STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Sale of the Gas Works Site to Andium Homes

I am very pleased to be making this statement to the Assembly confirming that Andium Homes has purchased the Gas Works site.

The acquisition of the site provides a tremendous opportunity to deliver regeneration in the north of town, and I congratulate Andium Homes on their hard work in securing the site.

The provision of good quality homes alongside the delivery of enhanced open space and public realm improvements in St Helier is an absolute priority.

Together with Andium Homes' other proposed developments in the area – including homes at Ann Court and on the Brewery and Boiler House sites – the acquisition of the Gas Works enables a joined-up long-term vision for the North of Town to be developed, which is consistent with the Council of Ministers' strategic aim to deliver regeneration in St Helier through the 'Future St Helier' initiative.

I will therefore be bringing forward a Proposition to the Assembly in due course so that Members can have their say on the future use of the site – including the provision of new affordable homes and a potential extension of the Town Park – and consideration of the necessary funding options.

Once the Assembly has had an opportunity to debate the proposals, Andium Homes will be able to begin a process of consultation with local residents, the Parish and wider community about plans for the Gas Works site before submitting a Planning Application.