**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Question

Will the Minister request from the independent planning inspector leading the Future Hospital public inquiry an explanation as to why the inspector is holding the open submission forum when there are no detailed plans or building model to refer to and whether the inspector will be holding another forum when these are ready?

Answer

I don't believe it is necessary to request an explanation from the planning inspector in relation to the current Future Hospital Planning Inquiry. Jersey Property Holdings has submitted an application for *outline planning permission.* If this application is approved, the applicant will be required to submit a *reserved matters* application for consideration. This two part planning application process was established a few years ago to allow applicants to establish whether the scale and nature of a proposed development would be acceptable before a fully detailed proposal is put forward and any substantial costs are incurred.

It is the outline planning application that is currently being considered through the planning public inquiry. The applicant has submitted plans and a model with the planning application, requested that the three matters for determination are: siting, mass and scale and means of access. The applicant has reserved the matters of external appearance and materials and landscaping for later determination, to be included in their second *reserved matters* application.

Part of the current planning application related to the 1860s granite building, and for this part of the application Jersey Property Holdings have decided to submit full details.

If the current outline planning application is approved, the applicant will need to submit, prior to any development taking place, a detailed design of external appearance and materials, together with landscaping of the proposed hospital building. This application will be determined through an appropriate route, chosen once the application has been received.