

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES  
COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY J.A. HILTON OF ST. HELIER**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2005**

**Question**

Would the President confirm whether –

- (a) in a Committee report dated 29th September 2004, regarding the future development of a Town Park, there was a recommendation for a full ground contamination survey and analysis to proceed at the earliest opportunity to provide accurate information and data that is essential to enable thoroughly researched options for works in relation to the said Town Park?
- (b) if so, what steps has the Committee taken in securing the necessary funds to enable the survey to be carried out without further delay? and,
- (c) the matter has been referred to the Finance and Economics Committee during the period since September 2004, and if not, the reasons why?

**Answer**

- (a) At its meeting of 4th November 2004, the Committee agreed to seek the support of the Finance and Economics Committee to make funding available to enable a full ground water contamination and geotechnical survey, together with Environmental, Planning, Traffic and Archaeological assessments, to be undertaken at the earliest opportunity on the two sites at Bath Street and the former Gas Works, which the States have agreed for the development of the Town Park. This is essential to enable the Committee to have full and accurate information on the contamination and other data to be in a position to prepare a full development brief with fully researched options for the development of the Town Park.
  - (b) The request seeking support for the funding to be made available was forwarded to the Treasurer of the States on 15th November 2004, with the further request that the matter be included on an early agenda of the Finance and Economics Committee.
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