

Response to Guernsey Press questions re proposed new access road at LMDC 21-10-14

Residents, who live in properties that will back onto the new exit road, have also raised some concern over lost views and disturbance.

They also feared that scooters and skateboarders etc would be able to access the exit road, late at night, from the nature trail side.

And questioned whether it would be open while the indoor sports hall and other community facilities are being used out of school hours?

Can the department respond to these issues?

Can it confirm what vehicles will be able to use the new exit? Will parents be able to drive down etc?

Will there be anything blocking teenagers etc from accessing this exit road out of school hours?

The Education Department has written to all neighbours of La Mare de Carteret Schools' site and the surrounding area and shared its plans for the redevelopment, which are still not quite at the detailed design stage. All documents and plans are available on its website www.education.gg/LMDC.

The Department understands that neighbours may have particular concerns about the development and encourages anyone with any questions to email them to LMDC@education.gov.gg or contact the Department on 733000.

With regards to the specific concerns that have been raised about access to the site, and particularly the new school access road after hours, the Department would like to reassure the community that all its school sites are designed with security in mind. Any use outside of school hours will be managed by the schools' facilities management team and the access road will be locked and gated after hours.

There will be no access for vehicles or scooters from the 'nature trail end' of the site.

It is still too early to say whether the new access road will be used for events after school hours and how it will be managed during the school day. It is anticipated that apart from the brief period at the beginning and end of the school day, traffic flow along the road will be minimal. One consideration would be to use the current entrance/exit for events outside of school hours but no decision has been taken yet. It is anticipated that full community use of the site will not start until the project has been completed in 2018.

All major construction projects will bring an element of disruption to neighbours. The Education Department will work with its contractors to ensure that any disruption is minimised as far as possible. Both existing schools must continue to operate during the construction of the new schools and the Department must ensure that pupils' education is not adversely affected during the building works. The construction programme will be carefully managed to take into account the need to minimise disruption to both neighbours and staff and pupils.