

STATES OF JERSEY



NEW URBAN SQUARE IN BROAD STREET: RELOCATION OF TAXI RANK (P.96/2005) – AMENDMENT

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by the Environment and Public Services Committee**

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At the end of paragraph (b) insert the following words –

“as described in the twelfth paragraph of the Connétable’s report and shown on the plan in the Appendix.”

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT

The Environment and Public Services Committee brokered an agreement with the Jersey Taxi Drivers Association in January 2005 which would allow a limited number of taxis back onto Broad Street after the refurbishment works were completed. The Committee has always made it clear that it would abide by this agreement unless the States directed it otherwise.

The proposal put forward by Connétable Crowcroft in his report was one previously considered by the Committee in early January and felt to be a reasonable compromise for both the public and the taxi drivers as it retained a presence on the edge of Broad Street. The taxi drivers subsequently rejected it largely due to the inability to exit Broad Street travelling westwards. While the Committee recognised this as a concern, it felt at the time that the scheme proposed represented the most practical solution if taxis were not to return to their previous location after refurbishment.

The Committee is therefore bringing this amendment to Connétable's report and proposition for 2 reasons –

1. In order that the States should be quite clear about the decision they are making; and
2. because, in all honesty, if the Connétable's proposition was approved, the Committee would be bound to negotiate on the basis of the best alternative option so far identified.

The Committee feels strongly that the worst possible result would be for the States, effectively, to vote against the taxis returning to the paved area of Broad Street, but with no clear identified alternative – with the likely result that months of unproductive negotiation would ensue.