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THERE ARE NO PROPOSALS FOR LATHBURY SITE – SIMPLY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Opposition asks whether the Government's decision to seek expressions of interest to convert Lathbury Barracks Parade Ground into an industrial park is in the best interest of the community. The answer is indisputably, 'Yes.'

The Opposition have urged 'patience over the Lathbury proposals,' There are no such proposals - the Government has simply invited initial expressions of interest for the development of the Lathbury site. Indeed, it would be madness for the Government not to consider how to make the best use of such a large piece of flat land, an asset that is so valuable in Gibraltar. At this stage, no decisions have been taken and no ideas have been ruled out: the only things that have been ruled in are the protection of the natural habitat and the preservation of the views from the Upper Rock.

Every indication thus far is that the North Mole is the best site for the new power station so the project continues to move forward. In due course, any remaining public concerns will be addressed in line with standard, project management procedures.