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PQ 57400/21* To ask the Minister for Health the location of the site in Ratoath, County Meath purchased by the HSE with a view to building a primary care centre; the status of plans to deliver a primary care centre on this site; if the HSE will engage with the local community with a view to allowing the use of the space as public greenspace in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

A 1.023 hectares site was purchased in 2001 by the HSE with the intention of building a primary care centre.

Ratoath is still included in the most recent network plan for HSE Primary Care Centres for Co. Meath and it is the intention of the HSE to retain ownership of the site to enable the development.

In light of An Bórd Pleanála decision (Reference PL29N.243957 6th February 2015) to refuse planning permission for a Primary Care Development on a HSE owned site because it was used as informal public open space the HSE, in order to protect the development potential of the site, will not permit the use of the site as public greenspace.

Yours sincerely,

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