

Cabinet – 12 November 2020

Written question from Cllr Andrew Garratt

For an update on the discussions between the council and the Ministry of Justice on the future of the ministry's land around the prison, including but not limited to Camp Hill, including:

- when it anticipates any announcements to be made
- what works might be undertaken in the near future
- what implications there are for the infrastructure of the existing estates (roads, pavements, street furniture, sewerage etc)
- and the importance of transparency with residents about any plans, so that residents are fully informed and can be actively engaged with the ministry and the council as plans unfold

Response

Officer discussions continue with the Ministry of Justice regarding their future intentions regarding their unused estate on the island, with the site potentially offering significant scope for future brownfield development.

- When it anticipates any announcements to be made?
The Ministry of Justice will make an announcement as soon as its plans have been finalised and this is anticipated in late November or December.
- What works might be undertaken in the near future?
The Ministry of Justice is looking at the possibility of demolishing redundant and dilapidated buildings at Camp Hill and should the decision be made to press ahead then an Application for Prior Approval for Demolition will be progressed.
- What implications there are for the infrastructure of the existing estates (roads, pavements, street furniture, sewerage etc)?
The Ministry of Justice is in discussion with the Council over how to bring the highways that remain in the Ministry's ownership back into repair.
- And the importance of transparency with residents about any plans, so that residents are fully informed and can be actively engaged with the ministry and the council as plans unfold?
As soon as there is an agreed way forward, then a public announcement will be made. We will continue to encourage MOJ to liaise with local stakeholders in implementing any plans. However, the work is being led by the MOJ and not the council.