

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020**

Question

Given that Overdale has been chosen as the preferred site by the Council of Ministers for the new hospital, will the Minister provide the following details in respect of private properties –

- (a) how many, if any, may need to be purchased as part of the site;
- (b) how many, if any, are in such close proximity to the site that it has been assessed that their value is likely to be affected;
- (c) how many, if any, is it estimated will result in the residents having their daily life affected during the period of construction of the new hospital;
- (d) whether the owners of the private properties in (a), (b) and (c) above have been contacted; and
- (e) is there a contact number for owners and residents to raise concerns?

Answer

- (a) The plan included at Appendix 1 of P.129/2020 ‘Our Hospital Project: Acquisition of land at Overdale’ presents the areas that are required for the new hospital at the site. This includes the following proposed acquisitions:
 - A corporate office and service yard
 - Four fields in separate ownerships
 - Three residences in separate ownerships
 - One residential development under construction
 - Land in the ownership of the Parish of St Helier including:
 - The Jersey Bowling Club, Westmount Road
 - Verges on Westmount Road
 - People’s Park Car Park
 - Inn on the Park Car Park
 - Two verges on St John’s Road
- (b) An assessment has not yet been made in relation to any change in value of adjacent properties.
- (c) Around seventy-five residences are in close proximity to the site but the impact of the construction is difficult to define until more details of the process are available. If the Overdale site gains approval of the States Assembly, the approach adopted will be based on minimising any potential disruption through proper planning, process, management and regular communication with residents. Rok FCC will undertake a programme of community engagement, including neighbourhood meetings around project progress and timelines, details about construction activity, defined hours of work, newsletters, and contact details, including a hotline telephone number.
- (d) All the owners of property and land have been contacted by the Project team. Owners of those that properties and plots that could be required for the project have been in discussions with a property agent from the Our Hospital Project Team since July, when the five shortlisted sites were

announced. This has included letters, telephone conversations and face-to-face meetings. During the week commencing 12 October 2020 the Design and Delivery Partner began contacting the owners of properties adjacent to the site.

- (e) As yet, no formal decision has been made confirming the site for the new hospital. However, the Design and Delivery Partner, Rok FCC has written to neighbours and property owners providing contact details, including a telephone number of a named individual, so that they can hear any specific concerns that residents might have.