

4.13 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the future use of Les Quennevais School site: [OQ.13/2018]

What consideration, if any, has been given to the future use of Les Quennevais School site and what public consultation, especially with Les Quennevais residents, will there be on any future uses of the site?

Deputy E.J. Noel (The Minister for Infrastructure):

No detailed consideration has yet been given to the future use of the current Les Quennevais School site. Having obtained planning permission for the new school, the project team is finalising the acquisition of the site and has commenced the procurement process for a main contractor. Once these stages are concluded a more definite timeline for the completion of the new school and the vacation of the existing school can therefore be determined. Proposals for the future use of the existing school site will then be developed in conjunction with the planning authority and shared publicly. The department and I welcome receiving the views of the Parish authority, the public and in particular those in the immediate vicinity of the existing school site on any proposals brought forward.

4.13.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

I am not suggesting that the current site in its current form could be of any use, but has the Minister given consideration before clearing and razing the site, as has certainly been suggested to me by some constituents, that use of the existing buildings or part of the existing buildings could be put to some use before it is completely razed. If not, why not?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

That is exactly what I said to the Deputy's original question. We will look at the various options for that site and what is the best blend, mixture, for that site, be there some community activity on it. There has been in the past some mention that a Parish administration facility would be there but the site does lend itself to residential development, in keeping with its surroundings.

4.13.2 Deputy M. Tadier:

Could the Minister perhaps give an indication of whether he would support a general masterplan for the Les Quennevais area, not limited exclusively to the area of Les Quennevais School, Clos des Sables and Les Quennevais Park but also to consider the wider impact that any development might have including on the Les Quennevais Precinct area, which has a mixture of commercial and residential? Would he give his wisdom as to whether that might be something for the area to be considered?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

My own personal view is that that site is not large enough to warrant a masterplan for that site but I advise the Deputy not to forget that the whole of the St. Brelade and Les Quennevais area that is within it is subject to the Island Plan. Any proposals that are brought forward would already be covered by the Island Plan. But that is a long way off, we are at least 2½ years away before site will be vacated and there is plenty of time to have a dialogue and discussion with both the residents in the area and the wider public about what is the best use of that site for the public going forward.