

STATES OF JERSEY



SNOW HILL CAR PARK: PARKING FOR STATES MEMBERS, JURATS AND LAW OFFICERS

Lodged au Greffe on 1st April 2014
by Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to request the Minister for Transport and Technical Services to take the necessary steps to cease the provision of free car parking for States Members, Jurats and Law Officers at Snow Hill car park with immediate effect so that, upon completion of the Transport and Technical Services North of St. Helier Flood alleviation scheme in the car park, the 11 spaces currently reserved for States Members, Jurats and Law Officers can be amalgamated with the 84 public spaces currently provided at Snow Hill subject to the continued provision of adequate parking for Jurats at an alternative location as required.

DEPUTY E.J. NOEL OF ST. LAWRENCE

REPORT

States Members, Jurats and Law Officers free car parking provision at Snow Hill was temporary taken away to allow Transport and Technical Services (TTS) to carry out works on the connection of the cavern and the shaft to Anne Court in the beginning of July 2013.

These works have been underway now for 9 months and are due to be completed in September of this year.

During this time States Members, Jurats and Law Officers have had access to alternative free parking provision provided at Pier Road multi-storey car park. The Jurats have 9 permanently reserved spaces for their use on Vine Street, prior to the works a further 3 permanently reserved spaces were available at Snow Hill. During construction period TTS has made special provision for additional Jurat parking when the Court requires a full sitting of Jurats, temporarily reserving additional spaces as and when required. The Jurats give greatly of their time at no cost to the public and it is important that they continue to be provided with appropriate and adequate car parking as and when needed.

Pier Road car park has ample space to accommodate the relocation on a permanent basis. Some 250 spaces per weekday are currently available at Pier Road.

In my opinion, these temporary measures have had little or no significant adverse effects on States Members, Jurats and Law Officers. On the occasion when a full sitting of Jurats is required, the present arrangements, whereby TTS temporarily reserve spaces as required, could continue.

I am proposing, on completion of the works being carried out by TTS at Snow Hill, that the 11 spaces formerly utilised free of charge at Snow Hill by States Members, Jurats and the Law Offices should be combined with the 84 public parking spaces to increase the number of spaces available for shoppers in St. Helier by some 13% (from 84 to 95).

These spaces are at the most northern end of the Snow Hill car park and as such are the most “valuable” to shoppers.

We have been asked on a number of occasions to increase shopper parking in this area of St. Helier and this proposition allows us the opportunity to deliver at no additional cost 11 additional spaces in Snow Hill car park.

Indeed during the Police Headquarters debate the need for additional shopper parking in this area of St. Helier was referred to by a number of States Members. This proposition is simply asking Members to put Islanders interest before our own.

I hope that Members will support this proposition.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no manpower implications and based on information provided to me by the TTS officers, this change will result in approximately £13,318 per annum of additional income for the car park reserve fund.