

STATES OF JERSEY



THE SEASIDE CAFÉ SITE AT GRÈVE DE LECQ - ACQUISITION BY THE PUBLIC AND TRANSFER TO THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR JERSEY (P.5/2024) – AMENDMENT

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

After paragraph (b) insert the following new paragraph (c) –

- “(c) to agree that the gift of the land to the National Trust for Jersey is subject to a condition that the land must be returned to Public ownership if the National Trust for Jersey decides at any time to divest itself of ownership; and”

and redesignate the existing paragraph (c) as paragraph (d).

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

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

- (a) further to the Act of the States dated 19th July 2023, to approve the acquisition by the Public of the land and property of the former Seaside Café at Grève De Lecq for the sum of £3,600,000 and to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to make any payment incurred in connection with the acquisition of the said land and any interests therein, and of the payment of all legal expenses, from central reserves;
- (b) to agree that, following the acquisition of the land, it should forthwith be gifted to the National Trust for Jersey subject to a condition that the National Trust for Jersey utilise the land for environmental, cultural and social benefit to the public;
- (c) to agree that the gift of the land to the National Trust for Jersey is subject to a condition that the land must be returned to Public ownership if the National Trust for Jersey decides at any time to divest itself of ownership; and
- (d) to authorize the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States on behalf of the Public to pass any necessary contracts in connection with the acquisition and subsequent sale of the site and adjoining land.

REPORT

This is a simple amendment which seeks to strengthen the main proposition by responding to a concern raised by members of the public that should the former Seaside Cafe be gifted to the National Trust for Jersey then it could potentially be sold off for profit in future without the public having any say in the matter.

The amendment would ensure that if the proposition is approved and the purchase goes ahead, then a condition would be included as part of the contract process requiring that the trust return the site to public ownership if it no longer has a use for it. The NTJ has confirmed it would be content with the condition.

Financial and staffing implications

There would not be any expected additions to the financial and staffing implications already included in the main proposition.

Child Rights Impact Assessment

A Child Rights Impact Assessment has been prepared in relation to this proposition and will be accessible for review on the States Assembly website.