

2.16 Deputy G.P. Southern of the Chief Minister regarding the co-ordination of efforts to ensure early delivery of the Millennium Town Park:

What actions, if any, does the Chief Minister have under consideration to co-ordinate efforts to ensure early delivery of the Millennium Town Park?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur (The Chief Minister):

I have recently asked the Constable of St. Helier to chair a working group looking at the early delivery of the Millennium Town Park in the context also of consultation on the North of Town Masterplan. I am discussing with the Constable the precise terms of reference and composition of the working group and hope to be in a position to finalise this in the course of the coming week. Meanwhile I understand that the Transport and Technical Services Department will be looking at ways of dealing with the land contamination issue since this will need to be dealt with before any construction work can be undertaken on the site, whatever the outcome of the consultation on the North of St. Helier Masterplan. I am hopeful that this work can begin next year.

2.16.1 Deputy G.P. Southern:

A supplementary, Sir. Yes, since the original time scale was proposed in the 2009 Business Plan, what progress has been made on assessing the issue of contamination and the alternatives for car parking, either temporary or permanent, in order to facilitate the building of the town park?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

As far as land contamination is concerned, I think the issues have been well addressed over many years and it is really now a technical solution that needs to be found about how this can be done, whether it can be done in phases, or whatever. As far as the parking issue is concerned, that will no doubt form part of the discussions revolving around the North of St. Helier Masterplan. What is clear is that the town park will require that parking currently on the town park site will have to go somewhere else.

2.16.2 Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier:

The second part of my question has been answered, that the Chief Minister has been talking to the Constable and asked him to chair the Town Park Group without consulting the district Deputies. Thank you very much, Chief Minister. I just wanted to know when the Chief Minister will be consulting the town Deputies with regard to forming the Town Park Group?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

I said in my reply that I would be discussing with the Constable of St. Helier the constitution of that working group and I would certainly anticipate putting one or more town Deputies on to that working group; subject to his comments, whatever they may be.

2.16.3 Deputy S. Pitman:

A supplementary. Will he guarantee that at least one of those Deputies will be of that district?

Senator T.A. Le Sueur:

That would certainly be my objective, yes.