FIELDS 761 AND 762, ST. PETER: EXCHANGE OF LAND

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

- (a) to approve the acquisition from the Parish of St. Peter of the gift of an area of land comprising the northerr section of Field 762, St. Peter, measuring approximately one vergée, 4 perch as shown on drawi No. 150/1A/A4, required to form part of Jersey Airport, with the public being responsible for the payment of the Parish's reasonable legal costs and expenses;
- (b) to approve the gift to the Parish of St. Peter of Field 761, St. Peter, measuring 2 vergées, 20 perch as sho on drawing No. 150/1A/A4, with the public being responsible for the legal costs and expenses;
- (c) to authorise the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass on behalf of the public any contracts which might be found necessary to pass in connexion with the said property referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above and all interests therein;
- (d) to authorise the payment or discharge of the expenses incurred in connexion with the acquisition of the said property and in all interests therein referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above from the Committee's Trading Fund.

HARBOURS AND AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Notes: The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

Report

For some years the Harbours and Airport Committee had wished to alter the route of the footpath which runs across the eastern part of Jersey Airport following the route of Rue des Landes, St. Peter. Part of the road was extinguished in 1972, by Order of the Royal Court and subsequently reduced to a footpath (which is owned by the public) by the Committee of that day.

Visits by Inspectors of the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in 1996 and 1998 confirmed that the footpath should be re-routed without delay because in its present position it infringes both the Take-Off Climb Surface (TOCS) for runway 09 and the Instrument Landing System (ILS) localiser critical area. Additionally it does not allow the declaration of a full Runway End Safety Area (RESA) and this combination of factors leads to operational restrictions. Persons using the present footpath are at risk from low flying aircraft or from an aircraft running off the end of the runway.

The Committee wishes to re-route the footpath around the eastern perimeter of the Airport and, in order to do so, needs to acquire the northern part of Field 762, St. Peter, so that this can be included within the Airport boundary. This land lies to th north of the St. Peter's Football Club ground and comprises approximately one vergée, 4 perch. It is owned by the Parish of St. Peter and leased to the Club.

Terms and conditions have been agreed with the Parish of St. Peter, in relation to the acquisition of the northern section of Field 762 which lies to the east of the runway at Jersey Airport, by means of an exchange of the said land for Field 761 St. Peter, which lies adjacent to and to the east of it. Field 761 measures 2 vergées, 20 perch and has not been productive f many years and the Committee had leased it to the Football Club as a practice ground. An exchange of this land is vital to the re routing of the footpath. All land acquired will remain in public ownership.

The Committee has used its best endeavours to secure the re-routing of the footpath and the continuation of the Island-wide cycle path network by means of a two Phase project. The first Phase has been completed and a section of path/cycle track now extends from the northern section of La Rue des Landes, around the eastern perimeter of the airfield to a point in La Rue des Vignes, at the north eastern corner of Field 761.

Now that the agreement with the Parish has been reached, it remains the wish of the Committee to construct the second phase of the footpath from La Rue des Vignes westward to the north of Field 761, across the northern section of Field 762 to rejoi La Rue des Landes. This will ensure that a safe pedestrian and cycle route is sustained.