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**COUNCIL CONSIDERS PROPOSAL FOR NEW HOSPICE SITE NEXT TO  
BELLAHOUSTON PARK.**

The Glasgow City Council Executive Committee will next week consider a proposal to lease a site next to Bellahouston Park to The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice for their planned new facility in the city.

The Hospice has been searching for a suitable new site since announcing plans to develop a new building which will incorporate a new service for young people with life-limiting illnesses aged between 15-25 years old.

The proposed site, which is adjacent to the east side of Bellhouston Park, is currently being used as a municipal depot by the Council's Land & Environmental Services. Plans are in place to relocate this depot, which will leave the site vacant.

It is in an area of the park that is not available to the public and held by the Council under the Glasgow Corporation Parks Act, and as such, is not part of the Common Good.

Rhona Baillie, Chief Executive for the Hospice said:

"We are absolutely delighted that Glasgow City Council Executive Committee will be considering our proposal to lease the site by Bellahouston Park for the new Hospice.

"The proposed site offers both privacy and a quiet, leafy area which form the perfect environment for a 21<sup>st</sup> century care facility.

"One of our main wishes for the new facility is for patients be to able to have better access to outside space which would be of huge benefit to them. This is why we're so excited about this particular site and all it could offer."

Following the proposal to the Executive Committee being approved next Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> October), the Hospice will await the outcome of the development plan which will outline the public and statutory consultation process due to be made available in early 2012.

Alan Pert, Director of NORD, who have been appointed architects for the facility added:

“Glasgow is a city famous for its green spaces and our parks were a commitment by the city during the early 1900s to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Glasgow. With over 90 parks and formal gardens within the city boundaries we hoped that an appropriate site in close proximity would become available for Glasgow’s new Hospice.

“One of NORD’s key considerations for the new Hospice facility is to connect the inside spaces of the building to a series of external gardens and courtyards. The possibility that we may be able to work with Glasgow City Council in the context of the site by Bellahouston Park is beyond our expectations given the existing infrastructure, the variety of spaces within the park and the incredible views back across the city.

“It is very important for us that the new building does not appear as an introverted world cut off from the life of the city and the proposed site by Bellahouston Park would offer us everything we need to focus on the needs of patients and families in wonderful surroundings.”

#### **Notes to Editor:**

##### **About The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice**

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, situated on the river Clyde in Glasgow, exists to help our patients with life-limiting and terminal illness achieve the best quality of life possible in whatever time remains for them. This is done by providing clinical, emotional, social and spiritual care and support for patients, their families, children and carers. All care is free of charge with annual running costs for the Hospice will reach £4 million this year of which £2.6 million must come from fundraising and voluntary donations.

In March 2011, the Hospice announced plans to build a new facility in Glasgow, due for completion in 2016. In addition to enhancing existing services for adults, the multi-million pound project will also encompass a specialist palliative care service for young people aged between 15-25.

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