States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator Lyndon Farnham Deputy Chief Minister By Email

7 April 2021

Dear Deputy Chief Minister,

R.47/2021 - Land Transactions under standing order 168(3) - Acquisitions

The Future Hospital Review Panel is writing to request further information following the presentation to the States of the above referenced report on the 29th March by the Minister for Infrastructure. Please could you review the questions below and respond by close of business on Tuesday 12th April 2021.

1. Please explain why properties which fall outside the map provided in appendix 1 of P129/2020 are now being acquired?

P129/2020 states that 'the Plan is based on the currently anticipated road and building layouts, but these are subject to change as the detailed design is prepared'. However, during the debate on P129/2020, the Deputy Chief Minister stated that: "This proposition asks the States to approve the plan and this plan shows a maximum area of properties and land that will need to be acquired ..."

- 2. The Panel understands that the sites fall within the 'boundary of the proposed hospital site' set out in appendix 1 of P123/2020 on site selection, however, it was not shown in P129/2020 related specifically to the acquisition of land. Please explain why it was initially excluded.
- 3. What has changed in the evolution of the site design and the development that now requires the purchase of these properties?
- 4. Why wasn't the States Assembly formally informed of a change to the map in P129/2020 which substantially changed the number of properties sought for purchase? The changes appear to have been announced at a forum of residents.
- 5. As these properties do not fall into the original map provided in P129/2020, are they additional to the three properties which were alluded to in interviews in January by the Deputy Chief Minister?
- 6. Have any further properties been identified for purchase at this stage? Or, are those properties no longer being sought for purchase?
- 7. Can the Deputy Chief Minister please provide an update on the number of properties which are now being sought for acquisition to accommodate the new hospital, associated access and car parking?

- 8. Please provide an overlay of the current site plans onto the area so that it is clear how the six properties fit into the current plans for the new hospital and what is intended to be situated on this area?
- 9. Why are proposals for property acquisitions being sought prior to the submission and approval of planning applications for the new hospital?
- 10. How will these purchases be reconciled should designs change again or if planning applications are rejected?
- 11. What makes the OH Design team certain that the sites acquired will be needed even if plans change again?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

Future Hospital Review Panel

Cc Deputy Kevin Lewis, Minister for Infrastructure