

2014.09.09 Deputy N.B. Le Cornu of St. Helier of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding parking arrangements for tenants and private parking space users at Clos du Fort and Bas du Mont:

Can the Minister, as the shareholder representative, detail the total number of parking spaces at Clos du Fort and the number of parking permits issued to Andium Trust's Clos du Fort tenants, the Christians Together Housing Trust for their tenants at Bas du Mont flats and private parking space users at both and advise what the criteria is for the issue of permits to those living at Bas du Mont?

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

Sir, the Assistant Minister will answer these questions.

Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence (Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources - rapporteur):

I am informed by Andium that Deputy Le Cornu has been in contact with Housing prior to Andium's incorporation and Andium since, and with their staff in the recent weeks on this very issue and has already been provided with most of the information he is seeking. The Clos du Fort development provides a total of 113 parking spaces including 3 disabled spaces. There are no parking spaces at Bas du Mont. There are currently 80 parking permits issued to Andium clients residing at Clos du Fort. There are 23 paid parking permits issued. There are 11 active permits issued to residents of Bas du Mont as the Christians Together development. A total of 114 permits have been issued for 113 spaces. In addition to the above, 7 medical permits have also been issued and these are restricted to 3 hours in any one day and enable family members to support relatives living at Clos du Fort, subject to certain qualifying criteria. More widely, a number of permits are issued to Health and Social Services and Andium's contractors so they can provide services to the clients because of the many homes there, which will necessitate parking at Clos du Fort from time to time.

3.5.1 Deputy N.B. Le Cornu:

Supplementary, thank you, Sir. As there is genuine need of those who live in the flats - and I could give examples but I will not - would he be prepared to make available some of the paying parking spaces, which generate in the region of £38,000 per year, to those who have a need in Bas du Mont?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

Firstly, that is not in the shareholder's remit to do that. But I am advised that there are no examples of Clos du Fort residents requesting a parking permit they have not been allocated.

3.5.2 Deputy N.B. Le Cornu:

Further supplementary. Does this mean that Andium Trust is not as accountable to this Assembly as it once was when there was a Minister for Housing, and am I seeing the example of wealth trumping need?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

Firstly, Andium is not a trust it is a company incorporated by guarantee; and no, there is not an example of income generation trumping need. I am advised that Andium are willing to work with the residents at Bas du Mont to try and find a solution to the problem that the Deputy has alluded to.

Deputy N.B. Le Cornu:

The Assistant Minister did not answer the second part of the question or the first part, whichever it was, which was saying is Andium Homes now less accountable to this Assembly than it was previously when there was a Minister for Housing?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

No, it is certainly not the case.