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Details:

I do not believe Sunday Trading will help retailers who have been struggling during the recession, but actually this will only make things more difficult for small businesses. UK companies in the Island and large stores like De Gruchy's, Voisins and Sandpiper may benefit, but small Jersey businesses will suffer.

Small businesses will feel co-erced into opening. They will have to therefore employ Sunday staff, pay for heating, electricity and cleaning services etc. UK stores in the Island will absorb these costs but it will be costly for small businesses. Trade will simply extend from 6 days a week to 7 without any significant increase in footfall for them.

It will further erode quality family time together for those who have to work to man the shops.

Instead of Sunday trading, I would prefer to see more parking facilities in St Helier and free parking at certain times. This would attract more shoppers and I am sure be more popular than Sunday shopping.

I would also like to see less bureaucracy interfering in the affairs of the small businesses.

One of the unique things about Jersey at the moment is that most shops are closed on Sundays. We do not have to copy everything that is done in the UK. Keep Jersey unique and help small businesses thrive without putting further burdens on them through operating Sunday Trading.

**Kind Regards,
Mrs Maureen Corrigan**

Reply required: Yes