

STATES OF JERSEY



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After the word “feasibility” insert the words “and desirability”.

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The word “feasibility” on its own could be taken to imply that increasing car parking (presumably for shoppers) on this site is automatically a good idea, and that all that is necessary to establish is whether it is possible.

Nevertheless, it cannot just be a question of feasibility – can it be done – but also of desirability – should it be done – as there are also potential downsides and issues, some of which are listed in paragraph 8.105 of the Island Plan, as follows –

- Difficulties of access
- Headroom for vehicles accessing the cavern
- Use of the space as a pedestrian and cycling route
- Impact on the historic aspect of the site.

I would add –

- Cost
- Cost of alternative ways to achieve the same end
- Risk and degree of the solution being future-proof compared to the alternatives.

There are also possible spin-off benefits – one could, for example, imagine a link into a future access to Fort Regent, be it by cable-car, lift or whatever. There could be a roof garden extending the gardens along the ramparts.

It would seem sensible to include these considerations in any study and indeed foolhardy not to.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment to the fourteenth amendment.