WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY D.J. WARR OF ST. HELIER SOUTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

Question

"Will the Minister advise what negotiations, if any, have taken place, between his Department and Andium Homes with regard to the purchase of the Gas Works site by the Government; and, if negotiations have taken place, will he advise whether the potential purchase price will equate to the costs incurred by Andium Homes and what that price is?"

Answer

The gas site remains in the ownership of Andium. The site is a key acquisition and will enable consolidation and modernisation of the school estate to allow vitally important outside play space and modern facilities for pupils who are currently in very outdated premises. It will also allow the provision of green spaces and support sustainable access for pedestrians and cycles across town and link town to the eastern cycle routes.

Negotiations with Andium are ongoing. JPH and the Andium shareholder representative in Treasury will be working with Andium to find a compromise in the valuation of the site, acknowledging the close working relationship between Andium and the government and the successful development of Summerland, Green Street and the Limes, amongst other social housing developments.