

2.15 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of the Minister for Planning regarding powers under Article 15(1)(a) of the Island Planning Law 1964 and their use in respect of site H4(15), Samares Nursery:

Would the Minister confirm whether Article 15(1)(a) of the Island Planning (Jersey) Law 1964 is sufficient to enable him to order structures such as derelict glasshouses to be demolished and, if so, will he use those powers in respect of site H4(15), Samares Nursery, on the grounds of health and safety?

Senator F.E. Cohen (The Minister for Planning and Environment):

There are 2 provisions in the Island Planning Law that could, depending on the circumstances of the case, be used to ensure either the demolition or the repair of dilapidated buildings. Article 15 to which the question relates give the Minister the power to serve a notice requiring the removal of any buildings which are in a ruinous or dilapidated condition and to remove any rubbish resulting from the demolition. In the alternative Article 16 of the Law is the power, where the amenities of the Island are seriously injured by the condition of any land, to serve a notice on the owner and occupier requiring such steps for abating the injury to be taken within a specified period. I thank the Deputy for bringing this matter to my attention. I shall visit the property to determine whether it is appropriate or necessary to take any action and, if so, under which article and will notify him accordingly.

Deputy G.C.L Baudains:

I thank the Minister for his answer.

2.15.1 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier:

I wonder, Sir, if the Minister could also inform the House of the related issue of agricultural sheds? What progress is being made in developing a new policy as we are faced, yet again, with the possible extension of massive sheds into the countryside?

Senator F.E. Cohen:

This is a matter that I am presently looking at but I am afraid I have made little progress so far but would expect a report back in the coming months.