GROUVILLE SCHOOL, GROUVILLE: EXTENSION AND REFURBISHMENT (PHASE 1): APPROVAL OF DRAWINGS

Lodged au Greffe on 14th July 1998 by the Education Committee



STATES OF JERSEY

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of the opinion -

- (a) to approve drawings Nos. 588:96:10 to 14, 588:96:16 and 588:96:17 showing the proposed extension to and refurbishment of Grouville School;
- (b) to authorise the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- NOTES: 1. The Planning and Environment Committee approved these drawings under Development Permit No. 17661/D dated 23rd February 1998.
 - 2. The Finance and Economics Committee comments are to follow.

Report

Grouville School has been full above capacity for some time, is utilising four temporary classrooms, and from September 1998 a further and fifth temporary classroom will be required to accommodate the growth in the number of pupils attending this school.

There are just over 300 pupils attending this school, and this number is due to rise to just under 375 by the year 2000 or 2001, including 30 children within a new nursery class. It is further predicted that the main school cohort will remain above 300 for between five and eight years beyond that date.

To cater for this growth and to provide suitable accommodation in which to deliver the modern Jersey curriculum, the Committee intends to extend and modernise the school in two phases. Although this will be less cost effective than one contract phase, given the congested layout of the existing school, the restricted site and the numbers of children involved, two distinct phases are necessary for the school to remain operational during the remodelling process.

This Phase 1 project includes three new classrooms, extensions to and remodelling of three existing classrooms, a new nursery class, the provision of shared resource areas and individual withdrawal areas, together with new and larger associated toilet areas.

Phase 2, which it is intended will follow on as soon as possible after the completion of Phase 1 and, for which separate drawings approval will be sought, will include a further three new classrooms, extensions to and remodelling of five existing classrooms, a new library and various shared resource and individual withdrawal areas. The existing school hall will also be extended and provided with adequate storage space, and the external play and landscaped areas will be remodelled and improved.

The Committee has sufficient funds for this Phase 1 project within its current capital budget, as inflated to meet today's building costs, and therefore asks the States to approve these drawings and permit the project to proceed.