

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
BY SENATOR A. BRECKON
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2013**

Question

Given that the Chairman of the Jersey Development Company mentions in the Annual Report for 2012 (R.29/2013 refers) that the Jersey College for Girls site “has been derelict for over 12 years” and that “a planning application will be made early in 2013, with construction likely to begin following the granting of a planning consent”, can the Minister provide details of the progress of this development and explain the cause of the delay of approximately 150 homes on this site?

Answer

Progress on this development so far has included;

- The production of a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment, including an Ecological Survey, which has been on-going through the Summer months to assess impact on protected species;
- Work to develop plans for the repatriation of the existing Library in the old College Building, undertaken in conjunction with the current school;
- In response to concerns from some parents of pupils at Janvrin School, the States of Jersey Development Company and Jersey Property Holdings have been working with the Education Department and Janvrin School to agree the design of an acceptable alternative parking solution.
- Preliminary discussions with neighbours in respect of impact on parking provision ; and
- A feasibility study to establish the viability of constructing basement parking (or other usable space) beneath the front lawn of the school, produced at the request of the Environment Minister.

An initial Planning application was lodged in March 2013, since when, following a request by the Environment Minister, the scheme has been reviewed to consider increasing the number of Affordable Units allocated on the site. The Regeneration Steering Group has determined that the number was to be increased from 40 to 75 – this change has meant that further work has been required, before an amended application could be made.

An amended planning application, which considers both the increased Affordable Unit allocation and addresses the parking provision in the immediate area including Janvrin School, will be submitted before the end of the year.

It is anticipated that work will commence approximately 9 months following the granting of planning consent.