

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2016**

Question

With regard to Planning application 2016/0457 made by Andium Homes for the demolition of two flats and the construction of three 3-bedroom dwellings at 1-2 Victoria Court, St. Saviour, could the Minister advise when discussions first took place regarding the possibility of redeveloping the site?

Can she also provide the minutes of any meetings held by Andium Homes and/or departments in the past 3 years during which this property was discussed as an agenda item, and if not, why not?

Answer

The Minister for Housing and Andium Homes have not met specifically about the proposed development of three 3-bedroom houses at Victoria Court. However, the Minister has received a presentation on the Andium Homes revised draft Strategic Business Plan, and the scheme at Victoria Court is identified along with other new build projects.

Other than the confidential minute of the Andium Homes Board meeting on 24th February 2016, where the Board approved the scheme drawings for Victoria Court, there are no minutes of meetings available where Victoria Court was discussed as an agenda item. However, Andium Homes is able to provide a timetable of events, which show when decisions were made in respect of the site:

DATE	ACTIVITY & OUTCOMES
12 th November 2015	Keys returned from former tenant.
13 th November 2015	Site visit to confirm property secure and to assess condition and future use strategy. Property does not meet the Decent Homes Standard and given its age (1940's) some doubt as to whether refurbishment is a wise use of funds.
13 th November 2015	Initial inspection by architect to consider options.
18 th November 2015	Initial proposals considered for redevelopment as four units. Further design work authorised.
20 th November 2015	More detailed proposals considered and decision made to reduce scheme to 3 units and to progress the proposals for presentation to the Board on 24 th February 2016.
26 th January 2016	Management Team review and approval of scheme drawings.
24 th February 2016	Andium Homes Board approve scheme for three 3-bedroom houses