

STATES OF JERSEY



ESPLANADE QUARTER: DEFERMENT OF WORKS AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 7th October 2010
by the Deputy of St. John

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

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

- (a) to agree that any development of the proposed sinking of La Route de la Libération should be deferred until there is significant improvement in the economic situation in Jersey, with clear indicators of economic growth, and to request the Chief Minister in accordance with Article 22a of the Articles of Association of the Waterfront Enterprise Board Ltd., to give directions to this effect to the company;
- (b) to request the Minister for Planning and Environment, in consultation with other Ministers as appropriate, to publish for public consultation any proposed plans for the Esplanade Quarter before they are considered by the Minister;
- (c) to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to bring forward for approval any Development Agreements in respect of the Esplanade Quarter for endorsement by the States prior to the commencement of any works on this site.

DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

REPORT

I do not believe that the Island has the stomach to build an underpass on the Waterfront at this time after a winter of disruption on Victoria Avenue. The climate is not right to undertake these works and may not be so for years to come. I agree that some building should be permitted, like Castle Quay 2, West Water Zephyrus, plus the planning for possible new buildings on the Esplanade Quarter site.

As we see the financial climate improve we can build in stages, but members and the public need to be consulted on the way through, not read in the Jersey Evening Post that the Minister for Treasury and Resources and the Minister for Transport and Technical Services have signed off the land transaction agreement. This House needs to be on board with such a development, hence this proposition.

Financial and manpower implications

I do not believe there are any additional financial or manpower implications as the land can simply be used for its current purpose if it is not developed at present.