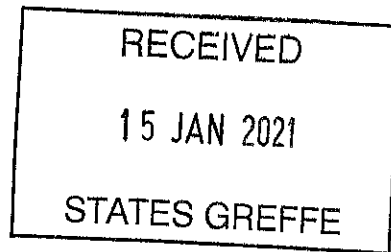




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Dear Senator Moore

Future Hospital Review Panel: Preferred Access Route to Overdale

Thank you for your letter dated 4 January 2021 addressed to the Constable of St Helier. The consultation letter and questions were presented to the Parish of St Helier's Roads Committee at an extraordinary meeting held on 11 January 2021.

The Roads Committee recognises the need for a new Hospital, and agrees, in principle, with the Overdale site being approved.

The Committee wishes to make the following points in response to the consultation questions:

1. Were you consulted in regard to the proposed access route, if so, at what stages?
The Committee understands why there is limited information, i.e. no detailed plan, on the proposed road layout. However, the Committee believes that without detailed plans of the road layout, there is insufficient information at the moment for the Committee to make well-informed and properly considered comments on the proposals.
2. How will you be affected by the proposed access route to Overdale?
The Parish will be affected by the loss of land and properties subject to compulsory purchase. and identifies the following key points that must be considered as part of the process:
 - a) Appropriate financial recompense for land being compulsory purchased, both financial (capital and income) and amenity value (e.g. parking facilities in the area), and facilities should not be diminished (e.g. playground and bowling club); and
 - b) Appropriate re-provision of facilities to ensure that the amenity value of those facilities affected is not lost or diminished, e.g. public car and motorcycle parking, play, game and exercise facilities and areas, and residents' parking.
3. Were you given the opportunity to request clarifications if required?
As explained above, the Committee believes that without detailed plans of the road layout, there is insufficient information to make well-informed and properly considered comments on the proposals regarding the impact the access route will have on the local neighbourhood, heritage and environment.
4. Are you content with the level of engagement you had from the OH Team and GoJ throughout regarding the proposed access route?
The Committee was not approached directly. The Constable arranged for the Committee to consider the matter and feedback to the Scrutiny Panel.
5. Do you feel the plans offer easy access using bus, bicycle or walking and take into account appropriate sustainable methods of transport?
The Roads Committee considers it very important for the Government to consider all transport links in terms of integration with existing transport routes and infrastructure, and particularly the need for direct access to the new Hospital.



6. How will the proposed access route change and impact on the work you currently undertake?
The lack of a detailed plan makes it impossible to fully assess the impact of the proposals on Parish roads and facilities; please refer to the answer to question two above.
7. What do you think the key challenges will be for the preferred access route?
The Committee identified the following points that need to be considered:
- a) There is concern about the potential number of construction vehicles trips that will be required and the impact this will have for residents in the vicinity. This will require careful review and planning by the Hospital Team to reduce the number of trips required and avoid peak times;
 - b) Careful consideration and planning is needed to minimise the impact on the natural environment in the area;
 - c) It appears that not enough consideration has been given to heritage matters that would be affected by the access route (e.g. Gallows Hill). Careful consideration should be given to how the heritage of the area can best be preserved and commemorated; and
 - d) The Committee believes the road access and Hospital development should be considered as one planning application.

Finally, the Roads Committee has asked me to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Silvio Alves'.

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