

**FAIRVIEW FARM LIMITED, MAUFANT, ST. SAVIOUR -  
CONSTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS  
(P.57/93): PETITION.**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 11th May 1993  
by Senator R.J. Shenton**

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**STATES OF JERSEY**

**STATES GREFFE**

## **PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -**

that the Island Development Committee be requested to take appropriate action to ensure that the construction of the proposed agricultural buildings by Fairview Farm Limited at Fairview Farm, Maufant, St. Martin, takes place no closer to the existing dwellings in Maufant Village development than the existing farm buildings.

**SENATOR R.J. SHENTON**

## Report

The petition signed by a few of the affected residents draws attention to the unfairness of the States in ignoring the plight of responsible home owners who are to have their quality of life further eroded by the siting of a packing station close to their homes. It must be common knowledge that agricultural sheds and indeed packing stations are usually placed in remote locations, even in the Green Zone, because of the effect on the neighbourhood and environment.

An attempt has been made by people who should know better to try to persuade the States to add support to this application on the grounds of viability of a marketing organisation and one particular contract. We are all aware that if permission is given there will be a build-up of heavy transport in the area with work being carried out during antisocial hours as well as during the working day. How anyone can use the argument that a dairy farm and a packing station complement one another is certainly beyond my comprehension and smacks very much of a selfish disregard for family life.

The proposition put together by the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee misleads States Members by not showing the true location of the dairy unit and the planned structures in the pipeline. It is left to the individual Member to try to protect the environment of this heavily populated residential area, and at all times the petitioners have tried to seek a sensible compromise. There are sufficient cases in the courts of the United Kingdom and indeed in Jersey to show that public nuisance should not be tolerated to the detriment of the resident population.

Why the Agriculture and Fisheries Department continues to ignore the wrong which has been caused is beyond me and their proposition merely serves to divide a community which has already seen home life ruined and properties in the area devalued.

Many more names could have been added to the petition but in the time available it was felt that a token number would bring home to States Members the unfairness and the unjust way in which they and their neighbours are being treated. Litigation may well be the only recourse to justice but it is to be hoped that the good sense of government will prevail when this matter is debated.

**Petition**

To His Excellency Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, K.C.B., Lieutenant-Governor.

To Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E., Bailiff, President.

To the Members of the States of Jersey.

The humble petition of residents of Maufant situated in the parish of St. Martin, shews that the proposed location of a new packing shed to be constructed by Fairview Farm Limited, approximately 40 metres from dwellings will create a nuisance affecting the quality of life of nearby residents and be contrary to the States "bad neighbour" policy.

Accordingly your petitioners pray that the Island Development Committee be requested to take appropriate action to ensure that the construction of the proposed shed takes place no closer than existing buildings.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Countersignature of  
Member presenting .....R.J. Shenton

Number of signatures .....15