

# **Leasing of La Collette Gardens to The Parish of St Helier**

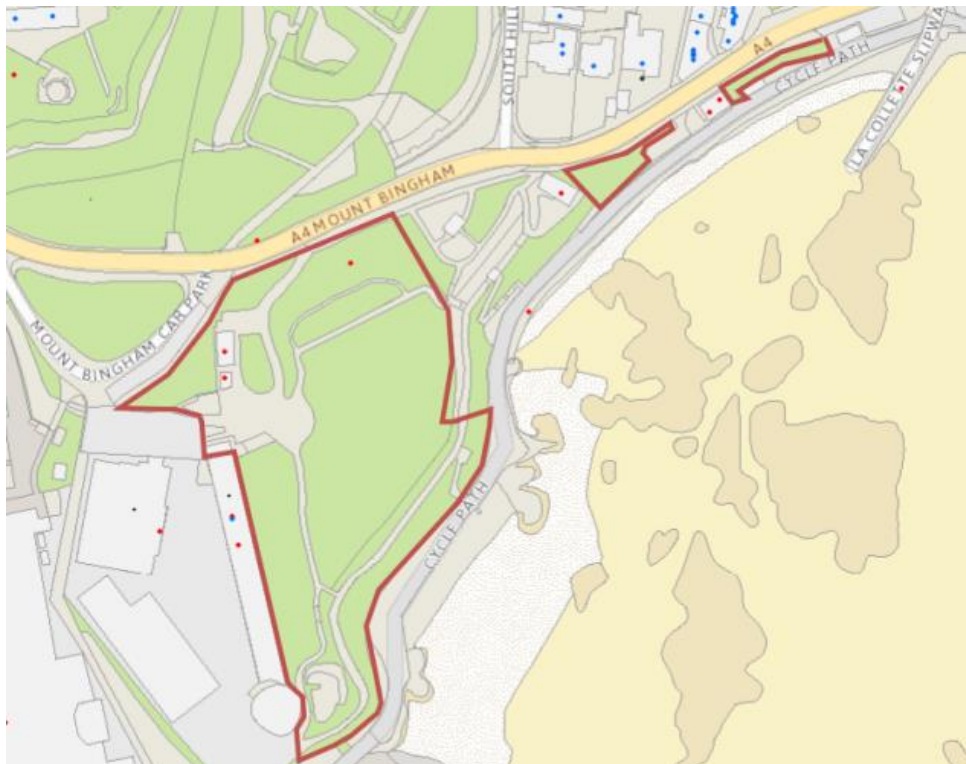
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For consideration by the Parish Assembly  
on 27 August 2025 at 7:00pm

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## **PARISH OF ST HELIER**

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*Site Plan*

## **PROPOSITION**

**PARISHIONERS are asked to take into consideration, and if deemed advisable:**

To approve a recommendation of the Connétable and Procureurs du Bien Public to enter a 50-year lease contract for an area of land known as La Collette Gardens, South Hill, St Helier, together with two additional areas. The lease agreement includes a provision granting the Parish an option to renew for a subsequent 50-year term upon the expiration of the initial period.

The Assembly is to instruct the Connétable and at least one Procureur du Bien Public to pass a contract, with each party paying their own reasonable legal costs.

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## **REPORT**

### **Background:**

The Parish of St Helier has maintained La Collette Gardens for over 20 years at no cost to the Government of Jersey, demonstrating its commitment to preserving a high-quality green space for all islanders to enjoy. To ensure the long-term future of this key public area, the Parish requested a formal transfer of the site. The Government of Jersey, in turn, agreed to a long-term lease arrangement at a peppercorn rent.

Before bringing this to the Parish Assembly, the Parish conducted due diligence by commissioning a structural engineer to perform a condition survey. As a result, the Parish has decided to exclude areas that are part of the upcoming Havre des Pas Foreshore improvements and any areas that require significant investment to make them safe, such as the viewing platform.

### **Proposition:**

The Parish of St. Helier is seeking formal approval from the Parish Assembly to enter into a new lease agreement with the Government of Jersey. This agreement, which would authorise the Connétable and at least one Procureur du Bien Public, is for an initial term of 50 years for the land known as La Collette Gardens, South Hill. The lease also includes two additional areas, all of which are clearly marked in red on the plan in the Projet's appendix.

A key feature of this agreement is the option for the Parish to renew the lease for a further 50-year term, ensuring long-term security for this public space.

This proposition seeks the formal approval of the Parish Assembly to authorise the Connétable and at least one Procureur du Bien Public to enter into a new lease agreement with the Government of Jersey.

The areas specifically excluded from this lease are shown hatched in blue on the plan in the Appendix, namely:

1. The retaining wall between the promenade and the public areas, as this will be part of the Government's upcoming foreshore scheme, and
2. The viewing platform near the Good Egg.

Under the terms of the lease, the rent will be a nominal **£10.00 per annum**, paid in advance for the entire term.

The Parish will be responsible for insuring the land and any structures on them and for all repairs, cleaning, and maintenance to keep the land in good condition.

The landlord, which is the Public of the Island, will retain the right to modify sections of the site to support the Havre des Pas Coastal Flood Alleviation Scheme. Any such changes would be funded by the landlord, and any consequential adjustments to the lease would also be at their cost.

It is noted that each party will be responsible for their own legal fees, with the Parish's legal costs estimated to be **£7,500**.



*La Collette Gardens upper pathways view*



*Havre des Pas Foreshore area excluded from lease*

**Appendix 1:** Areas excluded are hatched in blue on the plan below:

- *Red* are areas to be leased
- *Blue hatch*, areas excluded



Areas to be leased