

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY C.J.  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2008**

**Question**

“At a meeting on 2nd December 2002 the former Public Services Committee approved a scheme for a Longueville Road crossing, with £20,000 being allocated for this project from the £100,000 funding made available from the Car Park Trading Account for sustainable transport initiatives, to accelerate the Committee's programme of pedestrian improvements.

Would the Minister provide members with full information regarding the following:-

- (i) Why, in view of the subsequent work carried out by the Transport and Technical Services Department, which included financial negotiations with a third party in order to secure some additional land for road widening prior to the construction of the proposed island refuge at Miladi Parade, Longueville Road, and having gained approval for funds from Treasury and Resources and submitted a planning application in 2006, the negotiations were not concluded to enable the construction work on the island refuge to proceed?

**Answer**

- (i) The company which owns the land has been a very unwilling seller from the outset – negotiations between the company and Property Holdings (formerly Property Services) have been ongoing since 2003. However, in early 2006 a deal was agreed and the necessary formalities were then progressed, ie, approval under standing order 168, planning application, instruction to the Law Officers' Department etc. Unfortunately, the company has since reneged on the agreement and is no longer willing to sell the area of land required. The project has therefore reached an impasse. In order to acquire the necessary land, compulsory purchase procedures would have to be invoked. The Transport and Technical Services Department, which is leading this project, would have to submit a case to justify the use of compulsory purchase, which is normally restricted to situations of paramount public importance where no other alternatives exist.

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- (ii) Whether the formerly identified funds from Treasury and Resources are currently available for this project, and if not, can the Minister give members the reason why and the current whereabouts of these funds?”

**Answer**

- (ii) I understand that as a result of the land acquisition not being completed in 2007, the funding which the Transport and Technical Services Department (formerly the Public Services Department) originally proposed to use for this project has since been allocated to another project. This excludes the sum which had been allocated for the land acquisition, which falls within a budget managed by Property Holdings.