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Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the Hall in Howard Davis park (OQ.243/2024):

Will the Minister advise whether there are any plans to enhance the public use of the hall in Howard Davis Park and if not, why not?

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy. In answer to the question, it is yes. We do hope to get more public access to the hall. We are currently exploring possibilities for the future use of the hall and committed to identifying and facilitating as many opportunities as possible for its public use. The hall will be transferred to Jersey Property Holdings on 1st January 2025, and I would welcome suggestions from Members and the community.

3.7.1 Deputy I. Gardiner:

The hall was under a 2-year contract with the private company and, as the Minister indicated in the answer to the written question, there might be another call for expressions of interest for our private companies to manage the public hall. Would it be very clear terms to put on to the private companies to open the hall for the public use?

The Connétable of St. John:

Initial discussions with bodies that are familiar with operating historical buildings; no discussions to my knowledge have taken place with any private operator.