

3.2 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier of the Minister for Planning and Environment regarding the conditions attached to the planning permit for the Police Headquarters:

Given that the creation of an additional storey of car parking spaces at Green Street was a condition of the planning permission for the Police Headquarters, can the Minister explain whether the permit allows construction of the new headquarters to commence before the additional storey of car parking is built?

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

Yes, it does.

3.2.1 Deputy J.A. Martin:

How will the Minister for Planning hold the Minister for Treasury and Resources or the Minister for Home Affairs to account then if once this is built... how will he make sure the extra storey of car parking is put in place?

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

This is in the nature of planning obligations. The full wording of the condition on the car park permit is as follows: "The proposed car park extension hereby approved shall be constructed and provided before the first occupation of the new police headquarters building adjoining the site under planning permit P.2012/1005 and shall thereafter be retained and maintained as such." If indeed the building is not created then I assume that there are legal niceties that can be entered into to stop the occupation of the Police Headquarters building without that condition applying.

3.2.2 Deputy J.A. Martin:

The Minister for Planning says hopefully there are legal niceties. He has just read out that they may build the police station but nobody can occupy it until the extra storey is on Green Street Car Park. Can he therefore ask why they are not enforcing it prior? We do not want another empty building on that corner for 15 years.

Deputy R.C. Duhamel:

Presumably that in itself is a sufficient safeguard, in that the building Police Headquarters having been built, will not be able to be occupied under the Planning Law until the requisite work to put extra car parking spaces has been undertaken at the Green Street Car Park. I think the Deputy should also realise the intention on behalf of the Transport and Technical Services Department and the Property Services Department and indeed the Home Affairs Department, the car parking facilities can quite easily be accommodated by mechanical means and should not represent a very large building programme. I am fully expectant that subject to the planning obligations as set, the States departments would strictly adhere to them.