Save QEII General Hospital

The PCT planned ‘New QEII’ is 25% of the QEII General Hospital, has NO beds; NO A&E Department and employs only 250 staff. 1,500+ staff will lose their jobs, emergency services will consist of a Minor Injury Unit with 1 doctor; 1 nurse; 2 nursing assistants the same arrangement that the present A&E Department has been reduced to now from 8pm to 8am 7 days per week. The QEII’s Mental Health Unit will not be situated in the new building but relocated to the site of the old Harperbury psychiatric hospital with mythical transport arrangements. The QEII will be bulldozed and replaced by 50% housing and ‘Healthcare Campus’ whose services the PCT are yet to reveal, and will be run by Private Contractors.

The PCT’s promoting their claim that the New QEII will be an actual hospital providing essentially the same Healthcare services as the QEII General Hospital to an increased population, they are supported in this by their political allies who should be put on the spot and made to answer for their duplicity to their local electorate. These questions need to be answered: 1 New QEII; What Healthcare services constitute a hospital? 2; How does cutting health services by decimating the QEII General Hospital actually improve Healthcare provision? 3; How does removing a hospitals Maternity Services making pregnant mums travel increased distances to give birth decrease their anxieties and actually improve the birth experience for mother and baby? 4; How will removing a hospitals Mental Health Services to a remote location, increasing both the patients dislocation and the travel difficulties for them their relatives and friends actually improve their mental health and equilibrium? 5; How does replacing a full A&E Department by a Minor Injury Unit improve Accident and Emergency services to an increasing population? 6; How ‘Green’ is a policy that increases ambulance journey times by multiplying the distances they have to travel to reach a fully functioning A&E Department? 7; How does cutting ambulance provision by replacing fully fitted ambulances with ‘Ford Transits’ actually improve ambulance services?

Lives will be lost in the Race for Life to the Lister, QEII must retain its services like Mental Health, and those being decimated such as A&E must be restored.

Welwyn/Hatfield-Stevenage: QEII TO Lister Hospitals = Real Race For Life