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Dear politicians

Wonderful! £800 millions+ (“ La folie des grandeurs”) to be spent to:

- build a new hospital on the top of a cliff, with extremely difficulty access for pedestrians and elderly people (but I agree with you all, we need a new hospital, but at the right site for the majority of the islanders)
 - built new access through the most dangerous road at an enormous expense to widen Westmount Road, blasting the cliff and making in danger the stability of the cliff, road and properties along Westmount Road.
 - cost of properties on Westmount Road already bought, plus fields and more houses which will have to be bought on compulsory.
 - demolish and clear old Overdale site (and to find a place to relocate Overdale patients and Overdale therapies probably for 6 years and more.
 - destroy all the surrounding of People’s Park: The Jersey Bowling Club, which will need to be relocated (but where and at what price?!), including also all the 60 parking spaces around People’s Park, and Inn in the Park Flats,(where are they going be moved to?). Without speaking of the enormous number of trees (70) to be felled (I thought Trees needed to be planted these days not to be destroyed!).
 - result in polluted, noisy and congested traffic of Westmount road from top to bottom converging to the New hospital, day and night.
- And so on, and so on.....

Why do you have a such unrealistic project which will take enormous time to achieve (Apparently “the time”for you being a major factor), consequently it is the reason for you to rethink and reconsider the project and also to recognise most of you had make mistake voting for this Westmount road as the main access and this hospital site, when everybody knows that Warwick Farm was one more sensible option:

- the work could have been started anytime from now on
- in less time
- far less costing

And the difference of price could be used ex: to buy a PET-CT Scan 60/30 or other treatment or therapy for cancer for the new hospital avoiding islanders to fly to Southampton... there are so many things needed to help the people of Jersey, instead of making their life difficult and going against their interests (they are not just “Tax-Payers”!).

The time is to save money and to strengthen finances, considering problems arising from the Covid and Brexit, Jersey future could be uncertain for recovery.

Please be sensible and rethink before this extravagant and enormous projet turns to be the worse mistake being done, and to be able to remembered for years to come. You have to think of the people first who have put their trust and confidence in you, this is one of the reason they have voted for you, don’t disappointed and deceived them, don’t make them unhappy and regretting to have voted for you, if you are in a command of the post it is because people of Jersey elected you on being sensible persons.

Thanking you in advance

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