

**Statement from Audlem Medical Practice
to the Strategic Planning Board on 9 October 2013**

From Doctors Muirhead, Leftwick, Verso and Holden
Presented on their behalf by Heather Jones

Re: Planning application 13/2224N
Reference: APP/R0660/A/13/2204723

We at Audlem Medical Practice have been asked to comment on the above planning application.

We currently have a list size of 4,500 patients between 2.3 full time equivalent partners. This equates to 1956 patients each, significantly above the national average of 1600 per partner. Our premises were built in 1992 and were never designed for the current levels of activity which we provide.

This is a rural area and as such we are the only Practice where local patients can register. The closest neighbouring Practices in Nantwich, Wrenbury and Market Drayton do not accept patients from Audlem, being outside of their practice boundaries. This means that any new residents will have to register at Audlem.

Any additional housing will mean an increase in population which we will not be able to accommodate. We will be left with no other option than to 'close our list' ie; not take on ANY new patients at all. This will therefore adversely affect both residents of the new development and any other newborn children, residents at the local nursing homes and anyone moving into an existing property. Once 'closed' we have no discretion to register new patients. Due to current spending cuts there is no likelihood that our capacity will improve in the near to medium term.

This will leave the local NHS bodies with a significant problem as these patients will not be able to receive GP medical care.

As a Practice, we would urge the planning authority to decline this appeal on the grounds of insufficient health facilities.