



3 March 2022

### Request

I would like to submit an FOI request regarding the appearance of a large number of domestic and commercial waste bins at bottom of Le Mont de Gouray, near the public toilets, also known as La Petite Ruelle Munchie. This is a public eyesore, blocks pedestrian access, smells, attracts rats, seagulls, flies and other vermin. This has been raised with the Parish of St Martin over the last 12 months but to my knowledge very little has happened.

I would like to see all communications (emails, letter, reports) in relation to this matter between the Parish of St Martin and the Department of the Environment.

### Response

The area of land where the bins are located belongs to the Government of Jersey and not to the Parish of St Martin.

Nevertheless, the Parish has worked tirelessly to eradicate the public eyesore and vermin issue caused by the waste bins at the bottom of Le Mont de Gouray (La Petite Ruelle Munchie) as shown in the attached correspondence between the Parish of St Martin and the Department for Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (IHE) over the last 12 months.

IHE has advised that a pedestrian tracking survey shows high levels of activity in the bin area and that further analysis by the Government of Jersey is required before any proposals of a bin storage area can be applied for (the Parish having offered to build a bin structure for use by those businesses that are unable to store their bins on their premises and at a cost to those businesses).

**FOI exemption applied:** personal information redacted.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 August 2021 10:48  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Gorey bins

Hi,

Thankyou for meeting up on Friday last week, very useful. Just a note to say that with regard to the pedestrian movement survey I have spoken to [redacted] and [redacted] (from the Transport Section) and they are now minded to use a new system called 'Tracis' to capture pedestrian movement data (the system automatically plots the main pedestrian movement paths apparently) as they already have the company booked up to do a site in town this summer. They are currently preparing a data protection impact statement (DPIA) for that. [redacted] this data will still be relevant to the bin project at a later point in terms of options and future proofing, etc. but I recognise it as change in scope for you as to what was discussed Friday with you putting up cameras. [redacted] and [redacted], who would potentially take forward any pedestrian scheme in the area, recognise the interplay with what is decided with the bin store so it might be a good idea to also involve them in the option discussion once you have prepared those for the Parish.

Best Regards

Principal Engineer – (Road) Network Management

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 23 July 2021 12:59  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: Gorey bins

OK with me

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 23 July 2021 12:45  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: Gorey bins

Dear both

Following our conversation, - are you both able to meet at 1.30pm next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July at Gorey?

Kind regards

**Parish Secretary – St. Martin**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 23 July 2021 10:19  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Gorey bins

Good Morning

Thank you for the contact details below for I have just contacted Would you be able to attend a site visit at Gorey next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm? Our Connétable, will also attend.

On speaking with did mention that there may be a road safety survey in progress in this area. Are you aware of this?

Also, would you recommend any other party attend this site meeting – I had thought of Environmental Health or Gembusters, our current refuse collection provider.

Kind regards

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 03 December 2021 08:32  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Gorey Bins

Dear all

Thank you for this update - not quite the news we wanted to hear as we are receiving complaints on a daily basis about the rats and rubbish in this area.

- could we please request that this project takes a priority as **it has now become a public health issue**. Our pest control contractor is inspecting the area almost daily laying bait and now placing wire mesh over the holes in the wall.

We have written to all residents and businesses concerning this issue. Some businesses have come back stating they would be prepared to contribute to a bin structure.

We are unable to progress further without the intervention of the Department for Infrastructure.

Kind regards

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 December 2021 23:27  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Re: Gorey Bins

Hi.

I've just spoken to [redacted] The pedestrian tracking survey results are now in & they show high levels of activity in the bins area. This is going to require further analysis by the public realm & road safety team before moving forward with any proposal which involves the area.

It's out of my hands, but they may be able to give you some idea how long the assessment will take.

regards,

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 December 2021 12:40  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Gorey Bins

Dear

Thank you for your message last week concerning your viewing of the rats. is in the process of wiring up the outlets on the wall to avoid any further nesting. is also regularly visiting the area and laying bait down.

So we do need to progress with the storage area. Could you please go ahead and commence drawings for a unit at the site and the relevant costings? We will then submit these with a report to the Minister for Infrastructure to request permission to erect it.

Kind regards

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 23 November 2021 14:08  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Gorey Bins

Hi All

Regarding permission for the use of GOJ land / road space I would suggest that ork up scheme drawings / visuals then the Parish write to the Minister of Infrastructure (who covers both Transport and

Jersey Property Holdings) for permission for land use. Once this is provisionally agreed (it would need to be considered by the public realm and road safety teams) a planning application would also be needed.

Regards

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**From:** . . . .  
**Sent:** 23 November 2021 12:32  
**To:** . . . .  
**Cc:** . . . .  
**Subject:** Re: Gorey Bins

#### BINS

I can provide visualisations to show what the bin enclosure it will look like so you can approve a design & a drawing which can be given to a contractor to construct it.

If a pedestrian crossing is deemed necessary, it will likely be in this area. The bins plus the bike stands create an obstruction to pedestrians so one may need to go.

#### CYCLE PARKING

The photos for the costal cycle parking assessment were taken over a couple of months. Most photos of the racks alongside the bins show the same bikes parked in the same positions. They must be residents' bikes which either don't get used much or don't get used at all. These stands are primarily used as private bike storage with no benefit to the wider public.

Relocating the stands to a more open public area may make them less likely to be used as private bike storage & it would resolve the pedestrian obstruction issue. The cycle parking assessment has also shown that more cycle parking is required in the pier area which would likely go somewhere near the shelter on the seafront. This could include the relocated stands.

A more detailed assessment will be required to select the exact location of any new cycle parking.

#### RATS

My photos also show rubbish is sometimes piled up on top of the whelliebins. It is also common for minor spillages to occur while transferring rubbish from smaller bins into wheeliebins which will obviously attract rats.

The drainage holes in the wall probably have some form of aggregate fill behind. A torch or a snake camera will show if the rats have managed to get through this & tunnel into the bank behind. I can check this next time I'm down there.

The bank above is a perfect rat habitat so even if they are using the holes blocking them with mesh won't fix the problem. Rats can climb the wall & they can jump several feet so any overfilled bins with the lids slightly open will attract them.

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**From:** . . . .  
**Sent:** 22 November 2021 09:17  
**To:** . . . .

Cc: ...  
Subject: Gorey Bins

Good Morning both

Following on from our meeting in August I can confirm that the Parish has now written to all residents and commercial businesses in Gorey (see attached letter template).

The issue of rats in the area is still prevalent and causing residents much distress. Our pest controller is making frequent visits to the area and assisting the Parish with this issue.

We understand that a survey is currently taking place by the Government of Jersey concerning traffic and pedestrian flow in the area however, we would like to progress with a bin store structure in the area where the bins are currently located. This would be at a cost to users and partly funded by the Parish.

- can you advise how permission is sought from the Department for Infrastructure/Government of Jersey for this structure as it will be erected on a Government road.

- if approval is given from the Government of Jersey, are you able to design and erect a structure? It would need to hold 2 euro bins and a number of domestic bins.

Kind regards

**Parish Secretary – St. Martin**

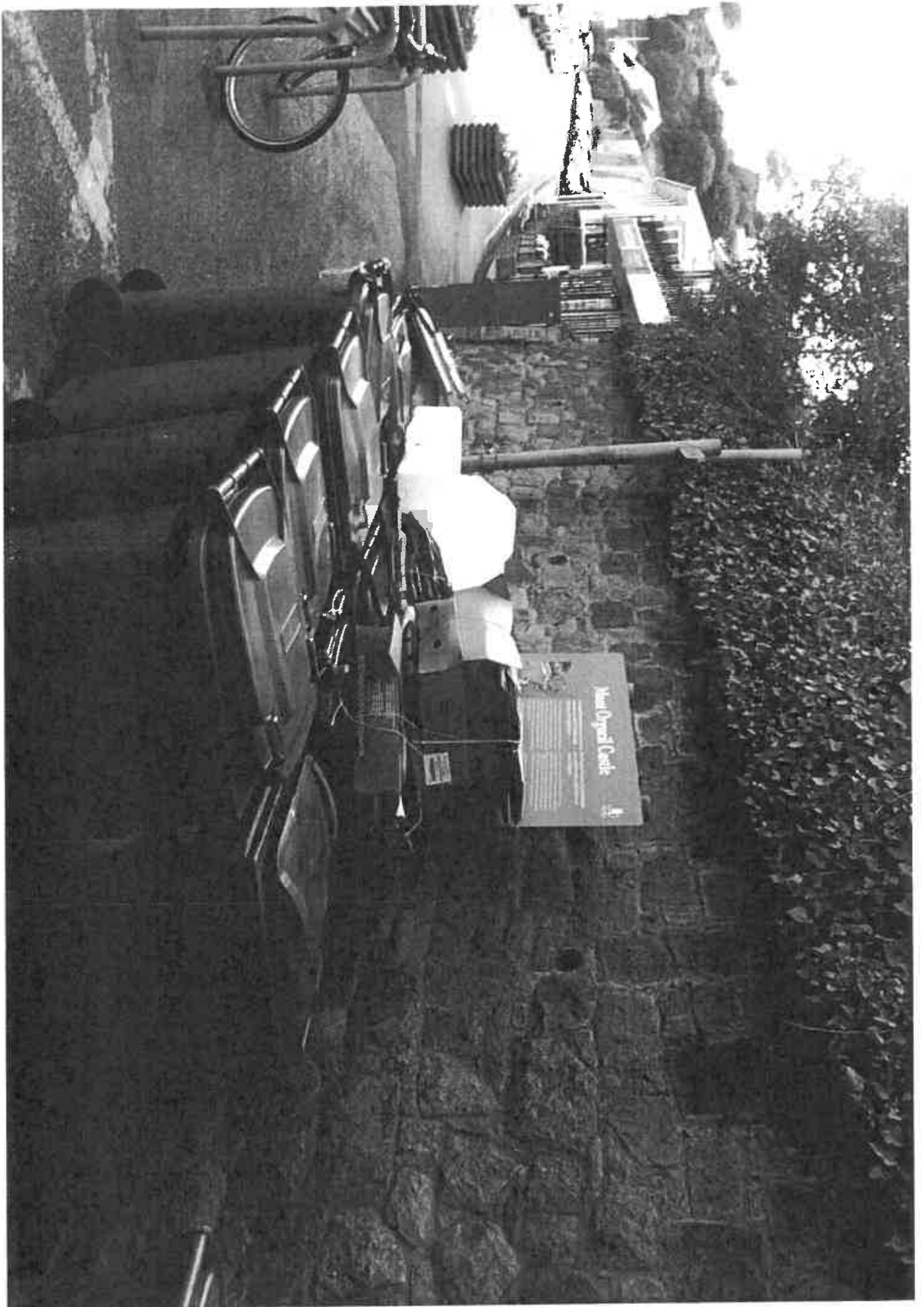
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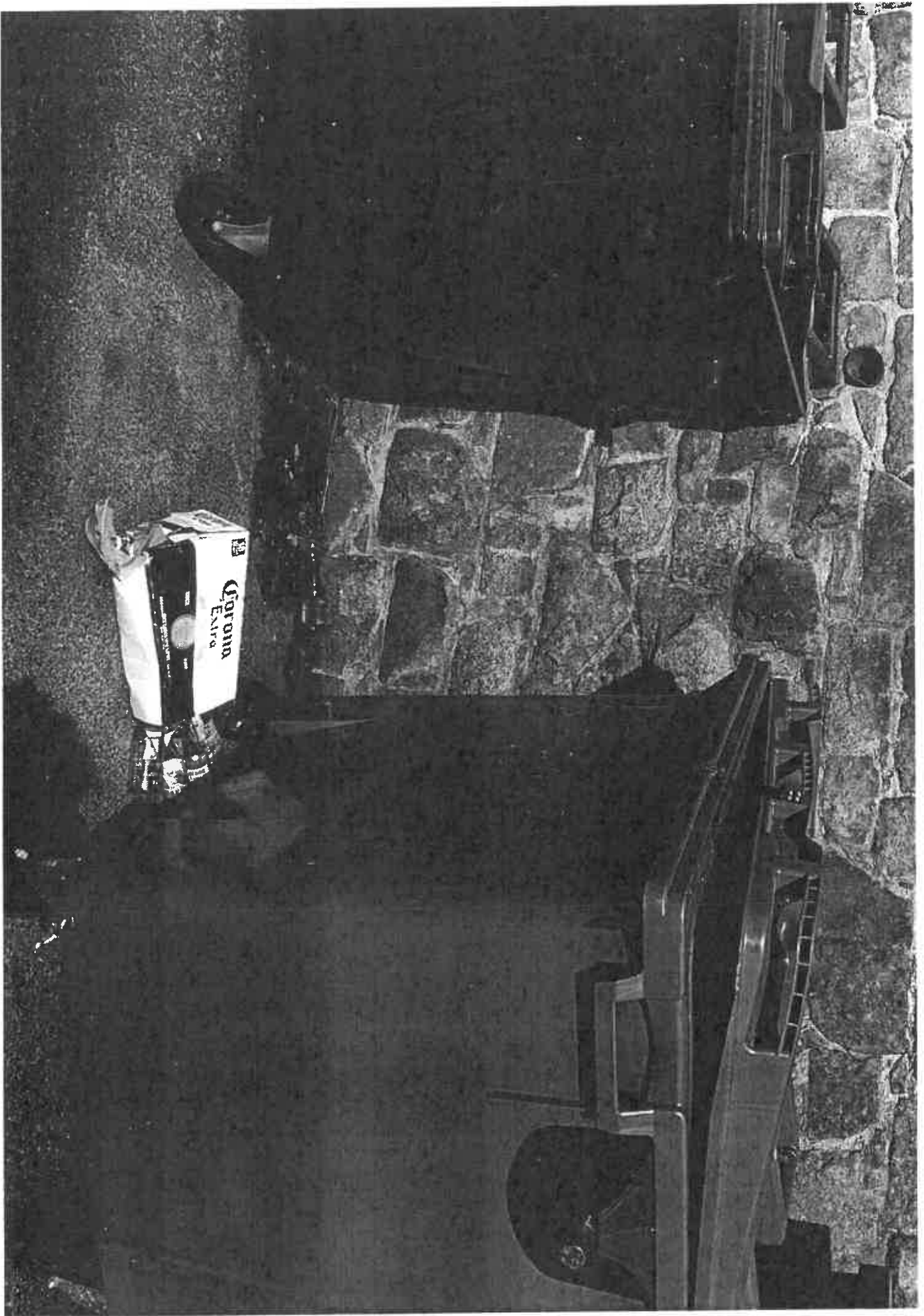
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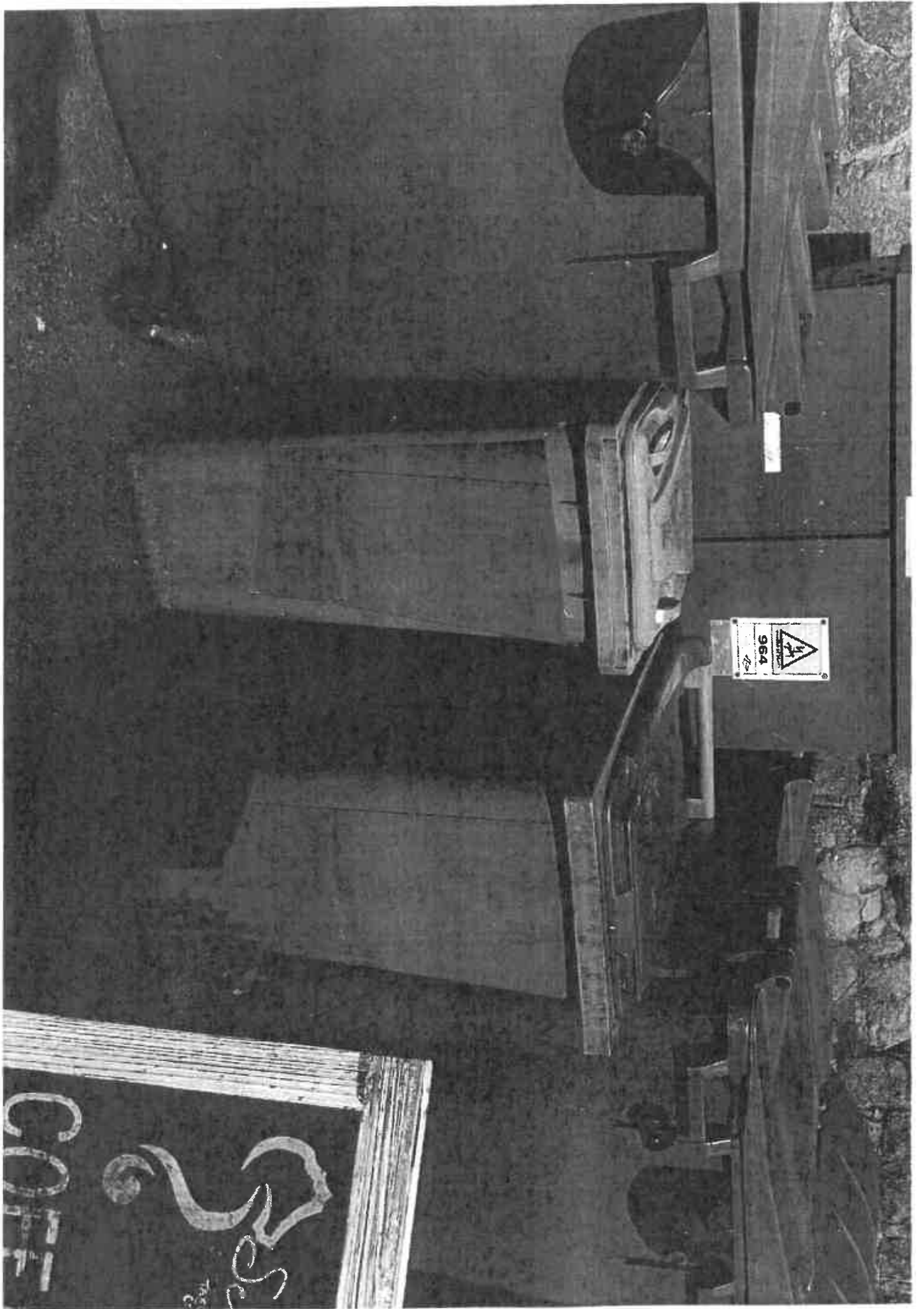
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### Mont Orgueil Castle



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After the capture of the castle by the English in 1259, the castle was used as a prison for the French nobles who had supported the de Montforts. It was also used as a prison for the English nobles who had supported the French during the Hundred Years War.





Mont Orgueil Castle is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and is open to the public. It is a great place to visit for those interested in history and architecture.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 February 2022 11:57  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**  
**Attachments:** Re: Gorey; RE: Gorey Bins; MO Rubbish bins 2.jpg; MO Rubbish bins 3.jpg; MO Rubbish bins 4.jpg; MO Rubbish bins 1.jpg

Dear

Thank you for your reply below.

By way of an update, our pest control contractor [redacted], has been assigned to this issue for a number of years. [redacted] last correspondence with the Parish is attached. I have also copied [redacted] in this email in case you wish to discuss this issue further with [redacted].

The Parish has also been in touch with [redacted] from the Government of Jersey (also copied in) to try and resolve the issue of the storage of the bins at Gorey which is of concern to the Parish as it exasperates the rat issue. The Parish has written to the residents of Gorey Pier in order to eradicate the unsightly positioning of these bins. Photos are also attached for your information.

It was the intention of the Parish to build a storage unit for the bins but this project has been put on hold as per the email attached titled 'Gorey Bins'.

Please do contact me should you wish any further information.

Kind regards

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 27 January 2022 13:19  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Premises Inspection

Good afternoon,

Thanks for your email.

We are limited in the actions we can take in relation to the location where bins are stored. Further, it likely falls outside of the scope of the licensing visit.

Are you able to provide more details on the issue and I will ask an officer from our nuisance team to investigate as it may involve a more widespread investigation to identify potential sources or the rats.

Thanks

**From:**  
**Sent:** 26 January 2022 14:39  
**To:** Environmental Health <environmentalhealth@gov.ie>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**

Good Afternoon

As part of the liquor licence application currently submitted by the owners of I believe representatives from Environmental Health will be making an inspection of the property tomorrow, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**Please can you ensure that these premises will have the capacity to store their rubbish bins on site and not on the road (Le Mont de Gouray) opposite their property as they currently do .**

We are experiencing a health issue, which Environmental Health have been informed of, with rats in the bins stored in this area. Subsequently the Connétable has requested that all residents and businesses store their bins on their own premises.

We look forward to receiving the inspection report in due course.

Kind regards

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 27 February 2022 10:00  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Gorey Bins

Good Morning

The household bins are collected on a Tuesday and the Eurobins on a Friday. All bins are requested to be out by 5am for collection.

Kind regards





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Please note my working week is Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 5pm

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 16 February 2022 13:55  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Gorey Bins

Hi

Further to our conversation yesterday I would be grateful if you could confirm the emptying schedule and frequency for the Eurobins and Domestic bins situated at Gorey.

This information will help us target visits to we can see the worst case.

Kind Regards,





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