

Former Haut de la Garenne site Public Consultation

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**Former Haut de la Garenne Site
Public Consultation
8 February - 22 April 2018**

INFORMATION GUIDE

Background to this public consultation

On 3 July 2017 the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry Panel (IJC) chaired by Frances Oldham QC, published their final report.

In Recommendation 8c: '**Redeeming the Haut de la Garenne site**' the IJC Panel set out their view that the States of Jersey should consider demolishing the site of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home.

Before making a decision about whether or not the former children's home should be demolished, the Council of Ministers have agreed to consult the people of Jersey.

This public consultation offers an opportunity for everyone to respond to the Care Inquiry's recommendation and to share their views about the future use of the site and original building.

Details about how you can respond to this consultation can be found on page 11 of this guide.

Purpose of this information guide

This guide has been created to provide an informative introduction to the key issues arising from the IJC recommendation to demolish the former Haut de la Garenne children's home. Each section directly relates to the topics addressed by the consultation questionnaire, which you are invited to complete after reading this guide.

If you would like more information or have a query, please contact us:

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Community and Constitutional Affairs Department
5th Floor, Cyril Le Marquand House, PO Box 140, St Helier, JE4 8QT

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Web: www.gov.je/consultations

The Independent Jersey Care Inquiry

In 2007 the former Haut de la Garenne children's home was publicly identified as a site of significant interest during Operation Rectangle, the initial Police inquiry into historic abuse. By the end of 2010 more than 300 offences were reported as having been committed there.

In March 2013 the States Assembly agreed terms of reference for a Committee of Inquiry to undertake a wide-ranging investigation into historical abuse in Jersey. An initial budget of £6 million was agreed. Frances Oldham QC was appointed to Chair the Inquiry.

The final report of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (IJC) was published on Monday, 3 July 2017, just over three years after its launch in April 2014. The Panel's Final Report identified a range of failings and made recommendations for the future management of Jersey's residential and foster homes, in order to ensure that the Island provides a safe and secure environment for the children in its care.

Having considered the history of neglect and abuse at the former Haut de la Garenne children's home and the manner in which the building became synonymous with Operation Rectangle, the Care Inquiry Panel were moved to recommend that it should be demolished:

IJCI Recommendation 8c: Redeeming the Haut de la Garenne site

- 13.54 In the course of its work, the Panel made five visits to the former Haut de la Garenne (HDLG) Children's Home. The site and some of the original buildings are now used as an outdoor centre. An adjoining building, Aviemore, is used for various child care services.*
- 13.55 Despite current use of some of the HDLG buildings for outdoor/hostel activities, areas of the vast building are in disrepair and provide a poor standard of facility.*
- 13.56 The buildings featured prominently in the evidence heard by the Inquiry. For decades, the site provided institutionalised care for thousands of Jersey children – initially as the Jersey Home for Boys*

(JHFB), and then, from 1959 to 1986, as HDLG Children's Home, admitting girls as well. Few positive memories emerged from the accounts that the Inquiry received from hundreds of former residents. Many spoke of a physically harsh and abusive regime in which they had experienced little nurture, kindness, encouragement or individualised attention. Some described sexual abuse by staff or older residents. The overwhelming majority had suffered ill effects from abusive experiences or lack of care well into adult life, often impacting significantly on their ability to form and sustain relationships.

- 13.57 For many former residents, and for other Jersey citizens, the HDLG buildings are a reminder of an unhappy past or shameful history. For other people in Jersey, HDLG is an unwelcome symbol of the turmoil and trauma of the early stages of Operation Rectangle and the attention brought to the island.*
- 13.58 The Panel recommends that the States of Jersey considers negotiating to secure unrestricted ownership of the site and to demolish the HDLG buildings. Given the associations of the site, no States of Jersey services for children or for victims of abuse should be located there in the foreseeable future. The site is a prime site in the island, and is suitable for a range of developments. Should the site be retained for youth/outdoor activity, these opportunities should be provided in a modern facility, with no resemblance to the original buildings.*

In October 2017 the Council of Ministers published their response to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry, setting out how the States plan to implement the Care Inquiry's recommendations. In relation to the 'legacy issue' of the former Haut de la Garenne site, they proposed that:

...an Island-wide public consultation is undertaken to gather views regarding the Inquiry's proposal for the building's demolition. The Public Consultation will deploy a mixed methodology of approaches to seek to ensure that all voices are heard.

The Haut de la Garenne Trust

In 1998 the States approved the creation of a Trust to manage and operate the Haut de la Garenne site on a self-financing basis. The law incorporating 'The Haut de la Garenne Trust' was registered in Jersey's Royal Court on 3 January 2003. Before the States of Jersey Police launched Operation Rectangle in 2008, the Haut de la Garenne Trust had been actively involved in the site's launch and operation as a Youth Hostel. The Trust is no longer active, but remains a legal entity.

Current usage



Today, the building is the base for the Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre (JAAC) which offers hostel accommodation, camping, a wide range of outdoor activities and room hire for events and meetings.

Visiting school groups from France make significant use of the JAAC, with groups of up to 100 teachers and children travelling to Jersey. Between 2012 and 2017 the JAAC recorded over 35,500 bed-nights.

The JAAC has been operating from the site since 2011 and lease the site directly from Jersey Property Holdings (Department for Infrastructure).

The Director of Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre has prepared a background document providing details of the JAAC's contribution to the local economy. This can be downloaded from:

www.gov.je/consultations or requested by contacting Community and Constitutional Affairs (see last page) or emailing: HDLG@gov.je.

A brief history of the former Haut de la Garenne site

- 1854** Construction of the *Ecole Industrielle* (Industrial School) in St Martin, costing £2,410.11d
- 1867** The first 45 boys transferred to the Industrial School from St Helier, having previously been housed at the General Hospital. The school's purpose was stated as being to, "*train up helpless, friendless waifs as useful members of society, raising them up out of their pauper state enabling them to escape the perils to which their youth is inevitably surrounded.*"
- 1888** Site acquired from the Crown by *Les Administrateurs des Revenus des Impots et du Public de Cette Ile*
- 1900** The Industrial School renamed *Jersey Home for Boys*
- 1918** 33 men who had lived at *Jersey Home for Boys* lost their lives in the 1914-1918 Great War. Their sacrifice is commemorated by a memorial situated in Haut de la Garenne's grounds
- 1922** Site transferred to public ownership
- 1940** Site used as signal station during the Occupation
- 1945** Following the Occupation, site reverts to usage as a children's home
- 1953** The Education Committee take responsibility for the home
- 1960** *Jersey Home for Boys* renamed *Haut de la Garenne*, referencing the historic location of the rabbit warren for Mont Orgueil
- 1960s** Boys and girls now accommodated at Haut de la Garenne
- 1970** Aviemore constructed adjacent to Haut de la Garenne
- 1983** Haut de la Garenne ceases to be used as a children's home; its buildings and grounds are administered by the Public Services Committee and leased to BBC for filming the television drama *Bergerac*

- 1989** The Education Committee convert the building's dormitory wing for use as respite care for children with Special Educational Needs
A design and development brief for the former children's home produced by the Island Development Committee (IDC)
- 1990** Channel Television film *Island* a children's TV series on site in 1990-1991
- 1991** Feasibility study commissioned by the States of Jersey Housing Committee
- 1991** The States approve a scheme to retain Aviemore and convert the nineteenth century building into sheltered housing, with new dwellings to be constructed in the grounds
- 1992** Decision taken in 1991 reversed. Department of Property Services, on behalf of the Planning and Environment Committee, take control of the site from the Public Services Committee
- 1993** Site used to accommodate large visiting groups, bands and sports teams until the end of the decade
- 2002** States approve the creation of a Trust to manage and operate the site on a self-financing basis as a residential multi-purpose centre
- 2003** £2.25 million refurbishment of the building completed
- 2004** Opens as a 140 bed hostel under the YHA brand
- 2008** States of Jersey Police launch Operation Rectangle into historic abuse and conduct excavations at the former children's home. Claims of human remains having been found are later proved false. Youth Hostel closes.
- 2009** Site used to accommodate visiting military groups and seasonal lifeguards
- 2011** Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre opens on the site
- 2017** Final report of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry published on 3 July - Recommendation 8c calls for the building to be demolished
- 2018** Public consultation launched to gather views on the IJCI's recommendation that the States of Jersey should demolish the building

Listed building status

Jersey's approach to identifying and protecting our historic environment is set out in the Island Plan 2011, which opens with the following statements:

The historic environment of the Island is a finite resource and an irreplaceable asset. Once lost, the areas, buildings and sites of which it is made cannot be replaced; and they can be robbed of their particular interest as surely by unsuitable alteration as by outright demolition or excavation.

The physical survivals of our past are to be valued and protected for their own sake, as a central part of our cultural heritage and our sense of Island identity. They are an irreplaceable record which contributes, through formal education and in many other ways, to our understanding of both the present and the past. Their presence adds to the quality of our lives, by enhancing the familiar and cherished local scene and sustaining the sense of local distinctiveness which is so important an aspect of the character and appearance of our Island. The historic environment is also of immense importance for leisure, tourism and the economy.

Island Plan 2011, Chapter 3: 3.1 – 3.2

The former Haut de la Garenne children's home is a Grade 4 Listed Building, having been recognised for its special architectural and historical interest. The property was first registered as a 'Building of Local Interest' in August 1992. The current Notice of Listing was served in January 2016. The 'statement of significance' for the building records that it is an:

Extensive example of a mid-C19 residential institution. Many external historic features survive but the interior has been largely altered.

The property's listing is primarily concerned with the building's exterior. The 'historic environment' documents note that:

The interior of the property is not of interest. Interior adapted for Youth Hostel, no internal features survive, all staircases replaced, plan form altered.

The full listing for the former Haut de la Garenne site (Reference MN0062) is available on www.gov.je or by contacting the Historic Environment Team at the Environment Department:

Planning and Building Services
South Hill, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 4US

Telephone: 01534 445508

Email: historicbuildingsstaff@gov.je

The Island Plan 2011

The Island Plan 2011 is Jersey's Planning Policy, which sets out an Island-wide approach to the management and protection of all aspects of our natural and built environment.

The former Haut de la Garenne site is situated in Jersey's Green Zone, an extensive area of countryside covering much of the Island. Land and buildings in the Green Zone are subject to additional levels of development control and protection.

Any consideration about the future of the building will need to address its relationship and value to Jersey's natural and historic environment, as set out in the Island Plan 2011.

The States of Jersey's approach to the management and protection of Jersey' natural environment is described in [Chapter 2](#) of the Island Plan 2011; [Chapter 3](#) addresses the Island's historic environment.

Looking ahead - the planning process

Any future planning application that might be made to demolish the former children's home, would need to be considered by the Environment Minister in the context of both the Island Plan 2011 and the building's grade 4 listing as a site of historic and architectural interest.

An application to demolish the building would therefore need to demonstrate a strong case for planning permission to be granted. This would normally need to be determined by the Planning Committee or by the Environment Minister, after holding a ‘Public Inquiry’ to independently review all aspects of the application.

The responses you share with us during this consultation will assist the Council of Ministers to decide whether or not an application to demolish the former Haut de la Garenne children’s home should be made. The Environment Minister would also be able to consider the responses gathered during this consultation, if planning permission were to be sought to demolish this listed building.

The projected cost of demolition

If a decision were to be made to demolish the former Haut de la Garenne site and planning permission were obtained, the States of Jersey would need to pay to remove the building from the site. This cost has been initially estimated to be in the region of £750,000. This sum is projected to cover the cost of removing all traces of the 19th century buildings and returning the site to a green field. The cost of ecological surveys required to establish and respond to the presence of any protected species is also included in this figure.

This costing makes no provision for any works associated with the construction of a new building on the site.

Due to the routing of drains across the site and the location of an electrical sub-station within the building, which serves surrounding properties, a full survey would be needed to properly calculate an accurate costing for demolition. As such the estimate above, which has been provided to illustrate the likely cost of demolition and returning the site to nature, may fall short of the true figure.

Responding to this consultation

Your response to this consultation will help to determine the final decision about the future of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home which will be taken by the new Council of Ministers later this year.

By sharing your views, you will enable us to develop a detailed understanding of the full range of perspectives about the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry's recommendation to demolish the building.

After reading this guide, please complete the short consultation questionnaire which is available either online or in a print format. The consultation will close on Sunday 22 April. We expect to report on this consultation in July 2018.

More information

If you would like more information before responding, please consider attending one of the JAAC open afternoons or consultation drop-in sessions being held at venues across the Island. Dates and venues are listed on the back page of this booklet.

Additional resources may be added to www.gov.je/consultations during the consultation period. Any such updates will be communicated via the States of Jersey's social media accounts. Please contact us if you would like to be alerted about the availability of new resources.

Support available

If you have been affected by any of the issues raised by this consultation or the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry and would like to speak to someone:

- A dedicated Freephone helpline is available between 9:00am and 5:00pm on weekdays by calling: 0800 735 1000
- Email support is available from: InquirySupport2@gov.je
- Victim Support Jersey can be contacted by calling 01534 440496, or emailing: victimsupport@gov.je
- Call Samaritans 24/7: 0845 790 9090 or email: jo@samaritans.org

Consultation drop-in sessions

We are offering a number of drop-in sessions during the consultation at venues across the Island. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, 15 February	St Clement's Parish Hall, 09:30 – 12:30
Monday, 26 February	St Martin's Public Hall, 08:45 – 13:00
Thursday, 1 March	St Ouen's Parish Hall, 09:00 – 12:00 St Brelade's Parish Hall, 13:00 – 16:00
Wednesday, 21 March	Trinity Parish Hall, 10:30 – 12:30 St John's Parish Hall, 14:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 24 March	Jersey Library, 10:00 – 14:00
Thursday, 29 March	St Martin's Public Hall, 14:00 – 16:30

Dates and venues above correct at time of going to press. Additional drop-in sessions will be publicised on www.gov.je and via the local media.

Open afternoons

The Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre (JAAC) will be holding two open afternoons from 14:00 to 16:00 on Saturday, 17 February and Sunday, 18 February. Site tours will be offered at: 14:00, 14:30, 15:00 and 15:30. All are welcome. **Directions:** From La Grande Route de Faldouet, St. Martin, turn into Rue de la Pouclée et des Quatres Chemins (signposted Dolmen ½, Anne Port ¾). The JAAC is situated on the right hand side.

For more information please contact:

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Appendix B: Consultation Questionnaire



**Former Haut de la Garenne Site
Public Consultation
8 February - 22 April 2018**



Consultation Questionnaire

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You have now completed the consultation questionnaire

Former Haut de la Garenne Site Public Consultation

How we will use your information

1. The information you provide will be processed by the States of Jersey's Department for Community and Constitutional Affairs (CCA), in compliance with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005, for the sole purpose of conducting the former Haut de la Garenne site public consultation.

The States of Jersey may quote or publish responses to this consultation (E.g. by sharing them with other interested parties such as the Scrutiny Office; quoting them in a published report; reporting them in the media; publishing them on www.gov.je; or listing them on a consultation summary etc.). The States of Jersey will not publish the names and addresses of individuals without their consent.

Anonymous or confidential responses gathered during this consultation will be included in summaries and statistical analysis, but it will not be possible for anyone to identify the contributor.

Under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, information submitted to this consultation may be released if a Freedom of Information request requires it, but no personal data will be released.

For more information about how we handle data please email: HDLG@gov.je

Do you give permission for your comments to be quoted?

- No
- Yes, anonymously
- Yes, attributed to me/my organisation

2. What is your name? (Optional)

(Your name will ONLY be published if you have given your consent above)

3. If you are responding in an official capacity, what is the name of your organisation? (Optional)

(Your organisation's name will ONLY be published if you have given your consent above)

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

We expect to report on this consultation in July 2018.

Please return this document to: Former Haut de la Garenne Site Public Consultation Community and Constitutional Affairs Department 5th Floor Cyril Le Marquand House PO Box 140, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 8QT

For more information, please visit the '*Responding to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry*' section of the States of Jersey website: www.gov.je

More information about this and other States of Jersey consultations can be found at: www.gov.je/consultations

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9. (cont.) Please give details of any other relevant factors not listed above and how important these are to you:

4. Please provide your contact details below if you would like us to keep you informed about the progress of this consultation or if you would be interested in hearing about further opportunities to share your views. (Optional)

Address line 1	<input type="text"/>
Address line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address line 3	<input type="text"/>
Address line 4	<input type="text"/>
Address line 5	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

Please tell us a little about yourself...

5. How old are you?

- Under 15
- 15 - 19
- 20 - 24
- 25 - 29
- 30 - 34
- 35 - 39
- 40 - 44
- 45 - 49
- 50 - 54
- 55 - 59
- 60 - 64
- 65 - 69
- 70 - 74
- 75 - 79
- 80 - 84
- 85 - 89
- 90 - 94
- 95+
- Prefer not to say

10. The Inquiry Panel recommended that if the site of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home were demolished, "...no States of Jersey services for children or for victims of abuse should be located there in the foreseeable future." The Panel also suggested that the site would be "suitable for a range of developments" or could be retained for youth/outdoor activities which, "should be provided in a modern facility, with no resemblance to the original buildings." [Chapter 13, paragraph 58]

What are your views about the future usage of the site or buildings of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home?

6. Where do you currently live?

- Jersey - Grouville
- Jersey - St Brelade
- Jersey - St Clement
- Jersey - St Helier
- Jersey - St John
- Jersey - St Lawrence
- Jersey - St Martin
- Jersey - St Mary
- Jersey - St Ouen
- Jersey - St Peter
- Jersey - St Saviour
- Jersey - Trinity
- Other Channel Islands
- United Kingdom
- France
- Rest of world
- Prefer not to say

Proposed demolition of the former Haut de la Garenne site

8. The final report of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry was published on 3 July 2017.

In 'Recommendation 8c: Redeeming the Haut de la Garenne site' the Inquiry Panel recommended that the States of Jersey should consider demolishing the former Haut de la Garenne children's home:

"The Panel recommends that the States of Jersey considers negotiating to secure unrestricted ownership of the site and to demolish the HDLG buildings..." [Chapter 13, paragraph 58]

Please rate your level of agreement with the recommendation that the States of Jersey should demolish the site of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. How important were each of the following factors in deciding your response to Question 8 above?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Of little importance	Unimportant	Not applicable
The findings and final report of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (IJCI)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The current usage of the site	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The listed building status of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The Island Plan 2011 (Jersey's planning policy)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The projected cost of demolition	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Personal experience of Jersey's historic care system	<input type="checkbox"/>					
A personal connection to someone with experience of Jersey's historic care system	<input type="checkbox"/>					

7. Please tick all of the statements that apply to you:

- I have personal experience of the Jersey care system
- I have worked in the Jersey care system
- I have stayed at / used the facilities at the Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre (JAAC)
- I used to live in Jersey
- I have never lived in Jersey

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?

Appendix C: News Release - 8 February 2018



News Release

8 February 2018

Consultation on Haut de la Garenne site

A ten-week public consultation on the future of the former Haut de La Garenne children's home has been launched today. (THUR 8 FEB)

The Island-wide consultation, which will run from 8 February to 22 April, invites Islanders to have their say about the future of the building.

In a statement today, Jersey's Chief Minister, Senator Ian Gorst said: "Today's launch of the Haut de la Garenne consultation marks the start of an important further step in our response to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry.

"Recommendation 8c of the Care Inquiry challenged us to consider carefully how the site of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home should be "redeemed". I fully acknowledge and apologise for the history of abuse and neglect perpetrated against children living at the home. This should never happen again.

"Before we determine the future of this building, it is vital that all members of our community have the opportunity to share their views. Understandably, many Islanders already have a clear view about what we should do.

"I would like to encourage every member of the community to actively engage with this process and to listen to one another, respecting the sensitivities associated with the site, its history and current use as a hostel and outdoor activity centre. I therefore welcome the launch of this public consultation, which will ensure that every voice, however quiet, is heard and afforded the attention it deserves.

"We have asked that the consultation report should be presented to the new Council of Ministers at the start of their term of office, so that a final decision can be reached later this year."

Representatives of survivors of abuse and care leavers were contacted before the consultation to inform them of the process.

The Island-wide consultation will involve several drop-in sessions at public venues across the Island, as well as two open afternoons at the Haut de la Garenne site in St Martin. (More details can be found in the notes to editors section).

An information booklet on the background to the Haut de la Garenne site has been designed to help with the consultation questionnaire, which is available either online or in a print format.

More details about the consultation can be found on [gov.je](#) in the department of Community and Constitutional Affairs.

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Historical Context

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Before making a decision on whether or not the building should be demolished, the Council of Ministers have agreed to consult the people of Jersey.

Outline of Consultation Process

The former Haut de la Garenne site is currently the base for the Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre (JAAC), which offers hostel accommodation, camping, a wide range of outdoor activities and room hire for events and meetings. Visiting school groups from France make significant use of the JAAC with groups of up to 100 teachers and children travelling to Jersey. Between 2012 and 2017, the JAAC recorded more than 35,500 bed-nights.

Any future planning application that might be made to demolish the former Haut de la Garenne building would need to be considered by the Environment Minister in the context of both the Island Plan 2011 and the building's listing as a site of historic and architectural interest.

An information booklet on the background to the site has been designed to help with the consultation questionnaire, which is available either online or in a print format.

More details about the drop in sessions and open days can be found on [gov.je](#).

Drop-in sessions will be held in venues across the Island including Parish Halls and Jersey Library. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 15 February 09:30 – 12:30 St Clement's Parish Hall

Monday 26 February 08:45 – 13:00 St Martin's Public Hall

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Thursday 1 March 13:00 – 16:00 St Brelade's Parish Hall

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Wednesday 21 March 14:00 – 18:00 St John's Parish Hall

Saturday 24 March 10:00 – 14:00 Jersey Library

Thursday 29 March 14:00 – 16:30 St Martin's Public Hall

The Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre will be holding two open afternoons between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 17 February and Sunday 18 February. All are welcome.

Support Available

Anyone who has been affected by any of the issues raised by this consultation or the

Jersey Care Inquiry who would like to speak to someone, a dedicated Freephone helpline is available between 9am and 5pm on weekdays by calling: 0800 735 1000.

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Appendix D: News Release – 26 April 2018



News Release

26 April 2018

Ten-week Haut de la Garenne Consultation Complete

More than 1,000 members of the public took part in the consultation to decide the future of the former Haut de la Garenne children's home.

The ten-week Island-wide consultation, which began on 8 February, has now closed. The process was launched in response to the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry's recommendation that the site should be demolished.

Initial results show that more than 950 people completed or part-completed the consultation questionnaire and dozens of others attended drop-in sessions, focus groups and engaged through social media. A total of 20% of responses were completed using the printed questionnaire booklet and 80% were submitted online.

Any final responses left with Parish halls and other public spaces will be collected this week.

During the consultation period, nine drop-in sessions were held across the Island at Parish Halls and Jersey Library. Two open afternoons were also held at the former Haut de la Garenne site, which is now home to the Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre.

Respondents were able to complete the consultation questionnaire in English or French. This was to enable the French schools which use the Jersey Activity and Accommodation Centre to take part.

Andrew Heaven, Director of Children's Policy, who was involved in leading the consultation process, said: "Representatives of survivors of abuse and care leavers were also contacted as part of this consultation to inform them of the process. The Island-wide

consultation involved several drop-in sessions at public venues across the Island, as well as two independently facilitated focus groups which explored the arguments for and against demolition.

“A report will now be prepared, summarising the consultation responses, which will be presented to the new Council of Ministers in early July and published shortly afterwards.”

The Council of Ministers will need to decide whether or not to action the IJCI recommendation that the building should be demolished. If the States Assembly were to agree to pursue demolition, the Minister for Infrastructure would need to lodge a planning application, which would be considered through the normal planning process.

As a listed building situated in the Green Zone, a planning application would need to demonstrate that there is an exceptional reason to demolish the former children’s home. Any such application would need to be determined either by the Planning Committee or a Planning Inquiry led by an independent inspector.

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The public consultation delivers one of the ‘legacy issue’ actions arising from Recommendation 8 of the Care Inquiry.

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Before making a decision on whether or not Haut de la Garenne should be demolished, the Council of Ministers have agreed to consult the people of Jersey.

Former Haut de la Garenne site

Haut de la Garenne is currently the base for the Jersey Accommodation and Activity Centre (JAAC) which offers hostel accommodation, camping, a wide range of outdoor activities and room hire for events and meetings. Visiting school groups from France make significant use of the JAAC with groups of up to 100 teachers and children travelling to Jersey. Between 2012 and 2017, the JAAC recorded over 35,500 bed-nights.

Any future planning application that might be made to demolish Haut de la Garenne, would need to be considered by the Environment Minister in the context of both the Island Plan 2011 and the building's listing as a site of historic and architectural interest.