

Chief Minister



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Deputy Lyndon Farnham

BY EMAIL

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Dear Deputy Farnham,

Thank you for your letter, which was received on the evening of Sunday 6 November.

Contrary to the views you expressed, the Review of the Our Hospital Project undertaken by the project team and Principal Expert Advisor, Mr Alan Moore, was robust, detailed and evidence based. It was also delivered in a rapid timeframe to allow the new States Assembly to make urgent decisions on the future of the project.

We are sure you will accept, the global financial position has altered significantly since the funding model for the Our Hospital project was agreed. It is clear now that the project, if approaching the market on a similar basis, would incur significant additional costs, above the level the States Assembly have approved.

We must deliver healthcare facilities that present value for money, are right for Jersey and make the most effective use of our Island's available land.

We are absolutely committed to delivering these new facilities, and construction will begin within two years.

Transparent and effective public engagement is critical to this Government. We have been clear on the progress of the Review and its findings, and have committed to increased transparency as we develop proposals for a multi-site model.


We welcome your invitation to debate the findings of the Review. As a States Member you will know that the Assembly provides the appropriate forum for political debate, and we would welcome your written and oral questions at forthcoming sittings, and your participation in the debate on future proposals.

We will be hosting a public Question & Answer session on the evening of Tuesday 15 November, which will be broadcast on a number of public platforms. We will be inviting members of the public, interested groups and healthcare staff to ask questions of a panel of Ministers, chaired by an independent moderator.

Our focus now is on the government listening to and answering the questions of Islanders and healthcare staff. They will be the users and operators of these new facilities, and this session will provide the first of many opportunities for effective public engagement.

Kind regards

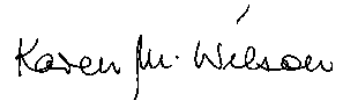
Yours sincerely



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