

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICE BY
THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2010**

Question

“What discussions, if any, have taken place and with whom about the design of the Town Park? What measures, if any, has the Minister put in place to ensure that the Park will not only be completed quickly but will meet users’ needs and expectations? What measures, if any is the Minister taking to ensure that a feeling of ‘ownership’ of the Park is fostered amongst the public?

Answer

Whilst the design of the Town Park cannot be commenced until the States decision on the North of Town Master plan, there has been initial work to prepare for commencement of design. Initial site appraisals and consultations with relevant organisations have been made but no detail design has commenced.

The key to the development of the park design is the planned consultation with residents of the neighbourhood, which will follow the States debate. This will include opportunities to meet with the designers and to respond to a survey for local people to say what they feel is important to include in the park design. This will start a process of neighbourhood inclusion in the park design process.

Preparations to ensure an early start on the park construction have included the agreement of the contaminated land remediation strategy and specification with the regulators and the tendering of the clean up works. A planning application for the remediation, with associated Environmental Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment with community representatives, is nearing completion to enable approvals to be in place to allow the park construction to proceed as soon as possible.