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3.6 Deputy P.D. McLinton of St. Saviour of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding the interpretation by officers, of the Planning and Building (Display of Advertisements) (Jersey) Order 2008, Article 8:

Drawing the Minister's attention to the Planning and Building (Display of Advertisements) (Jersey) Order 2006, paragraph 8, conditions attached to the grant of permission to display an advertisement, could the Minister inform Members to what degree the conditions could be open to interpretation by T.T.S. (Transport and Technical Services) officers?

Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

The Deputy is referring to a church-based community facility in his Parish district, which does excellent work within the community. I thank the Deputy for replying to my email seeking clarification regarding this question, which allowed me to visit the facility over the weekend. The type of signs that they have requested in the past, I believe, have been the white on brown directional signs. These types of signs are for tourist sites and places of interest. The decisions as to which sites use the white on brown signs are made in conjunction with Tourism and the Planning and Environment Departments. Indeed, the piece of legislation referred to in the Deputy's question and the conditions in paragraph 8 relate to the powers of the Minister for Planning and Environment and not my own and hence they are not open to be interpreted by T.T.S. officers. That said, the Deputy and I have discussed this matter and if the community centres around the Island have been approved by Tourism to have such white on brown signage, then I will arrange for this particular community facility to be provided with the same. If for whatever reason they do not, then I will work with the Deputy and the church concerned to come up with a workable solution to highlight the location of their community centre and the good work that they do within our community.

Deputy P.D. McLinton:

I would like to thank the Minister for his prompt response and to point out some background that is up-to-date, bearing in mind the rather clunky system for getting a sign put up - which would be very good if it could be sorted out - that the centre had been refused 3 times with the excuse: "If you have one, everybody will want one." I got to wondering why that would ever be a problem anyway because they do excellent work in the community and why should people not know where they are? Again, I thank the Minister very much.