



***** EMBARGOED UNTIL 8am MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER *****

LONG PORT SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT

PUBLIC presentations to present the proposals behind the vision for the east coast of Guernsey will be held on Thursday and Friday this week.

Long Port, the company behind the plans, will reveal the plans that it presented to the States in August.

'Long Port has welcomed the extensive media coverage given to the vision but it has focused on the development of Belle Greve and overlooked that it solves many of the island's most pressing problems – removing the existing pollution of Belle Greve Bay, sewage and waste management, shortage of housing and employment land and dwindling financial resources,' said chairman Charles Billson.

'This is a vision that will shape the future of Guernsey and we have said from the beginning that the public's views are vital. We want to ensure that their opinions are based on the facts and not on misinformation.'

Long Port has put together a comprehensive exhibition which will be open to the public on Thursday and Friday at the Duke of Richmond Hotel.

'I want to encourage as many islanders to come and see firsthand the exhibition which explains the imminent problems that they island is facing and how our vision will provide the solutions,' said Mr Billson.

As well as explaining the vision in full the exhibition will give islanders the chance to see a computer generated 'flyaround' of what the vision could look like if it becomes reality.

'I have said it before but it is something that needs to be reiterated. We have no intention of building skyscrapers or Burj Al Arab style hotels along our east coast. Our vision enhances the waterfront and does not detract from it and pays homage to the heritage of Castle Cornet, St Julian's Emplacement and other icons in St Peter Port,' he said.

'It can be very hard for people to visualise what something will look like but with today's technology we can see what the future might be. I have no doubt that when people see the imagery they will agree that this vision needs further consideration by the States.'

A dedicated website at www.guernseywaterfront.com will also be launched on Wednesday which will include information from the exhibition and a 'question and answer' section which answers the questions raised through the media.

'We are delighted that this has led to such a healthy debate and hope that the exhibition and the website will give islanders the answers to any concerns they may have.'

The presentation, in the Richmond Suite of the Duke of Richmond, will be open from 12pm – 9.30pm on Thursday and from 10am – 8pm on Friday. The website address is www.guernseywaterfront.com

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For further information or the opportunity to interview Long Port chairman Charles Billson please contact Katrina Bray. He is out of the island until Monday.

Note to Editors:

The media are invited to view the presentation between 11am and noon on Thursday before it opens to the public. Charles Billson will also be available at that time.