WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2009

Ouestion

Will the Minister advise whether planning permission was given for the placement of the large stack containers at La Collette, which have prompted letters of complaint to me from the residents of properties in the Havre des Pas, Greve d'Azette and St. Clement's Coast Road area, and if so, would he inform members when this was given and whether the planning application was advertised in the usual manner?

Answer

No planning application was received, or required, for the stacked containers because they are permitted under applications approved in the early and mid 1990s.

Planning Permit 17742 (18th October 1991) granted planning permission for the formation of a breakwater that created the La Collette II reclamation project. The aim of the project was to form a new area for development but also to provide a solution to the disposal of non-organic waste for the Island. Planning Permit 17742/B (12th September 1995) gave permission for infilling of the area created by the breakwater and in particular allowed for superfilling over and above the height of the breakwater where the site was to be used for the disposal of ash from the incinerator at Bellozanne. This was located on the north-eastern area of the site and allowed for superfilling up to 8m above the level of the top of the breakwater.

Subsequently Planning Permit 17742/C (18th October 1996) granted permission for landscape tipping along the north eastern edge of the La Collette site – again over the ash pit areas - up to a maximum height of some 10m above the level of the top of the new sea wall.

All of the above applications were publicized in accordance with the relevant procedures at the time.

The placing of the containers at La Collette is for the storage of asbestos – an arising from the waste disposal process – which raises particular problems when dealing with its disposal. A solution for its final disposal is still to be finalised and my Ministerial colleague for Transport and Technical Services is better placed to advise on the timetable for that final disposal.