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Dear Mr Raab

Thank you for your letter, received by email on Friday evening (26 January) about the Thames Ditton Centre and the Dementia Service.

You mention the report to be considered by Cabinet on 7 February. As you will know, the Dementia Service and how the community is served to best effect in Thames Ditton, are both central to our Elmbridge Connects project.

The press statement you will find here:

https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/2024/update-thames-ditton-centre-community which explains the principles behind Elmbridge Connects: a positive vision for community services which will strengthen the network of support we are able to provide through a collaboration of council, charity and public sector networks, all with the common goal to help the Elmbridge community.

Providing dementia services is a key priority for us. We aim to provide a best-in-class dementia services which is part of the life of the Centre within which it is based. This service, at a time of growing need, benefits service users, their families and the whole community. We are committed to continuity of care for Dementia Services.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this, and Elmbridge Connects further.

Yours sincerely

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