

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010**

Question

“What is the cost of processing an application such as P2010/0900(Extension to serving hatch)?

Why are such applications subject to the full force of the Planning process?”

Answer

This application relates to the former public toilets in Broad Street, which were converted into a café some years ago.

The building is currently designated as a Building of Local Interest on the Minister’s Register of Buildings and Sites of Architectural, Archaeological and Historical Importance.

The current application is to remove the entire northern wall in which the existing serving hatch is located, and replace it with opening bi-fold doors.

The cost of handling an application of this type will be approximately £125, comprising administration (registration and issuing decision), consideration by a planning officer, and in this case by an historic buildings officer, and advertising in the Jersey Evening Post.

As Members may know, the Minister is undertaking a substantial review of the Planning and Building (General Development) (Jersey) Order 2008, which will significantly increase the types of development for which planning permission will not be required. This type of proposal, on non-Registered Buildings, will almost certainly be added to the list of permitted development, and therefore will no longer require planning permission.

However, permitted development rights are unlikely to be extended to Sites of Special Interest, Buildings of Local Interest and Archaeological Sites where even minor alterations can damage the particular interest for which the site is registered.