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**10 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding urban renewal work at Havre des Pas (OQ.36/2023)**

Following the adoption of the 24th amendment to the Government Plan 2023-2026 which allocated funding for urban renewal work at Havre des Pas, will the Minister advise what he plans to have accomplished towards this aim by the end of the year?

**Deputy T. Binet of St. Saviour (The Minister for Infrastructure):**

The Deputy will recall that the amendment to the 24th amendment has been adopted by the Assembly, which means that the additional funding for public realm, including Havre des Pas, is to be received as £300,000 in 2024 and £350,000 in both 2025 and 2026, all of which will be included in future Government Plans. Notwithstanding this, I can advise that building upon a successful phase 1: traffic calming work delivered in 2022 for £250,000, further research was undertaken at the end of last year to understand the community's thoughts and aspirations for phase 2: core of the village public realm strategy. The feedback from both the 2020 Parish consultation and the deeper insights from the 2022 focus group work will be used to develop options for public engagement at the end of this summer. The preferred option will then proceed to detailed design with construction anticipated during 2024.

**3.10.1 Deputy S.Y. Mézec:**

The Minister referred to 2 exercises there: one conducted by the Parish itself and one conducted by his department, which he knows will have caused some confusion among some residents at Havre des Pas and the Parish itself who were not aware that this second one was being done and saw it as not necessarily building upon what had already been done by the Parish. Will the Minister indicate what engagement he had with the Parish of St. Helier and community groups before embarking on that second piece of consultation with residents when there was already a Havre des Pas masterplan, which was a pretty good document that provided surely enough guidance for what could be done next?

**Deputy T. Binet:**

I am not so sure that I agree with the Deputy in that I do not think that people were specifically offended by the second piece of work that was undertaken. I have to say I did not at that stage have a great deal of consultation with the Parish prior to the work at the end of 2022 because I had literally only just arrived in office. So I think it is fair to say that that went ahead pretty much without my full involvement simply because it was a matter that was ongoing.

**3.10.2 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier:**

I am not going to pick the Minister up on his use of the word "deeper" referring to the consultation carried out by a private company for his department after the major consultation undertaken by the Parish. Instead I want to just chase him up on the question I asked at the last time that Havre des Pas was raised, when I drew his attention to the intrepid swimmers who continue to use the pool in the winter months and are barred from entering the changing rooms and toilets. He has promised that his department will look to getting those facilities open all year round, as indeed was requested by the proposition that was unanimously carried by this Assembly. Has he managed to open the facilities yet?

**Deputy T. Binet:**

I should like to apologise to the Constable if there was anything implied in my use of the word "deeper". I am sure the Parish consultation was very thorough indeed. With regard to the use of the toilets there, I had a meeting last week and I have asked the officers to get on with making sure that that happens as soon as possible.