

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd MARCH 2010**

Question

“Following meetings with relevant Parish officials, would the Minister indicate what steps, if any, he proposes to take to improve public parking provision on the Rue des Pres trading estate?”

Answer

Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) has operational control of the land which currently forms the 42 space car park which was originally acquired as part of the Rue des Pres Trading Estate Development and was retained by the Public (former Planning Committee) together with the Estate roads and verges. The roads and verges were subsequently transferred to the then Public Works Committee on 28 February 1984 and remain under the operational control of Transport and Technical Services (T&TS).

With specific reference to the car park, JPH is aware that the current parking arrangements are unsatisfactory. The policing of public parking places within the Island is outlined by The Road Traffic (Public Parking Places) (Jersey) Order, 1985, as amended and car park officials may be appointed by either a parochial authority or T&TS. JPH has no policing powers to manage car parking.

In order to resolve the parking issues, JPH is considering the following options:

- 1) Designate the car park under the Road Traffic (Public Parking Places) (Jersey) Order 1985, which would enable it to be policed by T&TS. The Department has been advised however, that the Parking Control Officers do not police any car parks in the eastern parishes and therefore it would not be cost effective for T&TS to take over responsibility for the car park.
- 2) Transfer the ownership of the car park to the Parish of St Saviour by means of a conveyance passed before the Royal Court in order that the Parish would then be responsible for policing the car park pursuant to the 1985 Order. (The Public could not legally retain ownership of the car park whilst transferring policing functions to the Parish).
- 3) Employ the services of a managing agent to let the spaces. Preliminary discussions have been held between JPH and a private company in this regard.
- 4) Dispose of the car park on the open market. Planning and Environment has advised that the car park must be kept as such, unless or until the Minister for Planning and Environment gives consent for it to be used for another purpose.