WRITTEN QUESTION TO MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY J.H. YOUNG OF ST. BRELADE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2013

Question

Will the Minister inform the Assembly whether, in the light of information and representations which have subsequently come to light, he will be modifying his decision in respect of Unit 4 of the States of Jersey Development Company (SoJDC) office development on the Esplanade to ensure that the historic sea wall alongside the Esplanade remains as an integrated feature of the SoJDC scheme to guarantee the wall's conservation and heritage interpretation and, if so, will he provide details of such modification?

Answer

I am pleased to advise the Assembly that, following a meeting between myself, the applicant and representatives of Save Our Shoreline on the 4th July, a compromise agreement has been reached.

27 metres (75%) of the 36 metres of sea wall that would have been destroyed as a result of the construction of the Jersey International Finance Centre Building 4 will now be retained. 9 metres of the sea wall is still being demolished.

I have imposed a condition on the planning permission to this effect and will consider the details prior to the commencement of the work.

I was pleased that the meeting allowed a collaborative approach to this important matter, which resulted in such a positive outcome.