

3.1 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding the determination of the proposed plans for the St. Saviour over-55s retirement village.

Will the Minister inform Members when the proposed plan for the St. Saviour over 55s retirement village will be determined and will the Minister be determining the development himself?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel of St. Saviour (The Minister for Planning and Environment):

Members will be aware that this is a large and complex application which carries with it the development of 180 plus homes for the over 55s, including some 30 dwellings to be ceded to the Parish at no cost. The development also includes the delivery of community benefits and a 42-bed nursing home. The department has received a great many concerns raised by members of the public in relation to traffic, parking and impact of the development on the surrounding residents. The application requires a careful balance of all the issues involved, as well as detailed consideration of the matters to be included in the Planning Obligation Agreement. For these reasons, I have decided to consider the matter myself at a public hearing to be held at the end of the summer break. I would envisage that this takes place in early September.

3.1.1 Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I thank the Minister for his reply but as this is not just a housing estate but an entire village, will the Minister be taking on board all the concerns of the residents of the Chasse Brunet, Patier Road, St. Saviour's Hill and the surrounding areas?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

Absolutely.

3.1.2 Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour:

Can the Minister indicate whether he is swayed by the employment of internationally renowned architects or, if not, on what other basis will he be judging the merits of this scheme?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

In all planning matters, I will be swayed by the application and its own merits. I will not be led necessarily by fancy names and titles. I consider that when one wears a shirt, irrespective of the label on it, it is a shirt.