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Request

It has recently been reported in the news that the Hideout Cafe at La Pulente currently pays £1,500 per annum or £4.11 a day in rent to the Parish of St Brelade for occupying a prime location.

I would therefore like to know the following:-

- A) How was such a miniscule rent agreed with the Parish?
- B) What was the decision making process in order to allow this Cafe to occupy a prime location in the first place?
- C) Why was a Cafe agreed next to Toilets that are permanently closed?
- D) Finally I would like to know whether such peppercorn rents are the norm within the Jersey Parishes outside of St Helier, or whether this was simply a one off for Mr Carl Sutton who I understand to be a friend of the previous Constable?

Response

- A) The Hideout Café was situated at La Pulente in accordance with a permit issued under Article 2(3) of the Road Traffic (Public Parking Places) (Jersey) Order 2006. Article 2 states:

2 Use of parking places

- (1) A person may park a vehicle in a parking place, subject to compliance with this Order.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not authorize a person to park –
 - (a) a commercial vehicle with an overall length of 15 feet or more; or
 - (b) an agricultural tractor,

in a parking place that is not specified in Schedule 4, without the written permission of the controlling body of the parking place.

- (3) The controlling body of a parking place may in writing permit a person to park or place a trailer or boat or any other thing that is not a vehicle in any parking place.

- (4) Permission for the purpose of paragraph (2) or (3) may be given subject to such terms and conditions as the controlling body of the parking place may determine, including conditions requiring the payment of a charge and the display of the permission.

The charge was therefore a payment for the permit and not a rent. The Parish holds no information regarding how the charge was agreed.

- B) and C) The Parish holds no information regarding the decision making process or the location.
- D) The Parish holds no information regarding rents charged by other Parishes.