

MAINS DRAIN EXTENSION SCHEME: THISTLE GROVE, ST. LAWRENCE AND ST. JOHN

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PROPOSITION

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

to request the Public Services Committee to reconsider its decision to phase the extension of the main drain scheme at Thistle Grove, St. Lawrence and St. John, and to incorporate an additional 15 units of accommodation c or near to La Rue de la Mare Ballam, St. John as shown on drawing No. PJR/1/02, situated within 350 metres of th proposed termination of the scheme currently under construction in St. John.

DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

- Notes:
1. The names of the 15 units are listed at Appendix B.
 2. The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

REPORT

In the early 1970s the St. John's Village Phase One was constructed. At that time main drains were taken to the St. John's Church area via St. Lawrence main road and La Rue de la Mare Ballam, St. John, and the residents of those areas were put to great inconvenience whilst the contractor dug up the roads on the expectation of being able to connect to the mains, only to be told on completion that the pipe laid was a rising main and that they could not connect. The Connétable of the day gave householders an assurance that main drains would be in place within several years, as yet some 30 years on this has not happened.

It would be grossly unfair on this occasion if these same householders were to have to put up with road works and not be included in the current programme of works. When the Thistle Grove, St. Lawrence/St. John scheme was originally conceived and designed the entire area was to be connected including some, if not all, of the 15 outstanding properties. (For Members' information, the names of these properties are listed at Appendix B.) Unfortunately, due to funding cuts a phasing programme has been introduced, this in turn increases costs of extending main drains as man and machine leave the site and have to return several years later.

Members need to know that some of the properties fall within the water catchment area for Handois Reservoir, in fact some of the brooks that feed the reservoir start on these properties, shown as properties 12 to 16 on the attached drawing. A number of units, shown as properties 5 to 10 on the attached drawing, fall within a few yards of the Water Pollution Safeguard Zone and Water Catchment area as designated by the States on 26th March 1963. Property No. 16, L'Hermitage, does not form part of the proposition. It is situated just above Handois Reservoir and could not be included within this scheme if extended as suggested by this proposition.

Unfortunately, with a very high water table in winter it would be foolhardy to think, with so many soakaways in the area, that effluent is not in the water carried in these streams and in turn into the reservoirs.

In the minutes of the "Capital & Resources Allocation" meeting, dated 12th June 2002, it is reported at the workshop on the funding for 2003 that the Public Services Committee did not receive any funding for 2003 for sewer works as £6 million of unspent money was held in funding for contracts not yet completed or started, thereby the Public Services Committee received no support from fellow States Members and received no additional funding in decision-conferencing.

Members will find attached, at Appendix C, the 1998 Programme for Foul Sewer Extension showing Thistle Grove St. Lawrence as one scheme. Also enclosed at Appendix D is a copy of a letter dated 22nd February 2002 from the Public Services Department outlining the reasons for phasing, and at Appendix E an article from the Jersey Evening Post dated 8th February 2001 entitled "What's in our water?" on the subject of mains drains extensions which attracted the support of a number of members in the past.

Given the healthy state of the Public Services Committee's bank balance this scheme should be considered as one programme and members are asked to press the Public Services Committee to approve my proposition.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional manpower implications as the original scheme was drawn up and then sub-divided into phases. Thistle Grove, St. Lawrence was listed as priority number 2 in the mains drains extension and sewerage projects for 2001, an £3,500,000 was made available that year to complete a total of 6 projects. By completing the works as one phase considerable savings should be possible.

Names of properties identified on the drawing

1. Maison de la Capelle, La Rue de la Mare Ballam
2. Les Petites Capelles, La Rue de la Mare Ballam
3. Terre Neuve Cottage, La Rue de la Mare Ballam
4. Ballam House, La Rue de la Mare Ballam
5. Terre Neuve, La Rue de la Mare Ballam
6. La Chaumière de Terre Neuve, La Rue de la Mare Ballam
7. La Mare Ballam, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
8. La Bonne Chère, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
9. Ty-Kreiz, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
10. La Cachette, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
11. La Ruelle, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
12. Les Capelles, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
13. Les Capelles Cottage, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam
14. Les Capelles storage units
15. Le Marinel, off La Rue de la Mare Ballam

16. L'Hermitage, above Handois Reservoir. This is at the extreme of the area and might need to pump to the mains service or be added to a different area. It is not to be included in this proposal to extend the sewer.

PROGRAMME OF FOUL SEWER EXTENSIONS

29 September 1998

Ext. No.	Extension Name	Estimate	Sheet No.
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME 1999			
14	Halfway Hill, Grouville	£181,000	13NE
49	Route de Maufant	£556,000	5SE/9NW
44A	St. Peter's Valley - reduced by agreement with Public Health	£822,410	8NW
42A	La Frontiere/Douet de Rue, St. Lawrence/St. Mary	£855,000	4SE/4SW
29B	Ville a l'Eveque, Trinity	£606,000	5SW/5NW
3	Bonne Nuit	£896,000	4NE
	Miscellaneous/Minor Extensions (reduced from £194,000)	£83,590	
		£4,000,000	
Budget Allowance for 1999 - £4,000,000			
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 2000			
15B	Les Platons, Trinity	£482,000	5NW
43	St. Matthieu Church Area	£769,000	4SW
40A	Mont a la Brune	£1,036,000	7SE/7NE
50	Parcq de l'Oeillere	£435,000	11NW
40	La Ville des Quennevais	£525,000	7SE
	Miscellaneous/Minor Extensions (reduced from £306,000)	£253,000	
		£3,500,000	
Provisional Budget Allowance for 2000 - £3,500,000			
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME 2001			
52	Portinfer/Les Pallieres, St. Ouen	£733,000	3NW
58	Thistle Grove, St. Lawrence	£950,000	4SE
34B	Bas du Marais, St. Ouen	£707,000	3SE
36A	Victoria Village, Trinity	£190,000	9NE
8	Rue du Coin, Grouville	£370,000	13NE
54	La Ville la Bas, St. Ouen	£476,000	3NW
	Miscellaneous/Minor Extensions (reduced from £380,000)	£74,000	
		£3,500,000	
Provisional Budget Allowance for 2001 - £3,500,000			

Ext. No.	Extension Name	Estimate	Sheet No.
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME 2002			
46	Perruque, St. John	£633,000	4NE
56	Route de la Villaise, St. Ouen	£422,000	3NW/3SW
14A	Halfway Hill Extensions, Grouville	£403,000	
39	*Rue du Tapon Phase 2, St. Saviour*	£101,000	
51	Les Augerez/Elysee, St. Peter	£1,120,000	
34	Ville au Bas, Grantez, St. Ouen	£392,000	
	Miscellaneous/Minor Extensions (reduced from £336,000)	£50,000	
		£3,121,000	
	Provisional Budget Allowance for 2002 - £3,000,000		

* This scheme may be undertaken in 1998 if Funds allow.



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Dear Deputy Rondel,

THISTLEGROVE, ST. JOHN/ST. LAWRENCE
FOUL SEWER EXTENSION

I refer to your fax to John Richardson dated 8th February 2002, and to John's reply of 11th February, regarding the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Sugden concerning the above foul sewer extension.

I confirm that the present scheme, which is shortly due to go out to tender, will extend the mains foul drainage in a northerly direction along La Rue de la Mare Ballam and terminates at Petit Sentier.

The proposed termination point for the above scheme is therefore some 400 metres south of the group of properties you refer to, and it would cost approximately £130,000 to £140,000 to extend the sewer to serve this group of properties. There are insufficient funds available at the present time to incorporate this extension into the main scheme.

As regards your comment regarding the delays due to the phasing of the works at Thistlegrove, you will no doubt recall from earlier correspondence that the original proposed foul sewer extension programme for 2000 to 2002 had to be altered, due to the reduction in funds granted for those years. This required the reorganisation of the schemes proposed for each of those years, and meant that all of the schemes had to be altered to fit the budgets. In the case of Thistlegrove, this has meant removing some of the most northerly properties along Rue de la Mare Ballam, and making these the second phase of the scheme.

The group of properties you refer to are those identified as forming the second phase of the Thistlegrove scheme. This second phase, which is referred to as Foul Sewer Extension Scheme No. 58A, has yet to be prioritised by the Sewer Working Party and as such is not in the future programme up to and including the year 2008. However, the current scheme has been designed such that scheme No. 58A can be constructed as a gravity extension at the appropriate time.

I am sorry that I am not able to give you any more positive news, but I trust the above clarifies the situation satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

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