

Written representation from Mrs Brenda Watts, St. Ouen,

PUBLIC INQUIRY
FIELD 622, LE CLOS DE LA CROUTE, ST OUEN

In February 2009 I moved from L'Etacq to a bungalow in the larger of the 'St. Ouen's Villages' behind the Parish Hall. I, therefore, felt qualified in speaking at a subsequent Parish Assembly regarding the Field 622 planning application.

I made the following comments :-

My husband and I had moved to L'Etacq in 1979. He died in 2002 and I had lived on my own until 2009 when I decided that due to an on going mobility problem it was the right time to move.

The bus service around the largest Parish in area on the Island is extremely poor and many of the now older non drivers are finding it difficult to get to the heart of things within the Parish.

It is not generally appreciated that there is no direct bus service that goes from Route de L'Etacq, straight up La Route du Marais (1 1/3 miles) to St. Ouen. The only infrequent bus services goes to Red Houses, St Brelade.

So, anyone unable to drive is COMPLETELY CUT OFF from the two bus routes serving St. Ouen to St Helier, The Parish Hall, The Community Centre, The Supermarket, Post Office, Doctors' Surgery, Pharmacy, Island Technology, Gellaires, the Hair Salon for both ladies and gentlemen, The Wine Warehouse, The Farmers Inn and now our lovely Village Green. This is so appreciated by the surrounding residents from the Homes for the Elderly which have been provided by the Parish so successfully over many decades.

The residents of Clos de la Croute and Rue de la Croute are able to use all these facilities. It is a shame that they do not want to share them. They too will grow older. The planned development of BUNGALOWS AND GARDENS etc. is so tasteful that I and sure any worries of noise and extra traffic will be unfounded.

I appreciate that the exit into La Route de Vinchelez is causing concern, but as well as widening the corner, which I understand the Parish is in consultation with the land owner about, would it not be an idea to make Rue de la Croute one way with the traffic exit being made onto La Route du Marais?

Other fields have been suggested by the residents of Clos de la Croute and Rue de la Croute but they do not provide a safe traffic location, with all the amenities of the Parish close at hand.

When I moved I down-sized and was fortunate to buy my lovely bungalow in La Ville des Marettes. I have so appreciated everything that St Ouen has to offer right on my doorstep. I sincerely hope that through the generosity of this lady her wish will be granted and that this application will be approved.

Brenda Watts.