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After the words "the revised draft revision to the Island Plan 2011" insert the words -

"except that on page 357, after paragraph 9.67, there shall be inserted the following additional paragraph -

'9.68 The airport fuel farm safety zone extends into Fields 24, 25 and the western part of Field 26, St. Brelade, which at present are outside the boundaries of the operational airport as defined in Island Plan Policy TT15. The adoption of this new safety zone should not prevent the remaining eastern part of Field 26 and Field 27, St. Brelade being used by members of the public for allotments, subject to compliance with Planning Advice for Developers Near Hazardous Installations (PADI-HSE Sept 2009), notwithstanding the declared intention of the airport to extend the operational area into this Field in future.' ".

DEPUTY J.H. YOUNG OF ST. BRELADE

REPORT

Safety Zones for Hazardous installations – Airport Fuel Farm

During the Planning Inquiry, the Ports of Jersey set out the technical arguments in favour of the Minister adopting a safety zone around the Airport Fuel Farm. The merits of this proposal without taking the wider context into account are unarguable; however, it was identified by an objector whose home is cited in the zone proposed, correctly in my view, that the onus should be on the Airport authority to mitigate the risk by relocating the Fuel Farm or by the erection of blast walls.

The new safety zone also includes the Air Training Corps Centre, who have proposals for increased use of the Centre and the fields for young people. The Airport authorities disclosed that they intend to annex the Fields 24–28, St. Brelade situated alongside the airport road, into the operational airport boundary. Previously they had proposed that they be used for a commercial go-kart business.

As the fields are close to the built-up area of Les Quennevais, I requested JALGA to consider the suitability of the field for allotments, for which there is very considerable local demand. After advice that the site was very suitable for this purpose, I approached Jersey Airport management, but I received a negative response. My amendment is intended to highlight the need for the Airport authorities to consider alternative risk mitigation measures which could avoid adversely affecting properties and existing uses, and prevent opportunities for community uses. I believe the use of part of the fields sited just outside the new zone for allotments should be considered.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this amendment.