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**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**  
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## Slaughterhouse almost ready



Slaughterhouse designer Edwin Bowater at the new facility at Longue Hougue.

(Picture by Adrian Miller, 1317714)

THE new £1.7m. slaughterhouse is set to be finished in July.

The facility will comply with EU regulations and will open the gate for the export of Guernsey beef.

Work on the large galvanised steel building at Longue Hougue began last November.

Up to 35 people have been working between 6am and 8pm seven days a week to get it ready to replace the small Victorian site in St Peter Port.

Currently, cows over 30 months have to be incinerated because the animals cannot be checked to EU standards.

Commerce and Employment director of client services Richard Nash said the incineration process was subsidised by the States, but once the new facility opened the subsidy would stop.

'We will save about £120,000 a year when we switch off the support schemes,' he said.

'Most of that is the cost of fuel for the incinerator. It means the slaughterhouse should pay for itself within 13 years.'

The new facility will allow the slaughter of cows to EU standards so the meat can be exported.

Specialist consultant Edwin Bowater from FJB designed the facility. The building is divided into a 'dirty' area to inspect the live animals and a 'clean' area to process the meat.

Mr Bowater has worked closely with States vet David Chamberlain to design the initial layering system, where the animals arrive.

'Cows are large and difficult to deal with and many of the animals here are not used to human contact, so we need a way to control them,' he said.

Up to 10 cows can be brought into the layering area, where a cow has its head secured while the vet inspects it safely.

A separate area will be used for smaller animals such as pigs, sheep and goats.

After being dispatched, the animals are brought through to the clean area.

Cows will be hung and moved along a sloping rail as the skin and organs are removed.

Throughout the process, every part of the animal will be tagged for identification so if any defect is found with the meat, it can all be discarded.

The final area is the insulation-clad cool area, where beef is cooled to 7C and pork to 4C before being passed to butchers and exporters.

The build is about half complete inside and HVC building contractor Shaun Sale said it should be finished in July.

The facility will then be licensed, trials held and the staff trained, before the abattoir goes fully operational in September.

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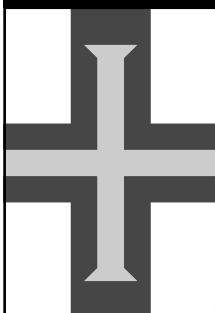
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## Performance area plan for info centre

Designer envisages place for visitors to plan day

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THE area outside the Guernsey Information Centre entrance could be revamped if a planning application succeeds.

Work would be carried out and funded by Floral Guernsey through its legacy project, which is supported by HSBC.

Culture and Leisure's proposal is for a circular limestone paved performance area that would feature up-lighters and a receiving point for a flagpole in the middle. Existing granite cobbles would be reused to cover the surrounding area. Twenty seats resembling those on vintage tractors would

face the performance area and the entrance to the main building. Nine granite troughs will also be placed there to complement the three existing.

Designer Helen Litchfield said she thought it would be a great improvement. 'I think it will tidy the area up and make it very pleasant for people to sit and plan their day's itinerary,' she said.

'It would create a place where VisitGuernsey can put on demonstrations, entertainment and arts.

'There will be ample display areas for tourist information and the vintage tractor seats will give a lovely reference to our horticultural heritage.'

Ms Litchfield said she was extremely grateful to HSBC for the bank's continuing support.

Under the proposal, the existing granite wall and railings would remain, as would the turkey oak just to the south.

Two twisted willows would be planted in the cobbled area. The bollards and granite piers to the north of the area next to the main road pavement would also remain.

## Treasury joins with Jersey for trip to Washington

TREASURY and Resources minister Gavin St Pier will be travelling to Washington this weekend for a series of meetings on Monday and Tuesday. The aim is to renew existing relationships and forge new ones. Deputy St Pier will meet

representatives from the Treasury Department, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Justice Department. Guernsey is about to conclude an agreement, Fatca, that will lead to

more bank account details being shared with the US. It will also be the first time that both Guernsey and Jersey have carried out joint ministerial meetings in Washington. Jersey is represented by Senator Philip Bailhache.