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Dear Maurice,

Firstly, please accept my apologies for being unable to attend the Focus Group Workshop this weekend. I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to contribute to such a pivotal part of St Aubin's history and extremely disappointed to be unable to attend due to an unforeseen but unavoidable commitment.

Sandrine and I were lucky enough to move to St Aubin two years ago with our three young children. We are now truly hooked for reasons that need no explanation and intend to raise our family here as part of the unique community and environment.

If I may, I would like to submit my thoughts to you as briefly as possible in the hope that you will share them with the Steering Group and Focus Groups at the appropriate time. I have done this in a fairly abstract note form so that this throws in some thoughts for discussion without pushing too strong a point of view:

1. Residents and Traders.
Potential for unnecessary and divisive conflict. Reality is that both have the same aim. Enhance St Aubin. Replace cars with visitors/customers. Common ground = a St Aubin solution for St Aubin.

2. Parking
Are more cars the future? Space or no space? No space outside restaurants but I would suggest there is space slightly farther away. Don't lose sight of scale - people actually walk a fair distance from parking in St Helier. Walking is good for you. Disabled/eco/resident spaces closest. Discourage drink driving. Not a huge amount of spaces required. Several options. Opportunity to show St Helier the future.

3. Traffic Flows (I declare my personal interest here as a resident on Mont Du Boulevard on a corner where cars speed, honk horns on both sides of the house, endanger children/cyclists and have knocked down our wall twice)

Are cars the future? 20 MPH from La Neuve Route to Le Mont Les Vaux?

Stop the race-track circulation around Bulwarks, Le Mont Du Boulevard and Market Hill by making life possible but difficult for cars:

a. Making all 3 of the above "Green Lanes" as is the High St?
b. Make all road areas "pavement" with flower-butt obstacles, passing places etc for priority to walkers and bicycles?
c. Market Hill 2 way? – think about it
d. "Access Only" signs at entrances to Boulevard, Le Mont du Boulevard, Le Mont Athur and Route De Haut? - as is shortcut from St Peters Garden Centre to St Peters currently.
e. Wide roundabout (with same parking numbers in centre) outside Yacht Club to point traffic back the way it came rather than racing around residential/pedestrian area?

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4. Harbour

The jewel in the crown of "the jewel in the crown". A tidal harbour lives. Unrestricted tide provides two rinses a day. Will locking water in reduce access times further? Drying out is a living representation of how boats have always used the original harbour of Jersey. Wall repairs are essential. Historical restoration funding? Read last paragraph of ARUP Rothwell report "Summary of Observations of Failure of North Pier"

5. Reclamation

Is parking the real driver? Does the harbour wall really need it? Do the traders really want it? Will it really enhance St Aubin? Is land value a distraction from the true needs? Who would benefit financially from development profits? Would members of the Focus Groups, Steering Group and all those involved in making the final decision be prepared to make a written declaration for the record concerning any direct or indirect commercial interest in the development?

6. General

Are we the first community to struggle with these issues? Have we looked at other model locations? Have we carried out surveys of traffic flows? Are we aiming far enough into the future? When did St Aubin last do this? How soon will St Aubin again have the opportunity and focus to go through this process?

Again I have to say how sorry I am to be unable to take part but I wish you all the very best success and would like to thank all who have given up their time to organise and drive the Forum Process. My particular best wishes go to those participants who will search for common ground.

History is being made and I do hope that I might have an opportunity later to help in the process.

Yours Sincerely

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