

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY DEPUTY T. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th JULY 2010**

Question

Given that anti-social behaviour late at night by young car drivers and motorcyclists has been a problem since at least August 2006 and continues to impact on residents of the Albert Quay Apartments, will the Minister advise whether there is any obstacle preventing the designation and sign posting of the area approaching the Lifeboat Café as a 'restricted access' area between the hours of 9.00pm to 6.00am; further still, will he support such a move and ensure that it is implemented over the course of the summer?'

Answer

The Harbours (Jersey) Regulations 1962 permit the Minister for Economic Development to restrict or prohibit access to any part of a harbour or part thereof, where he decides it is necessary or expedient to do so.

However, the decision to restrict access to an area of the harbour is not something which would be taken lightly. I do not believe that public access should be restricted to any area of the harbour unless there are some very persuasive arguments and the action is proportional to the problem.

The cost of implementing the measures suggested would be excessive and enforcement difficult to manage with the number of legitimate users who would still require access. Visiting yachtsmen require access to numbers four and five pontoons, there are businesses located on the Albert Pier, the passenger terminal, private parking and a popular fishing area. Not forgetting the fact that the Lifeboat Station itself is situated on the other side of the junction which clearly requires emergency access at all time for both crew and the Ambulance Service.

In respect of the anti-social behaviour of a number of car drivers and motorcyclists, the Deputy will be aware that Jersey Harbours have already provided and paid in excess of £15,000 for traffic calming measures on the road approaching the café. We continue to be in consultation with both the residents of the flats and States of Jersey Police as we have been for some time now to look for proportional responses to the current problem.