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Dear Colleague

Re: Consolidation onto the site at 228 Chorley New Road, Horwich, Bolton, Lancs, BL6 5NP of L Rowlands 7 Co (Retail) Ltd t/a Rowlands Pharmacy already at that site and Rowlands Pharmacy currently at 51-63 Lee Lane, Horwich, Bolton, Lancs, BL6 7AX

Thank you for your letter regarding the above application and for your invitation to Bolton Health and Wellbeing Board to make written representation.

It is the opinion of the Health and Wellbeing Board that the proposed removal of premises from the pharmaceutical list will **not** create a gap in pharmaceutical services that could be met by a routine application (a) to meet a current or future need for pharmaceutical services, or (b) to secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services.

The Board however makes the following points for consideration.

Firstly, the information contained in the Bolton Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018/21 suggests the estate as a whole will remain more than sufficient to meet demand now and in the near future.

Secondly, the PNA concludes that per head – outside of our most socioeconomically deprived areas – Horwich is the small area presently most well served by community pharmacies. The consolidation is therefore expected to have no discernible impact upon the population of Horwich or the positive care law currently at work in the borough in respect of pharmaceutical provision.

Thirdly, the key conclusion of the PNA is that focus in the short-term should not be on filling gaps in current physical provision – of which nothing major is highlighted – but rather on increasing the locally commissioned services delivered by contractors designed to impact the health topics pertinent to the Bolton population. The site at 228 Chorley New Road currently provides some key Public Health services such as smoking cessation and we would hope such services will not be negatively impacted by the proposed consolidation.

If you require any further evidence please contact, Mark Cook, Public Health Principal (Intelligence) at mark.cook@bolton.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Bolton's Health and Wellbeing Board