Annex 3a
Steve Rogers Handout

Steve Rogers Evidence

My questions will be founded on the following points and evidence. (Evidence in italics are attached.)

The conclusion of the *Maldon Community Hospital Strategic Outline Case 2009* outlines the necessity of a Community Hospital in Maldon. There where 3 options outlined and 'Do minimum'. None of these have been pursued. In fact the 'Do minimum' of an investment of £9m was ignored with zero investment in St Peter's for well in excess of 14 years. Further developments for a new Hospital were reviewed in Community Hospital *Development Brief St Peter's Hospital April 2012*. These were also ignored.

So why does the NHS want to close St Peter's?

Is a Hospital in Maldon necessary? This has been proven in *Strategic Outline Case 2009* and is only strengthened by the increased residential development in Maldon, Burnham, Southminster etc.

Is the closure required to improved quality of care in 'specialist' Hospitals as suggested at the Public meeting Feb 9th ? The *Royal College of Physicians Report* details that the quality of care often falls when consolidating into larger hospitals.

Is it to save money? The *Royal College of Physicians Report* details that cost savings when consolidating into larger hospitals cannot be proven and is often false economy.

Is it because the building is falling down and no longer suitable without investment? This is a direct result of the NHS lack of investment. But the *Government investment of £20B for Hospital build before 2030* shows there is money to repair or build a new Hospital for Maldon.

Is the Public Consultation going to find the answer? The Consultation Summary Document is not following the *Government Consultation Principles 2018* sections B. and C.