WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2012

Question

Would the Minister provide a timeline showing the progress of the project to redevelop the former Jersey College for Girls site, from the relocation of the school to its new site at Mont Millais to the present day? Would he further indicate the costs of the project during the same period, including the maintenance of the existing structure, project work, fees etc?

Answer

A timeline of key events from the vacation of the former JCG premises in September 1999 to present day, together with the anticipated next steps, is set out in the table below:

Date	Event
September 1999	JCG vacate building
April 2001	Grands Vaux school commence usage whilst new school is being developed
July 2003	Grands Vaux school vacate building
August 2005	JEP advert requesting expressions of interest for development proposals
September 2005	Submission of development proposal
November 2005	Grange Developments appointed preferred developer supported by E&PS Committee.
April 2006	Planning application submitted.
May 2006	Public exhibition.
June 2006	Revised drawings submitted to Planning
October 2006	Planning permission granted
November 2006	Planning permit issued
February 2007	The T&R Minister approved in principle development proposals from Grange Developments Limited under Standing Order 168(3)
March 2007	States approved paragraph (a) of Deputy Duhamel's proposition P.30/2007 'to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to take no steps to conclude the sale of the former Jersey College for Girls, as reported to the States on 20 February 2007, until the documentation relied upon by the Minister to establish the value of the property (land and buildings) has been presented to the States Assembly.'
May 2007	Report of Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (SR10/2007) issued.
July 2007	Statement from T&R Minister that, following a meeting with the Corporate
	Services Scrutiny Sub-Panel, 'Competitive tenders will be invited for the sale
	and development of the old Jersey College for Girls site'.
August 2008	Agreement reached with previous preferred developer
2008 to 2009	Negotiations with Parish and Centre Point to relocate the latter releasing 1.6 acres for development
October 2009	Bid submitted for Fiscal Stimulus funding to bring the condition of the former

	La Pouquelaye School fit for use by the Centre Point Trust and the Parish of St
	Helier
February 2010	Project awarded 'Green Light' status by Fiscal Stimulus Steering Group.
February 2010	Tender process commenced for the appointment of advisors to assist in the disposal of site
March 2010	BNP Paribas Real Estate appointed as agents to advise on the disposal of the site
March 2010	Work commenced on former La Pouquelaye school to relocate Centre Point
July 2010	Delivery of initial Option Report by BNP Paribas Real Estate
September 2010	Centre Point relocated to former La Pouquelaye school
November 2010	Asseal Architects and BNP deliver detailed site appraisal report for consideration.
December 2010	Informal presentation to Planning Minister and Officers
April 2011 - June	Tenders received for Architectural services to submit a new scheme for full
2011	planning consent. Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) completes business case for
	disposal of site.
	Not progressed pending formation of States of Jersey Development Company
	(SoJDC) as vehicle for delivery of non-operational building projects
June 2011	States agree formation of SoJDC (P73/2010)
July 2011	Regeneration Steering Group (RSG) first meeting
July 2011 to present	JPH and SoJDC progressing transfer of site.
	Planning developing brief for site in the context of the North of Town
	masterplan.
February 2012	Minister for the Environment to consider final draft of JCG development briefs
-	for public consultation and will require the development to accord with Policy
	H1 of the Island Plan
March 2012	Public consultation 4 weeks
April 2012	Consultation comments considered and brief adopted by Environment Minister

The Connétable has asked for the costs of the project during the same period, including the maintenance of the existing structure, project work, fees etc cost information. As the timeline indicates, there have been a number of different uses for the JCG site with associated costs relating to them and to the general upkeep of the whole site.

The States financial systems were replaced 2002 and access to information before this date would require interrogation of the previous system, which is not practicable within the short timescale available. In total, the identified expenditure from 2002 to 2011 was £1.1m (including professional fees, maintenance and utilities).