

FULL COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Written question from Joanna King of Seaview to Councillor Stuart Hutchinson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources

I am one of many within the local and wider Island community who for years have supported the Council in the maintenance, upkeep and promotion of the Hersey Nature Reserve and helped it flourish as an asset of community value. The Reserve benefits the community at large and furthers social wellbeing as well as being a widely used year-round attraction bringing many thousands of visitors to the parish of Nettleston and Seaview to the benefit of the local economy.

The IW Council is the leaseholder of all land within the boundary of Land Registry Title IW54973 known as Hersey Nature Reserve.

A pre-planning application request from a private commercial enterprise, namely the Seaview Yacht Club, would require the transfer of part of this land for provision of a boat park.

This land was not acquired or appropriated for planning purposes. It was acquired as a Nature Reserve and contains vital infrastructure for Flood Defence. Please could the Council now explain publicly their justification for the transfer of any part of their Land Registry Title to provide a boat park for a private commercial company?

Response

“The council has been approached by Sea View Yacht Club who are seeking to extend their dingy park facility into land currently leased to the authority as part of Hersey Nature Reserve. This was established as part of the flood mitigation measures for the sea defence works on the Duver as required by Natural England as part of the schemes approval.

Before considering any change to its registered title the council would want to be assured that the proposal is supported by Natural England and would not compromise the principle on which the reserve was established.”