

## **P-05-1001 Hold an independent inquiry into the choice of site for the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre**

This petition was submitted by Amelia Thomas having collected 5,241 signatures online and 107 on paper, a total number of 5,348 signatures.

### **Text of Petition:**

£30M would be spent on roads alone to access the land on which the new Centre is proposed. The old Whitchurch Hospital and the existing Velindre site have access in place already, and are viable alternatives.

The current plan is not in line with best practice for modern joined up cancer care, which is person-centred with services physically linked to larger acute hospitals. Heath Hospital offered Velindre space alongside Cardiff Uni cancer research in their new build due to start in 2023.

### **Additional Information**

Velindre University Health Board would swap their current land (Whitchurch hospital site) for the meadow land, (owned by Cardiff and Vale Health Board). £30M of tax payers money would need be used to build access roads to enable building to take place on this land-locked meadow linked to SSSI.

Taking away the Northern Meadows would be hugely detrimental to physical and mental well-being.

Cancer treatment has become more complex, and patients undergoing treatment have increasingly complex issues. Locating at the Heath alongside Cardiff Uni cancer research, would provide rapid access to intensive care and other key medical and surgical specialties when patients need them.

The proposed Velindre Cancer Centre model is outdated & must be scrutinised. Onsite surgical and medical support services are considered ESSENTIAL: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/east-of-england/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2019/08/Independent-Clinical-Panel-Report.pdf>

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