

Plémont Public Inquiry (Planning Application P/2011/1673)

To: Mr Paul Harding (For Plémont Estates Ltd)

In the interests of a fully informed debate I am giving prior notice of a question I intend to put at the inquiry to Mr Thorne and also a request for agreed land areas.

The applicants' case is based in part on comparisons of the impacts resulting from the development with that which could result from its reopening as tourist accommodation. There is an underlying assumption that the use (in planning terms) although inactive remains extant. As you will know the issue of abandonment is one that has featured in many planning disputes and is the subject of case law. I would like you to present evidence, preferably by reference to relevant case law, as to why you consider that **the use** in this case as tourist accommodation should not be treated as having been abandoned and a clear statement of what uses you consider the existing site could be put, and why, without the need for a planning application. I note the Planning Department's Statement of Case at paragraph 6.6: "The Department does not, necessarily, consider the Plémont Holiday Village site to be 'abandoned' in planning terms. The lengthy history of planning applications gives an indication that the applicant company has not relinquished its interest in the site nor its future."

Area of the former Holiday Village. In Mr Thorne's Statement of Case at paragraph 1.3 the site is stated to be 39,471 sq m. The Planning Department's Statement at paragraph 1.1 says that the former Holiday Village occupies some 11.75 acres (26.4 vergées). When converted to the same units these areas differ significantly? I am aware of the parcel of grassland on the opposite side of the roadway and also exclusion of the disputed area. One or both of these factors may explain the difference but could agreed areas for the Holiday Village/Site be provided please?

I would be pleased to receive the agreed land area figures either in advance via the Programme Officer or at the inquiry. I am not looking for a response regarding the question of abandonment in advance of the inquiry as the matter will be discussed in open session.

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