

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2010 (P.117/2009): AMENDMENT (P.117/2009 Amd.) – AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 8th September 2009
by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier**

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For the figure “£10,000,000” under the heading ‘Proposed Allocation’ substitute the figure “£12,000,000” and for the figure “£44,587,000” substitute the figure “£46,587,000”.

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REPORT

Having no wish to repeat the clear and concise points made within Deputy Southern's original amendment report and the accompanying P.135/2009 – all of which I fully support – my only contention, and the reason behind this amendment, is that I believe the Deputy to have underestimated the appropriate sum necessary to make this project a reality. Let us not forget that more than a decade has passed since this much-needed 'green lung' for St. Helier was first proposed by Senator Stuart Syvret.

Eleven long years have seen a succession of Assemblies let the public down by not ensuring the 'Millennium' Town Park was finally delivered. Like Deputy Southern, I believe that it is time this promise was made good. As the Deputy states, we should surely not now be asking the public to trust to promises of 'planning gain' hoped to result from the outcome of the North of St. Helier Masterplan process.

This undoubtedly well-intended process may yet prove to be little more than further 'pie in the sky' and be rejected.

As a consequence, in fully supporting the thrust of Deputy Southern's original amendment, I propose that a further £2,000,000 be allocated to the project, bringing this to a total of £12,000,000. I do so purely because I believe that £10,000,000 will not be adequate to see the project through.

Financial and manpower implications

I believe that the financial and manpower implications in this amendment are self-explanatory. The revised sum of £12,000,000 (to be taken from the Stabilisation Fund) is greater than the £7.5 million in the 2009 Business Plan, and that proposed in Deputy Southern's amendment as a more realistic estimate of the costs of finally delivering the Millennium Town Park project in 2011.