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Your Ref: Letter of 26/9

Our Ref: JO-16 (GO/2)

Date: 2nd October 2018

Dear Judi,

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 26th September 2018 that raised concerns about potential use of the redundant Officers Club at Oak Hill. I am content to shed some light on the matter to hopefully alleviate any local concerns. I will not need to refer the letter to another department as the matters are for local attention.

A little more than two years ago we considered developing the old club into a usable facility. Our thinking at the time included potentially enhancing this area as a bespoke facility for specially selected prisoners to improve upon our resettlement and families pathways.

We did not develop formal plans or costs and the idea remained undeveloped, hence no formal consultation with staff or the wider community was sought. I am happy to confirm that I have no desire nor plan to develop the former Officers Club, and that it is not a matter for consideration in relation to the strategic planning process for MCOSO.

I did read about this in the EADT article published following last month's Parish meeting so can appreciate why this matter has now been raised as a local concern. I trust my response eases that concern somewhat.

I would hope that the facility, that I believe is currently for sale, is purchased privately at some point in the near future.

I trust that this deals with the matters raised.

JEFF ORR
Acting Governor

cc Cllr Andrew Reid, SCC
Dr Therese Coffey, MP