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**PQ 46437/24\* To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to address the severe shortage of parking spaces at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Cathal Crowe**

A chara, I have been contacted by residents in Dooradoyle, Limerick, who have contacted me about the HSE's future building plans at the University Hospital Limerick Dooradoyle Campus. A 96 bed block is nearing completion and it is the understanding of the residents that the HSE intends to follow that with two more 96 bed blocks at the same side of the road and a third across the road where the Ambulance Centre is currently. They have been told the latter could be used as a teaching centre, or for more beds, or even as a multi storey car park. The residents are concerned about the possible visual impact of any such development and are looking for additional information on what the HSE's intentions are. Could you please provide me with an outline as to what the HSE's plans are going forward at the UHL campus? Best wishes, Conor Sheehan T.D for Limerick City

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response.

University Hospital Limerick is acknowledged as being a very busy Model 4 hospital facility serving the mid-west region. The campus has been expanded significantly over the last 15 years or so with a number of significant developments commencing with the Critical Care block and including a new Inpatient/Outpatient unit, new Emergency Department, laboratory facilities and numerous additional inpatient bed capacity projects. The development of the campus has also included increased car parking provision with the development of both basement car parking and surface car parking facilities.

The provision of increased car parking capacity has been advanced in consultation with the Local Authority and in accordance with the applicable planning provisions. This has resulted in the current provision of approximately 1,500 car parking spaces overall. It is acknowledged that significant numbers of staff/patients/visitors travel to the hospital by private car (as opposed to by public transport).

In recent times, the Local Authority Area Planners and the Active Travel Section have emphasised that a Mobility Management Strategy for the campus, with achievable measures, should accompany each future planning application for the site and then be revised/updated as necessary as part of the operational management of the site. The need to discourage future private car use by staff in favour of more sustainable transportation options such as bicycles and park-and-ride schemes is also being highlighted. Thus, going forward there will be an increased focus on such initiatives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

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