

3.2 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding the future of the Le Seilleur building in Oxford Road in the context of the revised North of Town Masterplan:

Would the Minister undertake to determine the future of the Le Seilleur building in Oxford Road as soon as possible to prevent the site from being further degraded and, given the potential the building has for providing complementary facilities to the Millennium Town Park, will he consider its future as part of the revised North of Town Masterplan?

Senator F.E. Cohen (The Minister for Planning and Environment):

The Le Seilleur building is administered by Property Holdings and it is not under the control of the Minister for Planning and Environment. This is a really important building in the context of the new town park and it is not hard to imagine a restored building being a key focus of the regenerated area. Indeed it is identified as a landmark building in the North of Town Masterplan. However a practical approach will be required to the historic buildings issues and I have already made it clear that I will take such an approach. I am very keen to see this building brought back into use and will assist any reasonable proposals emanating from Property Holdings.

3.2.1 The Connétable of St. Helier:

Is the Minister aware of the current state of the building, the fact that it is suffering from rainwater damage and the ingress of pests? Would he agree to take urgent steps to make sure that its condition is not further degraded if it is to have any future use in connection with the town park?

Senator F.E. Cohen:

I did see the building about 2 years ago and I agree it is in a pretty poor state. I am perfectly happy to undertake to have another look at the building and, if necessary, to instigate a requirement to keep it wind and watertight. But I am unable to go any further than that because I do not have the powers to do so.