

30th March 2009

RE: The Future Use of Fort Regent

Dear Sir /Madam

As former Chairman of Support the Fort Liaison Group I would like to make a submission with regards the future use of Fort Regent.

I have also attached to this email the original recommendations that I wrote on behalf of The Fort Users Association whilst holding the position of liaison officer for possible activities and development potential for the fort and the surrounding areas.

These recommendations were submitted to ex Senator Mike Vibert as part of our campaign to keep Fort Regent open for the benefit of the public of Jersey and not closed down for the benefit of private developers.

It was Senator Vibert himself that has already had project 181 passed by the States of Jersey for the future development of Fort Regent and to my knowledge this still stands. (copy enclosed)
Although no money has been available for the major development needed.

Fort Regent is vitally important to Jersey as a much needed sports centre with many community based events held on a regular bases. There is nowhere else in Jersey to hold such events in a wet weather facility that can hold the number of people that the venue can accommodate. And as such it should remain so.

On a personal level I feel most strongly that Fort Regent should remain in its present form with the reintroduction of swimming facilities. It was a massive mistake to the tune of £10.7 million to build the Waterfront pool and close down the pool at Fort Regent. To date the Waterfront pool is costing twice as much to run as the fort pool did, and in my opinion is not giving value for money to the tax paying public.

Fort Regent has seen an on going investment in facilities and this is something I would wish to see continue.

Yours Faithfully

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