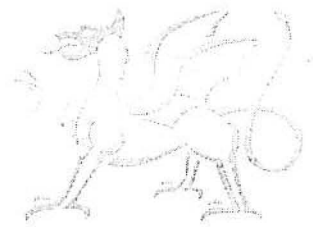


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Anrhydeddus Owen John *DA@.29624 (10)*

I agreed, during plenary on 18 November, to write to you to about the future of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary site.

I am advised that it is essential that the solution to the CRI site takes both the freehold and the leasehold land into equal account. A solution that dealt with the 'fine old building' that you mentioned, but ignored the land adjacent to it would not be acceptable to us or, I am sure, to the Local Planning Authority. As to any 'deals' that may or may not be made with the private sector it is very early to give any details. The Local Health Board has a plan, the details of which have to be finalised, before it can be taken to the market. The Welsh Assembly Government has appointed a Project Officer who will play a major part in co-ordinating the various interests in the site before a formal approach to any private sector company is made. Speculation as to the nature of that approach will not help him complete his task.

I am sorry that my response cannot be more detailed at this time.

Yr Arlywydd
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