

3.5 Deputy J.H. Young of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding a Planning Obligation Agreement for Plémont Holiday Village:

Will the Minister provide an update of his progress towards the required Planning Obligation Agreement for Plémont Holiday Village and advise the Assembly whether, since his reply to my written question of 15th January this year, any issues have emerged or been identified which may cause delay?

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

The Planning Obligation Agreement has been drafted by law officers and is near to completion. The only outstanding item at present relates to the amount of the commuted sum payments for long-term landscape maintenance. I hope to have this resolved in the next few days following which the Planning Obligation Agreement can be signed and the planning permission released. Since Deputy Young's written question of 15th January 2013, nothing has been identified that should cause any further delay in the preparation and completion of the Planning Obligation Agreement.

3.5.1 Deputy J.H. Young:

Will the Minister confirm that he has not received any written approaches or challenges to either the inspector's report and his decision, including a request to hold back the Planning Obligation Agreement, until those issues are properly addressed?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

I have received a hand-written letter on 30th January from the Council for the Protection of Jersey's Heritage. That letter has been passed on for guidance and legal information in order to write an answer to that organisation and, other than that, no other communications have been received.

3.5.2 Deputy J.H. Young:

Would the Minister confirm whether that letter from the Council for the Protection of Jersey's Heritage, which I believe to be on 31st January, requested that he exercise his powers under Article 18 of the Planning and Building Law to reopen the planning inquiry in order for the inspector to examine matters which the Council have put forward that require review?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

It did, among other things, and also suggested that I might come to the conclusion that I was misguided in making the decision as indeed was the planning inspector in writing his report.

3.5.3 Deputy T.M. Pitman:

Can I first just commend the Minister for the excellent job he did in sticking to principles when making his decision and could he just inform the Assembly whether he has come under any political pressure to try and make him backtrack on his decision?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

I am not prepared to comment on that.

3.5.4 Deputy J.A. Hilton:

Can the Minister just tell Members whether the transfer of privately owned land to the public will form part of the Planning and Obligations Agreement?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

It does.

3.5.5 Deputy J.H. Young:

Can the Minister confirm that he will be replying to the Council, and in that reply will he take account of the fact that in the U.K. procedures exist for planning inspectors' reports to be reviewed where challenges occur and no such process takes place in Jersey?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

I will be replying and a letter of reply is being drawn up by my officers as we speak.