STATES OF JERSEY



SITES OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST: FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Lodged au Greffe on 28th September 2004 by the Deputy of St. John

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to request the Environment and Public Services Committee, in consultation with the Finance and Economics Committee, to undertake appropriate research, and present to the States within a period of 6 months a report on the additional financial burden, if any, that owners of Sites of Special Interest (S.S.I.s) and Buildings of Local Interest (B.L.I.s), and proposed S.S.Is and B.L.I.s, face as a result of this designation.

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REPORT

The recent debate on La Fantaisie once again brought out into the public arena the Limited grants available to owners of S.S.I.s (i.e. £10,000) with the high building costs involved in carrying out work on S.S.I. property these figures are outdated and new ways need to be found to assist owners of S.S.I.s and B.L.I.s. Currently no funding is available on B.L.I.s.

Remember if the States wish to designate properties in this way then the public purse must expect to pick up the bills, likewise if an appeal is to be made to the Royal Court then again financial help should be given to the owner to meet the cost, a full review is long overdue.

Finally the review finding should be reported back to the States within 6 months of the date that the report and proposition is debated.

Financial and manpower implications

It is proposed that the review will be conducted in-house by officers of the Environment and Public Services Committee and the financial and manpower implications should therefore be minimal.