

I write to give support to Jeremy Barnes concerning his letter regarding the redevelopment of the existing hospital in its current location.

I have always felt that the present site is the ideal place for this island facility, which is sheltered and surrounded by other buildings, and the recent news that some substantial buildings in Kensington Place are subject of redevelopment proposals next to the hospital only serves to my mind to remove previous concerns about compulsory purchase, and planning permits will establish values for the buildings to willing sellers.

I have written to the town Constable and my parish deputies previously when the two 'finalist' sites were eventually announced, and offered the view that neither was in any way suitable, as you do not build a hospital on an exposed site close to the sea, and you certainly don't build a hospital on an exposed sloping site up a hill to where it will be hit by every storm that emanates from the United States of America.

I'm often reminded by the despairing voice of one of the elderly occupants of Hue Court high rise flats when he was being asked to comment on his forced removal from his home his last words were;- '.... and I can walk to the hospital from here...' , I wonder where he is now?

At the same time I wrote my earlier comments I put forward the thoughts that because of the length of time that had passed since the hospital project had started, other options had come to light and it occurred to me that if the Parade green space could be treated in similar fashion to a University campus, sites such as Cyril le M. house, the Parish car park behind , two office buildings to the side of C le MH, the brewery site, (which has permits to establish value), Westaway and associated bldgs., and other properties within the hospital facing the Parade could all be redeveloped in a manner that respects the proper scale of the town. The linked but individual buildings could each be isolated and avoid the situation we experience at this moment whereby people are reluctant to visit the other hospital departments despite assurances from hospital staff that it is safe to go to A&E (for example)

Building in a phased program the new buildings could be occupied in a manner that allowed the present hospital to be reconfigured to give a less dense massing with internal green spaces to compliment the 'campus' nature of the 'new' Parade public space and the 'edifice' feeling of the buildings of the existing hospital would be replaced with more inviting and human scaled structures set in a park like environment that everyone would feel comfortable with visiting.

My regards

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