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3.13 Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding designs of playgrounds (OQ.237/2024):

Will the Minister advise whether plans for the design of playgrounds are shared with the Minister for Children and Families and other interested parties, such as community groups, to allow for consultation and, if not, why not?

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy for her question. An underlying principle of my position is always to engage with colleagues and consult the community wherever possible. In respect of playgrounds, we currently have plans to replace the existing playgrounds at Millennium Town Park and the Springfield Stadium. Public and stakeholder consultation has been undertaken for both. The current design for the Millennium Town Park playground replacement has been shared with both the Minister and Assistant Minister for Children and Families. I understand both are due to attend the School councils Network meeting on 15th January next year where final input from all in attendance will be sought before the design is finalised. The Springfield playground replacement design has in fact been delayed following consultation and will be progressed further next year.

3.13.1 Deputy C.D. Curtis:

I thank the Minister for that answer, but would the Minister agree that the consultation process would be undermined if major changes are made to plans post consultation?

The Connétable of St. John:

I would expect any major changes, if they were major, to go back out for further consultation. For example, in Springfield, the suggestion has been to relocate the playground, and I would expect that to go out to further consultation before a decision was made.