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# APPENDIX

## *Appendix 1: Key dates in Mineral Study Process*

**28<sup>th</sup> September 1995:**

States of Jersey, in debating the Strategic Policy review “2000 and Beyond”, instructed Planning and Environment to “*recommend targets, or bring forward Proposals in 1996 for the approval of the States where appropriate, in respect of (inter alia) the exploitation of mineral resources*”.

**Early 1996:**

Ronez Ltd. made preliminary enquires about the possibility of extending its quarry operation westwards, in order to secure the quarry’s long term future.

**June 1996:**

Granite Products (C.I.) Ltd. submitted an outline planning application to extend the granite quarry accompanied by an Environmental Assessment report.

**September 1996:**

Mineral Study Brief prepared and 6 specialist practices invited to tender.

**November 1996:**

Planning and Environment Committee commissioned ARUP to undertake project on its behalf, in consultation with the Island’s suppliers/operators and other relevant bodies.

**January 1997:**

Draft Report prepared by ARUP which focused primarily on minerals for the construction aggregates industry.

**February 1997:**

Revised Report presented to Planning and Environment Committee by ARUP, which included among other changes, an ‘Executive Summary’, analysis of alternative supply scenarios and enhanced sections covering ‘Imports’ and ‘Secondary Aggregates’

*(N.B. at this time the preferred option was to ‘concentrate at Ronez’, and the other options addressed included ‘continue as now’ and ‘go for imports’).*

**May 1<sup>st</sup> 1997:**

Planning and Environment Committee received report and decided:-

*-it should be taken on board as part of the Island Plan Review;*

*-its findings and the extent to which they are commercially sensitive should be validated with the supplier/operators.*

**July 1997:**

Report presented to Planning and Environment Committee on the responses received from the operators and the majority of the consultees contacted. The response was generally favourable, although a number of inaccuracies and omissions came to light. The responses of consultees made in particular reference to the ‘excessive port charges imposed on incoming materials’.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> 1997:**

Planning and Environment Committee decided to re-appoint ARUP in order to modify the report in the light of the comments and representations received, and to make presentations of the findings and suggested strategy options to the operators/suppliers, building industry representation and the other study consultees.

The Planning and Environment Committee also expressed its wish to continue to deal with the matter as part of the Island Plan Review.

**January 12<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Andrew Marsay and Dr. John Redding of ARUP gave two separate presentations of their study findings to the Island's operators/suppliers and to building industry representatives and other study consultees respectively.

At this time, Deputy Layzell explained that the study was still in its 'preliminary stages' and that the Planning and Environment Committee would not wish to give detailed consideration to the options for the future, or make any decisions, or publish the study findings, until it had received formal responses/representations for the operators and other consultees, (i.e. until they had been given sufficient opportunity to fully examine the report and make informed and considered responses).

**January 15<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Planning and Environment Committee advised of the position.

**February 18<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

States members advised of the position.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Report presented to the Planning and Environment Committee on the response to the formal consultation process from operators and consultees. The response was considerable and many issues were raised, which gave cause for concern. Particularly, where they questioned the accuracy, completeness and objectivity of the report.

The Planning and Environment Committee decided that in the first instance, the comments should be forwarded to ARUP and that it be requested to advise on which outstanding matters were regarded as being outside the original brief and on what would be the cost and time involved in revising the report.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Planning and Environment Committee agreed that ARUP should be requested to respond to the representations received by modifying its report and providing separate responses where appropriate.

The Planning and Environment Committee also requested clear recommendations on what should be the 'Future Mineral Planning Strategy' and asked that consideration be given to an alternative option which would involve:-

- *continuing production at Ronez and La Gigoulande;*
- *winding down the operation at Simons;*
- *importing sand through St. Helier;*
- *the creation of a port facility at Ronez in the long term.*

**August 6<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Report presented to Planning and Environment Committee on the response of ARUP, including specific responses to representations received, an extensively altered report and an independent report on Alkali-Silica Reactivity by Building Research Establishment Ltd.

The original strategy/supply options had now been expanded from 3 to the present 5, to include a port at Ronez option and the preferred/recommended option of “*Sand Imports only/Long Term Port Development*”.

The Planning and Environment Committee noted the changes, but was not prepared to make any final decisions until it had received comments from the main operators in response to the report revisions and until it had visited the main quarrying operations.

The Planning and Environment Committee also decided to request ARUP to include plans in the report showing the extent of the existing main mineral production areas and their proposals for expansion, together with other more minor modifications.

**October 29<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Report presented to the Planning and Environment Committee covering the formal responses of the main operators.

The Planning and Environment Committee noted the responses and agreed that arrangements be made for a special site visit agenda to include the 3 main local mineral operations.

**October 30<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

Letter received from Granite Products outlining its immediate problems associated with limited permitted reserves and requesting support for a minor quarry extension (as an interim proposal).

**December 18<sup>th</sup> 1998:**

The Planning and Environment Committee visits 3 main mineral operators.

**January 18<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Environment Committee requests a legal opinion on whether Simon Sand and Gravel Ltd. would have a genuine claim for compensation, if permission were refused for further development of its current operation.

**January 21<sup>st</sup> 1999:** The Planning and Environment Committee decided :

- i) it was minded to approve the ARUP report, subject to suitable minor modifications, as the basis for public consultation (prior to the submission of a final report detailing a proposed mineral strategy for States’ debate);*
- ii) it was minded to support the principle of a modest interim quarry extension at La Gigoulande;*
- iii) to invite Granite Products Ltd. to make an application accordingly.*

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Solicitor General advised that she could see nothing to suggest that a Committee decision to refuse an application for a further permit for Simon sand and Gravel Limited would give rise to a claim for compensation.

**March 5<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

Granite Products Ltd. submitted its interim application for a modest extension to La Gigoulande Quarry.

**March 25<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Environment Committee decided to approve the ARUP study report subject to some minor modifications.

It also agreed in principle a draft consultation leaflet for the Mineral Study intended as the basis for public information and consultation.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Environment Committee decided it was minded to approve the interim application to extend La Gigoulande Quarry subject to strict conditions. It was also mindful to approve a draft Report and Proposition for re-zoning, although this was to be finalised following a further site visit to witness the blasting process first hand.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Environment Committee visited La Gigoulande Quarry to witness the blasting process.

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 1999:**

Environmental Services forwarded to Granite Products Ltd., a scoping report for an updated Environmental Impact Assessment required in conjunction with their 1996 proposal to extend the Quarry.

**July 6<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Report and Proposition for the interim quarry extension at La Gigoulande Quarry is lodged.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

Jersey Mineral Study public information and consultation leaflets are distributed to study consultees and interested parties.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1999:**

Jersey Mineral Study reports together with the information and consultation leaflets are distributed to States members.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1999:**

Jersey Mineral Study Report is published and a press release is issued about the study and the information and consultation leaflets. A request was made for any comments by 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1999

**Week beginning - July 26<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The information and consultation leaflets were issued to all householders.

**September 14<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The States adopted the proposition for the interim extension to La Gigoulande Quarry on a standing vote.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> 1999:**

A development permit was issued to Granite Products Ltd for the interim extension to La Gigoulande Quarry.

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 1999:**

The 'St. Ouen's Bay Planning Framework is approved by the Planning and Environment Committee. Policy SO50 states :

*“Permission will not be granted for new or extended mineral extraction sites within St. Ouen's Bay Special Area. Permission may be granted for continued extraction of sand at Simons Sand, subject to appropriate agreements regarding the future import arrangements and restoration of the existing site, to conclude no later than 2014.”*

**November 12<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Building Services Department completed the analysis of the responses to the public information and consultation exercise.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Environment Committee received a report on the outcome of the public information and consultation exercise. Prior to deciding upon its preferred strategy option for presentation to the States, the committee decided to await the initial findings of the Port Masterplan Study. It had previously been agreed that this study would investigate the feasibility of using the existing tanker berth, or the free berth opposite, for bulk imports of aggregate.

**November 30<sup>th</sup> 1999:**

The Planning and Environment Committee agreed a report for presentation to the States to apprise them of the results of the consultation process and to update them on the proposed way forward. At this point, the Committee decided it would defer presenting a recommended Mineral Strategy to the States, pending a visit to aggregate importing facilities and quarry landfill and restoration operations on the UK mainland, in addition to awaiting the initial findings of the Port Masterplan Study.

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 1999 :**

A progress report on the Mineral Study is presented to the States.

**December 9<sup>th</sup> 1999 :**

A meeting is held with pilots and ex-pilots to discuss the options for new port facilities to provide for the importation of aggregates at Ronez and St. Helier

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 2000:**

Planning and Environment members and others visit a variety of mineral and waste related operations in Kent, including mineral importing facilities, quarry landfill and restoration sites and waste recycling facilities.

**March 2000 :**

WSP International Ltd complete a feasibility study on the options for importing aggregates in and around St. Helier. This points to the advantages of creating a new berth at La Collette Harbour Wall in the Oil Jetty Basin, with a new aggregates storage area on the reclamation site south of the Oil Jetty.

**March 2000 :**

The 'final' Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy Report is produced and forwarded to the Public Services Department. This examines, inter alia, the options for inert waste disposal and recommends that quarry restoration be sanctioned at La Gigoulande through land fill of inert waste, when La Collette II is full.

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2000 :**

The draft 'St. Helier Harbour 20 Year Masterplan' is presented to the Harbours and Airport Committee and approved as the basis for consultation with other key States Committees and Departments.

The draft plan includes a dedicated aggregates handling berth in the La Collette Oil Jetty Basin and a storage yard south of the Oil Jetty.

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2000 :**

A meeting is held between Jersey Harbours and the Department of Planning and Building Services to discuss the draft St. Helier Harbour Masterplan, including the implications for the Island Plan Review, the emerging Minerals Strategy and the future development plan for La Collette II.

**July 2000 :**

Granite Products Ltd. submits a revised 'Environmental Assessment' report to accompany its outstanding (1996) outline application to extend the La Gigoulande Quarry.

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2000 :**

The Finance and Economics Committee lodged its anti-inflation strategy, which includes proposals to limit future construction levels in the public and private sector. The adoption of these measures will have clear implications for estimating future aggregates requirements.

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2000 :**

The 'Development Framework for La Collette II' is approved by the States. This makes provision for a dedicated aggregates handling berth and storage yard similar to the proposals contained in the draft St. Helier Harbour Masterplan.

**August 2000 :**

A revised Mineral Strategy Report is circulated for final consultation with local mineral operators and study consultees.