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**NEWS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE REPORTING**

**PARISH OF ST MARTIN SEEKS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HELP DELIVER AN ASSET OF REAL COMMUNITY VALUE**



- **Parishioners overwhelmingly approve of plans for the preferred scheme**
- **New facility could include doctor's, pharmacy, wellbeing suites, food retail convenience store, additional parking and pedestrian user enhancements**
- **Scheme preserves and protects the original features of the primary school design**

The Parish of St Martin, working with their advisors CBRE, are inviting parties that may be interested in leasing one of the purpose-built commercial units within the new community facility that will be created on the site of the former primary school to submit expressions of interest.

At a recent public assembly, the Parishioners voted overwhelmingly in favour of progressing the delivery of the Parish's 'preferred' scheme. When it is completed, the development will comprise a doctor's surgery and pharmacy, a food retail convenience store, and one or two community health / wellbeing suites that may be used to deliver services such as dentistry, osteopathy, therapy / counselling, chiropody or a chiropractor.

There will be further community and group association space, measures for enhanced pedestrian safety in the area, over 30 parking spaces (in addition to the almost 100 spaces in the existing Parish car-park over the road), and a secure parcel locker facility and a cash machine.

The design of the preferred scheme also makes a feature of the existing building's prominent Grade IV listed southern elevation, with the restoration of many aspects of the original design from when the building first opened in 1900.

St Martin remains the only parish in the island that has all of its key community facilities within a 300 yard stretch of main road, and the Parish will renovate the building to modern standards that should ensure it continues to form a key part of Parish life in the future.

The preferred scheme was well-received by the Parishioners when it was displayed during a recent consultation exercise, with over 80% voting via an online survey questionnaire approving of the design. Further assurances were also given by parishioners on the progress that has been made by the project's client supervisory team, who received a similarly high approval rating via the consultation.

The proposals also respond to the challenges laid down by Parishioners who responded to an initial consultation survey held by the Parish just over two years ago, the conclusions from which were:

- a) Parishioners do not want the Parish to sell the site, and do want the Parish to develop the site for community uses; and
- b) Parishioners do not want the completed facility to cost the Parish in its legacy, and it must therefore pay for itself from the proceeds of commercial activities undertaken on the site.

Interested parties should make contact in the first instance with Guy Gothard at the CBRE Jersey office on telephone 874141 or email [guy.gothard@cbre.com](mailto:guy.gothard@cbre.com)

#### **QUOTE LINES:**

***Michel Le Troquer, Constable of St Martin:*** "I am delighted to say that the Parish of St Martin is 'open for business' and I look forward to hearing from many interested parties over the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity for several commercial partners to join the project and work with the Parish to provide our brilliant parishioners with an asset of real community value. The timing couldn't be better; by seeking partners early on in the design process, they will have a chance to engage with us as we're developing our emerging plans and the planning application."

***Guy Gothard, Director of CBRE Jersey:*** "The Parish are progressing with a very good scheme that offers potential commercial partners a unique opportunity to assist with the delivery of a community facility that enhances both the Parish and the east of the island. CBRE are delighted to be working with the Parish on this project, and our team are looking forward to receiving some interesting expressions from a wide-range of potential building users."

***Simon Matthews, HLG Associates (Project Director):*** "Having spent the last 12 months comparing options, developing differing plans, consulting on the preferred scheme, and working to ensure the backing of the Parishioners for the preferred scheme, the project now moves into an important period of activity. The Parish are keen to hear from as wide-a-range of potential commercial tenants as possible, so that we can factor this interest into the emerging plans that we use to source planning approval. The Parish continues to progress an excellent scheme, with strong support from the Parish which will help as we translate the project vision into a reality."

## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

### **1. Images of the preferred scheme**

Colour images of the preferred scheme (in JPG and PNG file formats) can be downloaded from this link: <https://we.tl/uwAdcA7amq>

### **2. Parish-appointed professional advisors**

In delivering the project, the Parish is working with a range of professionals that have been appointed by the Parishioners, including HLG Associates (Project Director and Quantity Surveyors), CBRE Jersey (Commercial Property Advisors), Morris Architects (Architectural Design Services), T&G Limited (Structural Engineers), and Jersey Energy (Building Services Engineers).

The Parish has also employed consultants to provide the necessary statutory reports that will be used as evidence when seeking planning approval.

### **3. Interview and further comment:**

The Connetable, Mr Gothard and Mr Matthews are available by appointment for media comment and interviews.

Contact may be made as follows:

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- Mr Guy Gothard (Director – CBRE Jersey, [guy.gothard@cbre.com](mailto:guy.gothard@cbre.com), mobile 07797 737127);
- Mr Simon Matthews (Project Director – HLG Associates, [simon.matthews@hlgassociates.com](mailto:simon.matthews@hlgassociates.com), mobile 07700 705339).

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