

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY
DEPUTY I.J. GORST OF ST. CLEMENT**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008

Question

Will the Minister advise –

- (i) the purpose of the road works on Rue de Maupertuis, St. Clement?

Answer

The recent roadworks in Rue du Maupertuis were intended to lay a foul sewer connection from an existing sewer on the south side of Rue du Maupertuis across the road to connect the new development site on Field 40 to main drains.

Question

- (ii) the length of time to date that the work has taken?

Answer

The works were abandoned shortly after commencement as the existing sewer is very deep and the ground was found to be very poor and there was concern for the integrity of adjacent utility services and structures, including the road.

Question

- (iii) the scope of the work undertaken to date?

Answer

The original work consisted of excavating down onto the existing sewer to connect a new branch pipe and lay this back to the boundary of the development site. In addition to this, an existing length of downstream foul sewer required upgrading as a result of the additional flows from the new development and it was intended that this would be carried out within the next couple of months, at the same time as a surface water extension from the entrance to Le Squez to serve the site was to be laid in Rue du Maupertuis. Given the problems with the ground in the area, a new proposal is being considered which will entail the development site pumping from the site along Rue du Maupertuis to the Public foul pumping station at the entrance to Le Marais estate. This will avoid having to upgrade the existing sewer and hence, any deep excavation in Rue du Maupertuis, although the surface water extension, which is at a much shallower depth, is still required.

Question

- (iv) the expected length of time to completion?

Answer

The estimated time for the carrying out of the surface water extension from the Le Squez entrance to the development site plus the laying of a pumping main from the development site back to the Public pumping station by the Le Marais entrance is likely to take approximately 10 weeks. It is anticipated that

this work will shortly be put out to tender with work commencing as soon as a contractor is appointed.

Question

- (v) the full cost of the work?

Answer

Until tenders are received for the work, the full cost will not be known.

Question

- (vi) who will be liable to meet the cost of the work?

Answer

All costs are being met by the developer of the Field 40 site as they are works required to serve the Field 40 development.

Question

- (vii) what advice or comment was given to the Planning and Environment Department in relation to drainage issues when the original planning application was being considered for the development in Field 40 St. Clement?

Answer

The comment sheet sent to Planning for works required to cater for this development is attached to this document.

Question

- (viii) whether the department will undertake to review fully the way it approaches drainage issues on new or proposed developments?

Answer

The Comments sheet submitted for this development clearly states that sewer upgrades and extensions are required if this development goes ahead and that the developer is responsible for the funding of these works. It is for any developer of new sites to establish at the outset of a project the drainage requirements for both on-site works and the connection to the public sewer. This requirement was clearly stated on the TTS comments sheet provided to the planning department as part of the original planning application in November 2005. Consequently, I do not see any requirement for any change to departmental procedures but in conjunction with the planning department, I am always happy to review processes to ensure we provide the best possible service to the public.