

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs

3rd March 2016

2. How is the Police Headquarters coming on?

- The building project remains on schedule for completion by January 2017.
- The States of Jersey Police plan to re-locate from Rouge Bouillon to La Rue du Fort during Quarter One of 2017.
- A new joint police and fire service control room will be housed within the building.
- The building project is proceeding within the approved budget.
- The building was formally 'topped-out' on 7th January 2016.
- Severe weather conditions over a two week period in January 2016 delayed roofing works and the ability to make the building weather tight. The contractors have been able to maintain good progress in the building without detriment to the finishes. Time lost is negligible and will be made up, but some of elements of the work programme have gone out of sequence and have been re-scheduled.
- The procurement process for specialist equipment and fixtures, furniture and fittings has now commenced.
- The next P70 Project Board meeting is scheduled for 10th March 2016.

Background.

The decision to proceed with the construction of the new Police Headquarters on the Green Street site was taken by the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources under delegated authority on 19th September 2014.

The total cost of the project, which includes both the development of the new Police Headquarters and the extension to the Green Street multi-storey car park, is £24.371 m.

A contract was let in September 2014 to ROK – Regal for the construction of both the Police Headquarters and the car park extension.

Parking Issues.

- No visitor car parking was initially identified within the scheme with the exception of disabled parking.
- Three disabled parking spaces have been provided (with rising bollard protection) directly at the front of the building in a shallow lay-by off La Rue du Fort.

- Scrutiny reports SR19 and 2012 and SR3 2013 record a commitment by SoJP and Property Holdings to review visitor parking arrangements. Subsequently, further dialogue has been opened with TTS (now Department for Infrastructure) to explore the provision of 3/ 4 visitor spaces in the now extended Green Street multi-storey car park.
- A drawing CP PL(23)02 was submitted to TTS indicating 4 short term spaces for use by visitors to the Police Headquarters. TTS have indicated that this will cause difficulties with the barrier counting control system and are presently exploring other options to remedy this situation.
- Provision is being made however, for more motorcycle and bicycle parking spaces.
- Condition 14 of the Planning Permit to build the new police Headquarters stipulates that:
“Before the development hereby approved is first brought into use, the proposed motor cycle parking provision shall be provided as indicated on La Rue du Fort and Snow Hill and bicycle parking provided on La Rue du Fort and Green Street. Precise details of the proposed motorcycle parking at Snow Hill and bicycle parking at Green Street shall be submitted to and approved by the Minister for Planning and Environment before any development first commences on site. All parking shall be retained and maintained as such.”
- This condition has been complied with. TTS has now made available 3 car parking spaces in at Snow Hill rather than motorcycle parking.
 On La Rue du Fort, 37 motorcycle spaces and 52 bicycle spaces are being provided on land directly opposite to the new Police Headquarters.
- There is no provision for staff car parking. Staff will have to make their own arrangements for car parking utilising available spaces in Pier Road or other public car parks. Some staff will retain existing car parking spaces rented privately by them.
- As part of the Planning process, the SoJP has been obliged to conduct a travel survey with its staff and to produce a detailed workplace travel plan. A further survey will be conducted pre and post occupation of the building. One of the main thrusts of the travel plan is to encourage staff to consider alternative modes of transport. Many have indicated their intention to utilise motor cycle or bicycles in preference to motor vehicles.