

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2007**

**Question**

- (a) In his response to a written question of 3rd July 2007, the Minister stated that the proposed Castle Quay development will have 'significant beneficial impact on wind conditions' on a site 'is generally rated as unsuitable in terms of safety and deemed comfortable, at least in winter, for no more than a level of walking normally associated with business activities'. Will he give greater detail on the significance of the beneficial impact and, in particular, what activities will be possible in safety and comfort due to wind levels?
- (b) What amounts of solid and porous structures are currently envisaged to deflect or otherwise mitigate the wind?

**Answer**

In broad terms the principal beneficial impacts arising from the development will be the provision of the indoor 'street' around the Marina side of the scheme which will allow protected pedestrian cover all year round. On the eastern side of the scheme the buildings themselves provide the shelter to those pedestrians using the footpaths around the new retail units. The improvement and comfort given to the pedestrian as a result of the proposals will be significant, taking into account that at present the site is unprotected, entirely open to the elements, at times usable and comfortable for pedestrian use, but at other times hostile and uncomfortable.

In my reply to the Deputy's earlier questions on the 26th June 2007 I pointed out that the wind mitigation scheme will be advanced in conjunction with the landscaping plan. I do not at this stage have sufficient detail to answer the detailed question in part (b) above. A landscaping scheme has been submitted and is being refined to accommodate the conclusions of the wind study and the mitigation measures. The marriage of these two schemes is designed to achieve the best possible environment for the pedestrian whilst delivering the highest quality landscaping plan and public realm. I will be happy to release the details of that work to the public and the Deputy once it is complete.