

Item No:

Date:

Department of the Environment

Listed buildings and places

St John's New Cemetery, La Rue du Cimetiere, St. John

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to consider those points raised in the representation (dated 02 May 2013) in relation to the Notice of Intent to List the above property that are not specifically related to heritage matters.

Discussion

The principal thrust of the objection appears to relate not to the heritage value of the site but that:

- the parish already recognises and cares for the cemetery;
- 'interference' from the States is unwelcome and unnecessary.

In response, the following issues are of relevance:

- Under the terms of the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (1985), also known as the Granada Convention, the terms of which were extended to Jersey in 1988, the Minister is required to identify the Island's architectural heritage and to take statutory measures to protect it.
- The statutory duty on the part of the Minister in respect of buildings and places that could feature on the List of Sites of Special Interest (Listed buildings or places) is clear. Under Article 51(2) of the 2002 Law, once the Minister is satisfied of the public importance of a building or place by reason of any of the matters set out in that Article, he has to include it on the List.
- The site is already on the List of Sites of Special Interest: it was formally designated on 20 September 1999. It, therefore, already enjoys the full protection afforded to it by Part 6 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002, and any change which affects the special interest of the site already requires the permission of the Minister. This matter is only under review as part of the comprehensive Island-wide review of heritage assets. The only proposed change to the heritage status of the site is the assignment of a non-statutory grade (@ G3).
- It is relevant to note that the extent of special interest relates to the gateway and boundary wall, as set out and described in the schedule.

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Dear Mr Pilley

Ref: Planning & Building (Jersey) Law, 2002
Notice of Intent to List: St John's New Cemetery, La Rue du Cimetière, St John

Thank you for your letter dated 25 April 2013 regarding the above.

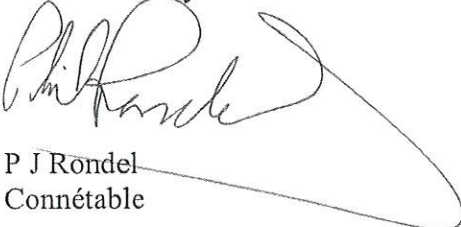
I would like to inform you of my disagreement to your proposed listing of our cemetery in the strongest terms.

The parish of St John has always, and will always, recognise the importance to the Parish and indeed the Island, of our cemetery.

For all the years since the cemetery was created, the Parish of St John has protected, nurtured and maintained its integrity as a special and sensitive place and has never required rules and regulations from the States of Jersey to do this.

We do not require the interference from Central Government to ensure the stability or protection of our cemetery and will resist this listing in the strongest possible way.

Yours sincerely



P J Rondel
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Les bâtisses et endroits historique

St John's 'New' Cemetery, La Rue du Cimetiere, St. John.

This report has been prepared by Jersey Heritage as part of its responsibility under a Service Level Agreement to provide reports and recommendations to the Minister for Planning and Environment on the architectural, historical, archaeological and other significance of buildings and places.

The assessment undertaken and the recommendation given in relation to the above building and place is made under the auspices of Article 51 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law, 2002; and the criteria for the listing and grading of heritage assets adopted and published by the Minister for Planning and Environment.

The report also includes the views and advice offered by the Listing Advisory Group in relation to the assessment of this building and place.

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Special interests of the site

Historic interest

1867 cemetery.

Architectural interest

Entrance gateway and boundary wall situated on the eastern side of the new cemetery serving the parish of St John. 1867 gateway on south-east corner of cemetery. Central pair of decorative iron gates within large gateposts, each formed from a single piece of dressed granite with pedestal and 4-sided concave cap surmounted by stone sphere. Low flanking walls of rock-faced granite carrying iron railings curve out from gatepiers to both sides, ending in outer gatepiers of similar scale and design, although formed from ashlar stonework. 1867 datestone adjacent. Eastern boundary wall of cemetery of rubble granite, but containing interesting collection of re-set churchwardens stones, recording dates from the C18 & C19 and the initials of the churchwardens (surveillants) responsible for works at that time – presumably originally from St John's Parish Church yard.

Legal reasons for listing

Architectural
Historical

Statement of significance

A good example of a Victorian cemetery gateway with historically important collection of churchwardens stones re-set into boundary wall.

Advice offered by MLAG (and others if stated)

At their meeting on 12/12/2011 MLAG agreed with the Jersey Heritage recommendation that the building be Listed as grade 3.

Jersey Heritage recommendation

Listed Building Grade 3

Attachments

Schedule

SCHEDULE

St John's 'New' Cemetery, La Rue du Cimetiere, St. John.

In amplification of the requirement of;

- i) Article 51 Paragraph 3(a) to show in relation to each site included on the List which one or more of the special interests set out in paragraph (2) attaches to the site;
- i) Article 51 Paragraph 3(b) to describe the site with sufficient particularity to enable it to be easily identified and;
- ii) Article 51 Paragraph 3(d) to specify any activity, referred to in Article 55 Paragraph (1), which may be undertaken on the site without the Minister's permission;

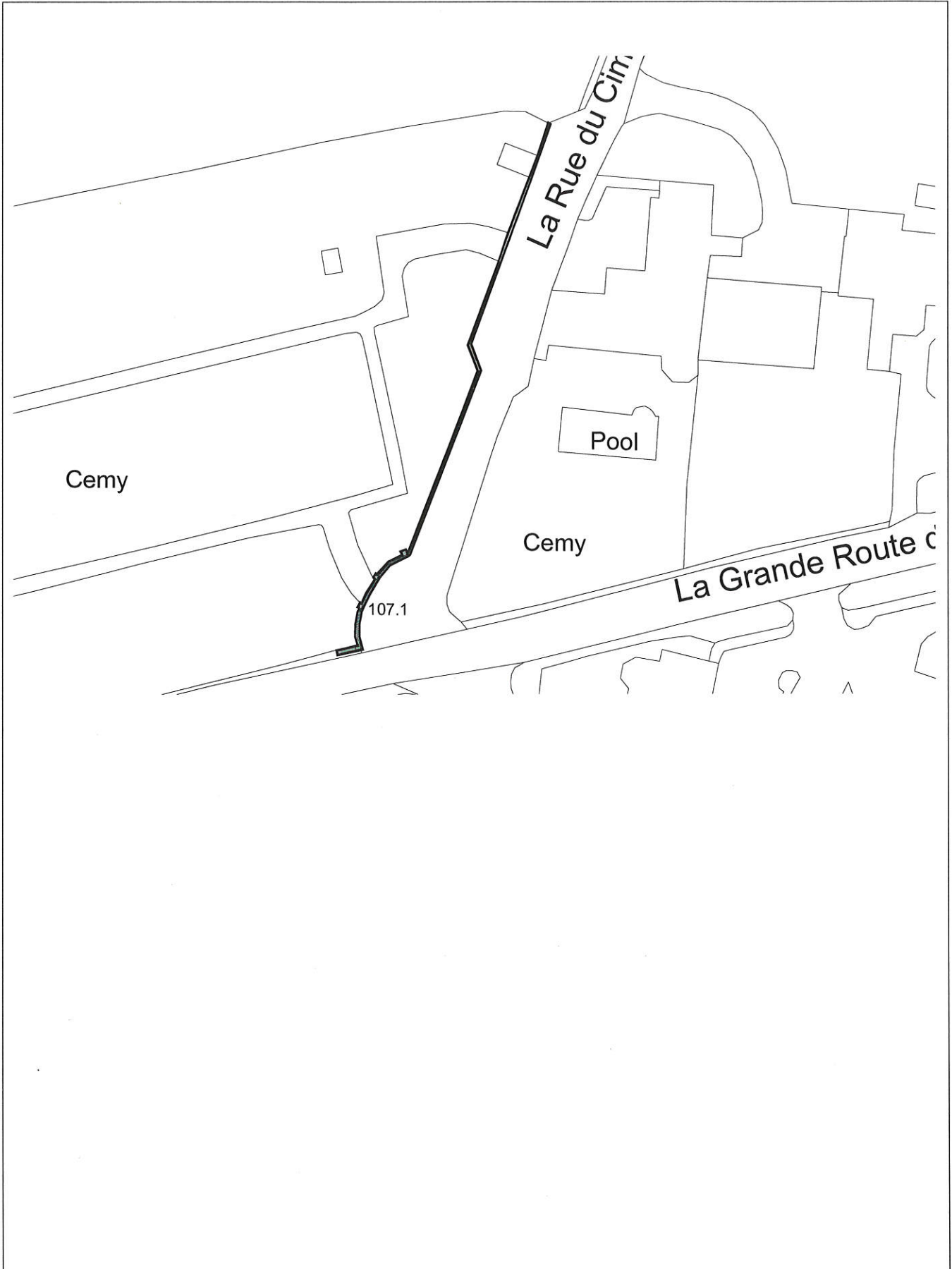
the following supports the Minister for Planning and Environment's view that the site known as **St John's 'New' Cemetery, La Rue du Cimetiere in the Parish of St. John** is of special interest.

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| i) HER Reference | JN0118 |
| ii) Special interest | ARCHITECTURAL, HISTORICAL |
| iii) Statement of Significance | A good example of a Victorian cemetery gateway with historically important collection of churchwardens stones re-set into boundary wall. |
| iv) Description | Entrance gateway and boundary wall situated on the eastern side of the new cemetery serving the parish of St John. 1867 gateway on south-east corner of cemetery. Central pair of decorative iron gates within large gateposts, each formed from a single piece of dressed granite with pedestal and 4-sided concave cap surmounted by stone sphere. Low flanking walls of rock-faced granite carrying iron railings curve out from gatepiers to both sides, ending in outer gatepiers of similar scale and design, although formed from ashlar stonework. 1867 datestone adjacent. Eastern boundary wall of cemetery of rubble granite, but containing interesting collection of re-set churchwardens stones, recording dates from the C18 & C19 and the initials of the churchwardens (surveillants) responsible for works at that time – presumably originally from St John's Parish Church yard. |
| v) Location | Plan attached |

- vi) **Restricted activities** The carrying on, of any of the following activities –
 - (a) to carry on an activity which might injure or deface the site or part of a siterequire the express prior consent of the Minister

- vii) **Listed Status and Non-statutory Grade** Listed Building Grade 3

Plan



Photograph(s)

