

DATE	TIME	VENUE
20 November 2024	6:30pm-7:30pm	Government of Jersey Studio

Minister for Health and Social Services	MHSS
NHFP Programme Director	JH
NHFP Programme Governance Lead	PGL
NHFP Programme Healthcare Lead	PHL
NHFP Programme Delivery Lead	PDL
NHFP Programme Engagement Lead	PEL

Following a presentation given to residents with updates about the Programme by the team and the Minister for Health and Social Services, a Q&A discussion took place.

Questions & Answers	Actions
<p>During the presentation, JH revisited a concern previously raised at an earlier Forum by a resident in attendance. The resident had commented on the proposed lighter colour of the top half of the Acute Hospital, emphasising the importance of maintaining the building's facade to prevent discoloration over time. The importance of the comment was further stressed by another resident in attendance, also expressing the importance of good maintenance.</p> <p>JH and PDL responded, confirming that maintenance is being carefully considered, with ongoing meetings and workshops held with HCS to determine the requirements for maintaining the façade's appearance and integrity.</p> <p>In addition, PGL stated that the modelling design and maintenance aims to reflect the beauty of the building and confirmed that the financial planning has accounted for these maintenance needs.</p> <p>During the presentation, PEL invited residents to share suggestions for the hoardings at Kensington Place and Overdale. One resident expressed an interest in featuring historical information and images of the site. Another suggested incorporating windows or viewing areas into the hoardings, noting that the most intriguing view is often the site behind them. A third proposed a progress timeline to track completed milestones and outline upcoming steps. PEL acknowledged these suggestions, noting that some had already been discussed and would be considered for implementation on the various site hoardings moving forward.</p> <p>A resident enquired whether video coverage of the construction site could be made available on a public platform. PEL confirmed that the team is actively exploring the use of a time-lapse camera for the Overdale site. While further work is needed to determine if a live stream would be feasible, PEL noted that updates are more likely</p>	

to be shared through shorter videos highlighting key milestones and construction progress.

Following the presentation, a resident asked about the extent of work that can currently be carried out on the site under Jersey planning law.

PDL confirmed that demolition of the former healthcare buildings, as well as all the upcoming preparatory and ancillary works, are being undertaken under the existing approved Planning Application with discharge of conditions being agreed with the GoJ Directorate of Planning and Regulation (P&R).

The same resident enquired – now that a decision has been made on the planning process for the Application to be determined by Planning Committee – whether any third-party representations had been factored into the timeline for delivery.

PDL confirmed that there are lots of variables that need to be factored into the timeline, including any third-party representations and these scenarios have been considered.

Finally, the same resident noted that historically P&R has published representations after the formal window being closed. A resident queried whether a helipad had been considered as part of the scheme for the Acute Hospital.

PHL has confirmed that the inclusion of a helipad at the Overdale facility has been evaluated, both as part of the Our Hospital Project and NHFP. **PHL** noted that maintaining the existing arrangements for off-island transfers (emergency ambulance and flight transfer) is significantly faster and more efficient than using a helicopter. In the event of a helicopter being required e.g. due to adverse weather, we use Coast Guard helicopters to handle urgent transfers. These are incredibly heavy and would require a significant amount of additional infrastructure within the new building to support them. Given this, plus the very infrequent use of helicopters for off-island transfers, and no requirement for helicopter transfers within the island (given the small size) there is no requirement for a helipad.

A resident pointed out that the drainage from three houses at the top of Mashobra Park, as well as several properties near Tower Road, flows into the Overdale site. The resident inquired whether the team was aware of this drainage system. **PDL** confirmed that all drains in the area had been plotted and that the team were aware.

A resident asked what considerations had been given to signage and requested that the signage be both informative but also sympathetic to the surrounding area. **PDL** confirmed that signage is one of the areas the team will look to discuss with public and neighbours as the Programme moves forward. **PDL** pointed out that, while certain regulatory requirements must be met, the team is committed to engaging on this topic where possible. **JH** clarified whether the resident was asking about highway signage or wayfinding. The resident confirmed they had meant signage for the highways. **JH** explained to the resident that there is a manual outlining the standards required to comply with highway regulations. However, she assured them that signage proposals could be revisited and shared with residents at a later stage.

A resident asked the team to display again some of the plans showing the proposed adjustments to Westmount Road, including the proposed changes to the pergola

path and the wigwam lights. **JH** revisited some of the presentation slides from previous Neighbourhood Forums which detailed the highways proposals. **JH** noted that the team are currently exploring compromises that could be made in order to retain the mature lime tree near the pergola path, stating that throughout the process the team will need to prioritise the safety of the ambulances and vehicles.

The same resident enquired about the highways proposals for the top of Westmount Road. **JH** confirmed there would be minor adjustments to the curbs to improve footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists. An **action** was taken to produce a drawing which shows existing layout of the road and how the new road proposals would sit over the top of it, including the number and location of pedestrian crossings.

A resident asked how advanced the team are with developing plans for Kensington Place. **JH** confirmed that while a feasibility study is online which outlines the proposals for Kensington Place, as the team progress with the plans for the Acute Hospital at Overdale, there will be further and better ideas about the site at Kensington Place.

A resident asked if the delivery partner would deliver all the buildings across the various sites of the Programme, or whether they would only be responsible for the Overdale site. **JH** confirmed that procurement for a Main Works Delivery partner is currently only for the Acute hospital since the needs for each of the healthcare facilities differ and we need to find the right delivery partner for each site. Notwithstanding, **JH** confirmed there may be time and cost efficiencies in using the same delivery partner for multiple sites but this would need to be thoroughly explored and was not currently anticipated.

A resident enquired whether on-road parking on Westmount Road would be retained. **JH** confirmed that this information wasn't available within the information pack that had been prepared for the Forum, however took an **action** to come back with that detail. Consideration had been given to parking for the Crematorium and it was anticipated that it would be within the hospital car parking areas. Large services in the future would have to be timed to avoid peak usage of hospital car parking. Moreover, provision would be made through construction for Crematorium car parking.

A resident asked whether, once the Acute Hospital is in operation, the frequency of the number 19 bus would change. **JH** confirmed that the team have had regular conversations with Liberty Bus and the I&E transport team regarding public transport. It is likely that once the Acute Hospital is operational, Liberty Bus and I&E transport would review the bus network and determine the best solution to ensure that the Acute Hospital has a regular service to meet the needs of staff, patients and visitors.

A resident suggested relocating the road triangle on Peirson Road to alleviate congestion, enabling vehicles to shift to the right and allow ambulances to pass more easily. **JH** shared feedback from the Ambulance Service, who confirmed that vehicles generally move aside to let them through on the whole of the Jersey road network. Additionally, **MHSS** highlighted that such a change could negatively affect

Action:
produce a drawing which shows existing layout of the road and how the new road proposals would sit over the top of it.

Action: to come back with more information about parking on Westmount Road.

ambulance access to Kensington Place, particularly once the Acute Hospital becomes operational, and could also hinder clinicians traveling between sites.

A resident asked if Westmount Road is going to be closed at any stage to undertake the works. **PDL** responded stating that it would depend on the contractor and the sequencing.

A resident asked if parking spaces at People's Park would be lost due to the works. **JH** confirmed that the proposal includes the removal of eight spaces to accommodate traffic lights being installed to regulate traffic and manage the junction's signalisation. This could be used to create an improved pedestrian access into the park.

A resident highlighted that when they visited the site Overdale site as part of the neighbourhood forum, they thought the progress was wonderful to see.

Finally, a resident shared their personal suggestions on the highway proposals with the Forum, following their attendance at the St. Helier Roads Committee meeting earlier that day. The proposal suggested making the section of Westmount Road from the entrance of Westmount Apartments (and of the children's playground) a one-way road for uphill traffic towards the main entrance of the new Acute Hospital. However, the lower section of Westmount Road (up to the apartments) and the upper section (from the hospital entrance to the junction with Tower Road) would both remain two-way.

The proposal stated that the change would aim to reduce the risk of accidents, particularly on the narrow bend, by preventing conflicts between larger, faster-moving vehicles, including emergency vehicles. Downhill traffic would not be permitted on the one-way section, with vehicles leaving the hospital or nearby properties required to exit via Tower Road, providing access to alternative routes into St. Helier and across the Island.

In response to the proposal, another resident raised concerns, noting that the curve of the road would still pose challenges, and ambulances would require as straight a route as possible. They also pointed out that they had obtained statistics from GoJ and Westmount Road is not inherently dangerous, with only three minor accidents reported over the past three years. Additionally, the resident highlighted the tight corner at the junction of Westmount Road and Tower Road, constrained by the cemetery, making adjustments difficult. They expressed concern that the proposed solution addresses one problem but could create additional issues.

In response, **JH** explained that a comprehensive review had been conducted, and the suggested one-way system had been thoroughly evaluated but was not deemed favourable. **MHSS** added that the current proposal within the Planning Application represents the best possible solution after extensive consideration by numerous professionals and extensive consultation with the Ambulance Service and the Parish Roads Committee, emphasising that it is the most practical option.

An **action** was noted to share the link to the comprehensive review with the resident who had made the proposal.

Action: to share the transport assessment with the resident who had made the proposal.

