

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY R.G.
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2009

Question

What issues, if any, arise in managing public car parking on the Rue des Pres Trading Estate and how are these issues being resolved?

Answer

Background

The land which currently forms the 42 space car park was originally acquired as part of the Rue des Pres Trading Estate Development and was retained by the Public (former Planning Committee) together with the Estate roads and verges. The original concept was for the car park to provide free parking to all users at Rue des Pres and it was historically policed by the Planning Enforcement Officers.

Current Situation

The current parking arrangements are not satisfactory for two reasons

- 1) Areas adjacent to each industrial unit originally intended for parking have been developed as building extensions.
- 2) The public car park is usually full with staff cars and or cars awaiting repair by a local business.

Visitors are therefore parking illegally outside units and causing obstructions

Thus the key issue may be summarised as a shortage of parking spaces for staff, business use and visitors leading to illegal parking and traffic congestion

To address this situation Property Holdings is considering the following options. However, each has a significant cost implication for which funding is not presently available.

- 1) Employ the services of a wheel clamping company to police the car park and effectively make it for short stay parking only;
- 2) Erect a parking barrier and employ the services of a managing agent to let the spaces;
- 3) Designate the car park under the Road Traffic (Public Parking Places) (Jersey) Order 1985, which would enable it to be policed by T&TS. (This option has been considered in the past, however, T&TS was unwilling to take on the responsibility of an additional car park);
- 4) Transfer the ownership of the car park to the Parish of St Saviour by means of a conveyance passed before the Royal Court. The Parish would then be responsible for policing the car park pursuant to the 1985 Order. (Discussions have previously occurred with the Parish, however, the Planning Committee at the time did not wish to dispose of the car park);
- 5) Dispose of the car park on the open market with a restriction that it be used only for parking.
- 6) Investigate development of the car park site as a multi-storey car-park.
- 7) Retain the car-park land, but lease it as private parking.

The Transport and Technical services department is currently working on plans to reconfigure the current site

landscaping in order to make further parking spaces available adjacent to each unit.

To significantly improve on site parking at Rue des Pres a combination of these initiatives may be necessary including safeguards to ensure that the viability of the trading estate is not compromised.

I have asked the Property Services Department to work with the Parish of St Saviour to establish the best way forward.