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## Angry neighbours hit out at planned tower block site NOISE FEAR OVER HOSPITAL HELIPAD



**A HELIPAD** could be built at the busiest hospital in Sussex as part of a multi-million pound development. Hospital in Brighton are considering setting up the pad on a tower block so critically ill patients can be treated more quickly. The news has sparked anger from nearby residents who are worried about the noise it could cause. At the moment, helicopters land at Brighton Racecourse or East Brighton Park and an ambulance takes patients the rest of the way. Having the helipad at the hospital will mean less distance to travel and no risk of getting caught up in traffic in busy Eastern Road. The Royal Sussex site is in line for a major re-development costing more than £200 million. The 300 years old, one being replaced. The helipad is part of long-term plans to turn the Royal Sussex into a major trauma hospital, sharing with patients who might otherwise be transferred to London. The plans are in their early stages and still need full permission from the South East Coast Strategic Health Authority and the Department of Health but John Hopkins, of Home Close, which is next to the hospital, said: "I am horrified at this idea. It will cause a huge amount of disruption and noise - and that we can provide life-saving medicine in a hospital much closer to where they live." Subject to planning permission, the helipad will be located on the highest point of the hospital to allow the access for patients, staff and local residents. He said fewer than 40 trauma patients a year were expected to arrive by helicopter. Duncan, who represents Queens Ward, said: "If a helipad is absolutely the only way to can develop the quality of services and save lives then it needs to be considered."

Neighbours John Hopkins, Mark Burgess, Constance Young and Sandra Hopkins say they would face huge disruption from helicopter flights.

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