

Fort Regent must be one of our most precious heritage sites which MUST be preserved and used for the benefit of the wider community.

Firstly, It can't be knocked down or removed - it HAS to be used for SOMETHING. But PLEASE not housing!

Fort Regent has served the island extremely well for the last 50(?) years as a sporting, community and recreational centre. It has the advantage of easy access - people can walk there from town in their lunch hour, for instance. Parking is available, easy and away from the town centre. It appears to be well used by a large age cross-section of the community and if you close or move the facilities from the existing location, I suspect that many of the users (specially the older ones) would not seek to go elsewhere, but would let their activities lapse - with a consequent reduction in fitness, health and social intercourse.

The Fort also provides the largest auditorium in the island for the performing arts and is very well supported by the population. To lose this facility would be very sad and must not be allowed to happen.

Although it may be an expensive project, the Fort Regent swimming pool should be restored, and the pool on the water front allowed for other use. The latter is not a satisfactory pool for competitions and receives a lot of bad publicity - running costs, parking facilities.

To my mind there should be no question that Fort Regent deserves investment and must be kept for the same purposes (and more) to serve the island community.

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