

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008

Question

Would the Minister advise whether Planning permission was required for the 'superfill' at La Collette and , if so -

- (i) What were the conditions applied in relation to its height, visibility when viewed from the east of the Island and its potential to interrupt the view of St. Aubin's Bay?

Answer

I can confirm that Planning Permission was required for the superfilling at La Collette and what has occurred has done so in the context of the relevant approvals for the site.

Planning Permit 17742 (18 October 1991) granted planning permission for the formation of a breakwater that created the La Collette II reclamation project. Planning Permit 17742/B (12 September 1995) gave permission for infilling of the area created by the breakwater and allowed for superfilling over and above the height of the breakwater where the site was to be used for the disposal of ash from the incinerator at Bellozanne. This was located on the north-eastern area of the site and allowed for superfilling up to 8m above the level of the top of the breakwater.

Subsequently Planning Permit 17742/C (18 October 1996) granted permission for landscape tipping along the north eastern edge of the La Collette site – again over the ash pit areas - up to a maximum height of some 10m above the level of the top of the new sea wall.

As detailed above, a condition was imposed limiting the superfill to 10m above the height of the top of the newly formed seawall. However none of the Permits have specific conditions relating to the superfill's visibility from the east or its potential to interrupt the view of St. Aubin's Bay. These decisions were taken prior to my election as a State's Member but I am certain that these issues would have been taken into consideration in assessing the applications by the then Planning and Environment Committee.

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- (ii) What discussions, if any, have taken place between him and the Minister for Transport and Technical Services in relation to this matter?

Answer

The existing superfill already has planning permission so I have not had any discussions with my Ministerial colleague about the current situation. However we have had discussions in relation to the proposed new Energy from Waste Plant (EfW).

The Outline Planning approval for the EfW (PP/2007/0050) requires a significant landscape bund to be constructed between the EfW and the bay at Havre des Pas. It is anticipated that the height of the superfill will increase to 14m above the level of the sea wall to benefit the visual impact of the EFW. This increase will be contoured and shaped so as to form a natural looking feature. My architectural advisors have been engaged in the landscaping issues, the final details of which will be contained in the forthcoming planning application for the chosen scheme.