

Shaftesbury House Planning Consultation

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Frequently Asked Questions

There is a growing need for scanning facilities at Poole and an increase in referrals and the use of MRI/ CT as a diagnostics tool. This project aims to meet this demand by providing additional scanning for patients in Poole, BCP and the surrounding areas. The scanning facility will replace an office unit that is underused and reaching the end of its lifecycle. The location has been chosen for its town centre location, good transport links and its proximity to the hospital.

General

1. Who can I talk to about the proposals?

A member of our team can talk to you at one of the consultation events and listen to your concerns and answer any questions you may have. You can also give your written feedback on one of the comment forms and post into the box provided.

If you are unable to attend either meeting, and you would like to see the plans and speak to one of the team, please email uhd.consultation.poolescanners@nhs.net so we can arrange this. All feedback to UHD about the consultation must be sent by midnight on Sunday 15 February 2026.

Please be aware that if you send feedback after this date will mean we receive the information after plans have been submitted.

2. What benefit is this development bringing to our town?

The additional scanning capacity the new build brings will help meet the needs of the local community and allow patients to get scans quicker, this will ultimately allow for quicker diagnosis and potentially save lives

Design

3. What are the advantages of building on this site instead of the main hospital building?

The space available within the hospital would make it very difficult to be able to put in the CT and MRI scanner without significant disruption to other teams and within the timescale needed. This is an additional facility to help meet the increasing demand.

4. Where will patients/their carers park when they come for their appointments?

The hospital multi storey car park is a short distance away and the site itself is on good public transport routes. Poole bus and train stations are a short distance away.

There will be a number of accessible spaces and drop off spaces immediately adjacent to the building. The building is Disability Discrimination Act compliant.

5. What functions will be in the building and what will the operating hours be?

There will be a CT and an MRI scanner within the building. The building will operate seven days a week 8am to 8pm

6. Are you expecting any noise from the building once the building works are complete?

No, the day-to-day CT/MRI functions are not noisy.

Build process

7. Are you expecting any disruption to neighbours?

A construction management plan will be put in place prior to commencement and will be adhered to throughout the build. This will ensure all site operations will be carried out in an appropriate way, sympathetic to the surrounding and immediate neighbours. There will be a Constructors Compound set up on the site.

The demolition of the current build may cause some noise, but we will ensure that immediate neighbours are notified of when this will be through local newsletters.

8. How long is the build programme?

Once planning consent has been granted, we expect the build programme to be six months. It is hoped that this will complete so that we will be able to see the first patients in the autumn/winter of 2026.

9. Do you anticipate a generator being needed for the construction?

No, we have been able to allow the construction team to link directly into the grid.