

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY DEPUTY T. M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2009**

Question

Would the Minister advise whether the recent purchaser of the Water's Edge Hotel has been given consent, or any indication that this will be granted, to demolish the hotel in order to develop luxury apartments?

Answer

It is understood that the 'purchase' referred to in the Jersey Evening Post recently is for a lease of the premises, and not a freehold sale.

There has been no application, and thus no permission, for the redevelopment of the Water's Edge Hotel at Bouley Bay.

The owners came to see the Minister some months ago to explain that they were considering redevelopment of the hotel for residential use. There have subsequently been two preliminary meetings between the Department, the architects and the Minister, at which preliminary designs have been discussed to redevelop the premises with residential apartments. They have been advised that there will need to be an Environmental Impact Statement submitted with any application made. The site is particularly sensitive, as it is the largest single property in Bouley Bay.

There have been no indications that permission will be granted, although the powers of the Minister may not include requiring the building to remain in its current tourism use.