

## Notes from the hospital neighbourhood forum held on 12 December 2018, Kensington Chambers

Query	Answer
<b>Project team update on planning decision</b>	
	<p>The Future Hospital team gave an update on the planning decision. The independent inspector Philip Staddon has now delivered his report to the Minister for the Environment, Deputy John Young. It was later than originally anticipated but in line with his recent timetable for delivery.</p> <p>The contents of the inspector's report are not known to the Future Hospital team.</p> <p>The Minister, on the basis of the report, will make a decision on the planning application.</p> <p>The inspector's report on the planning application will be published at the same time as the planning decision is announced.</p> <p>The project director acknowledged the continuing uncertainty for people in the hospital neighbourhood.</p>
<b>Meetings with neighbours</b>	
<p>Are the neighbours meetings a waste of time until the planning decision and States decision are made?</p>	<p>When the dates for the neighbourhood meetings were first agreed by neighbours at an early neighbourhood forum, the planning decision was expected to be early November. Project staff continued to work on the approved scheme, until otherwise instructed by the relevant Minister. Until people say don't proceed with the agreed scheme it would be unprofessional of us not to prepare, but on the other hand, we're not creating additional expense until there is a decision.</p> <p>At the November neighbourhood forum, attendees had been asked if the December meeting should be held, and had confirmed it should go ahead as planned.</p> <p>Project staff will continue to hold regular meetings with residents and businesses in the New Year if neighbours think the forums are useful but will be guided by the views of people attending.</p> <p>One attendee said the meetings were not useful. Another attendee said it was important to keep lines of communication open and to be able to talk.</p>

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	<p>Neighbours have a standing invitation to meet separately with members of the project team if that would be useful.</p> <p>Planning decision is likely to be before the debate and the debate is likely to be in February.</p> <p>Project staff were trying to ensure a balanced approach to current work to proceed with pre-construction preparation so that if the site was approved, work could start immediately, but to be prudent about expenditure on work specific to the current scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that a provisional date would be set for another meeting in the new year and communicated to neighbours in a variety of ways as usual.</p>
<b>Further information</b>	
	<p>If you would like to find out more details about any aspects of the design and discuss this with the team please contact <a href="mailto:futurehospital@gov.je">futurehospital@gov.je</a>, or see <a href="http://www.futurehospital.je">www.futurehospital.je</a> or see <a href="#">Future Hospital Jersey</a> on Facebook.</p>