

**STATEMENT****23 August 2023****Jon Sexton, Guernsey Electricity's Head of Engineering and Design, said:**

"WE are pleased to have the opportunity to talk to the public and to listen to their thoughts on the application for permanent closure of Hougue Jehannet as a public highway.

They will also be able to present their views on the application at an official public meeting on site which is due to be scheduled shortly.

The security specialist assessments conducted back in 2016 and 2019 highlighted the risks posed by an open access road running through the middle of the power station site.

The reports concluded that the most effective mitigation against the risks that they identified was full closure of the road and the installation of appropriate fencing and gates.

The Vale power station is a key part of the infrastructure that provides a secure electricity supply for our island. We fully support the recommendations to close the road to reduce the risks to the site and supply security."

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