firth of Forth to Gipsy Brae Recreation Ground."

I enclose a list of local practices whose boundaries include the areas which the The Long House Surgery wishes to exclude, a supporting statement from the practice and maps illustrating the current and proposed boundaries, population density and a map plotting the location of all the practices included in the enclosed list.

The practice have confirmed that should the proposed boundary be approved, the practice will continue to care for patients currently on the patient list but outwith the proposed practice boundary area.

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ALTERATION TO PRACTICE BOUNDARY AREA

The Long House Surgery (70234)
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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FROM PRACTICE

The Longhouse Surgery is based at the above location and has been an established practice here for many years. The practice consists of 4 GP Partners and 2 Salaried GPs working with a Practice Nurse, Health Care Assistant and Phlebotomist.

We currently have approximately 8000 patients registered at the practice which are spread over a wide geographical area. The current geographical area runs from Davidson Mains to Easter Road and from Lower Granton to Princess Street.

As you will be aware there are multiple practices in the area which we currently cover and we feel that it would greatly improve patient safety and support health needs if patients who are on the edge of our boundaries were registered to practices close to their home. We also feel that travelling a distance to see us, particularly in bad weather can not only be detrimental to the patient's health but will also impact on our DNAs with patients who are already unwell not willing to travel so far.

We feel that our proposed new boundary area would allow us to focus on our local patients, build relationships, deliver service efficiencies, reduce unnecessary GP time away from the practice and improve DNAs. There are also a number of housing developments in the area, particularly at Newhaven Harbour which we believe will increase our local numbers as well

Whilst we appreciate and would seek to assure you that we will still provide services to those patients who fall out with the proposed new boundary, we believe this will allow us to future proof the practice and allow us to plan ahead with greater efficiency

Map of current and proposed boundaries for The Long House Surgery (7023-4)

