BEAUVOIR, RUE DE LA CROISERIE, TRINITY: COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

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PROPOSITION

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

in accordance with Article 30 of the States of Jersey Law 1966, to approve the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry to investigate fully all the circumstances whereby a development at Beauvoir, Rue de la Croiserie, Trinity, was permitted, and to report back to the States with such recommendations (if any) as the Committee considers to be appropriate.

SENATOR R.J. SHENTON.

Report

The property Beauvoir, Rue de la Croiserie, Trinity, consisted of a granite Georgian-type house with a picturesque traditional Jersey granite cottage in the foreground. It has been changed from a very traditional Jersey farm scene into a building of huge proportions, far exceeding the size of the original property, without a trace of granite to blend in with the neighbouring housing and environment.

This huge development in the heart of the countryside of Trinity has proceeded with the minimum of publicity. Furthermore, the policy adopted with a series of major alterations appears to have been to build first and then ask later for "retrospective permission". Several of these planning alterations apparently have been granted by the Planning and Building Services Department without any referral to the Committee. It also appears that they have not all been advertised, and when they have been advertised the notices have been couched in such vague and ambiguous and even misleading terms that it would seem that the real intentions were to camouflage what was really taking place. The result is that a gross injustice has taken place against the immediate neighbourhood and the Island of Jersey as a whole.

I am, therefore, recommending that a Committee of Inquiry be appointed to investigate fully all the circumstances surrounding this development.