Over the past of 10 years, one thing has been established without any doubt - we didn't need a new hospital because, if the need had been pressing, successive governments have failed to deliver.

So, we have to draw a few conclusions.

The sudden revelation that more land must be acquired by compulsory purchase does rather suggest that £60M in consultancy costs didn't do the job we were told it was doing.

If the Overdale site is too small, the preferred People's Park site would have been wholly inadequate. I suggest the current Council of Ministers sit down and try very hard not to disappoint the electorate further.

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