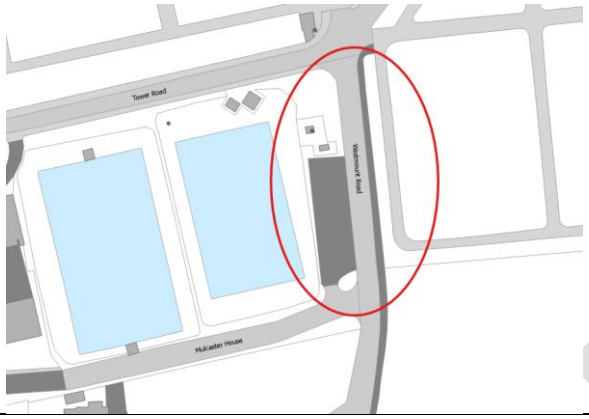
Roads Committee date: 18 November 2026	**Road reference & title of report:** New Healthcare Facilities, Overdale Acute Hospital, Westmount Road / Tower Road, St Helier
Address: Overdale Acute Hospital Westmount Road, St Helier	**Requested by:** NHF Team
Location map: 	**Photograph/street view:** 

Brief introduction and summary

The New Healthcare Facilities Programme (NHFP) will attend the Roads Committee meeting on 18 November 2026 to present its proposed improvement works to the Westmount Road/Tower Road junction and update the Committee on the proposed transfer of highway administration for Westmount Road and part of Tower Road.

This report provides Members with a summary of the proposed junction works and highway administration matters ahead of the NHFP presentation.

Westmount Road/Tower Road junction improvements

The proposed works form part of the planning permission for the Overdale Acute Hospital and include:

- creation of a new pedestrian crossing across Westmount Road;
- widening of the junction to improve vehicle movements;
- rebuilding and realignment of the granite wall adjoining the Jersey Water reservoir site; and
- associated highway and footway works.

The wider junction is intended to accommodate construction traffic serving the hospital project and future operational vehicles. Vehicle-tracking information has also been prepared for a 16.6 metre articulated vehicle, an 11 metre articulated vehicle and a four-axle concrete mixer.

The current programme indicates that works are expected to commence in mid-February 2027. The junction works are anticipated to take approximately three to four weeks, with reconstruction of the Jersey Water granite wall taking a further approximately eight weeks.

Traffic management and engagement

NHFP advises that further engagement has taken place with Government highway and vehicle authorities, local businesses and a number of schools. Further engagement is planned with remaining schools, LibertyBus, the States of Jersey Police and Enable Jersey. A wider resident communication campaign is also proposed for the remainder of 2026 and early 2027.

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This is broadly consistent with an issue previously raised by the Committee concerning the need for effective communication with residents, schools, businesses and public transport operators.

Proposed transfer of highway administration

NHFP also proposes progressing the transfer of highway administration for Westmount Road and Tower Road (East) to the Government of Jersey through amendments to the Main Roads classification arrangements. The programme currently anticipates the amended classification coming into force on 19 January 2027.

The presentation also refers to a separate conveyance potentially being required for land adjacent to the bowling club, alteration of the Mulcaster House conveyance, extinguishment of the former bus lay-by and consideration of how existing compulsory purchase notices should be rescinded.

Roads Committee considerations

From my review of the presentation, I suggest Members particularly consider the following:

1. **Highway transfer**: The Committee should be clear about precisely what land and highway responsibilities the Parish would relinquish and what would remain with the Parish before supporting any transfer.

2. **Land and property matters**: Any transfer of Parish-owned land or property interests will require separate consideration and the appropriate Parish approvals. Further discussion between the Parish and the NHFP team is therefore required to establish precisely what land or property interests are involved and the process required to progress any transfer.

3. **Outstanding land matters**: Several ownership, boundary and conveyancing matters remain to be concluded. These should ideally be settled, or the mechanism for resolving them clearly established, before any associated transfer becomes effective.

4. **Junction operation**: Members may wish to satisfy themselves that the proposed layout and vehicle tracking adequately address the interaction of large construction vehicles with other road users, particularly pedestrians.

5. **Construction period**: Temporary signals, traffic marshals and potentially restricting Westmount Road to access-only for a short period are identified as possible measures. The operational implications for residents, the crematorium and other local users should therefore be understood in advance.

6. **Programme risk**: The proposed road-classification process is programmed to conclude in January 2027, shortly before works commence in February. Any delay in the legislative, conveyancing or land arrangements could therefore affect the programme. This is an observation based on NHFP's stated programme dates rather than a risk specifically identified by NHFP.

7. **Public communication**: the proposed engagement programme is extensive, but Members may wish to request continued advance notification to the Parish of significant traffic restrictions or particularly disruptive works.

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