



**28 February 2018**

### **Request**

1. Please would you supply me with a copy of the Legal Advice supplied to the Constable, in relation to 2 Requetes served at the end of last year, in relation to a new meeting re the Extension to St Lawrence Church.  
This advice was supplied to the Constable of St Lawrence, and is therefore public information.
2. Please would you also supply a copy of the legal advice supplied to The Rector of St Lawrence, in relation to a 3rd Requete served re St Lawrence Church Extension, and which would have had to be disclosed to The Constable, who I am certain would have required a copy for the Parish Records.

### **Response**

1. This information is exempt under Article 31 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. See exemption details below.

#### **FOI exemption applied: Advice by the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff or a Law Officer**

Information is qualified exempt information if it is or relates to the provision of advice by the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff or the Attorney General or the Solicitor General.

QE31 is a qualified exemption and therefore whether the disclosure of the advice would be in the interest of the public must be considered. Given the advice is from a Law Officer, there is an inherently high threshold to keep it confidential. In this instance, the public interest does not overcome the Law Officer privilege and the exemption is maintained.

2. This information is exempt under Article 32 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. See exemption details below.

#### **FOI exemption applied: Legal professional privilege**

Information is qualified exempt information if it is information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

QE32 is a qualified exemption and therefore whether the disclosure of the advice would be in the interest of the public must be considered. Confidentiality is of paramount importance in a lawyer client relationship. . In this instance, the public interest does not outweigh the legal privilege and the exemption is maintained.