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NEWS RELEASE

Permission sought for Longue Hougue storage facility

PUBLIC Services has applied for planning permission to use Longue Hougue to store aggregates required for essential maintenance at Guernsey Airport.

The States approved contractor, Lagan Construction, is planning to use the site to store aggregate materials required for the major refurbishment works.

Around 250,000 of materials would be brought in directly at Longue Hougue, which will enable it to be imported in much larger shipments than otherwise possible. This will provide significant cost savings to the project, and reduce the impact on St Sampson's Harbour during the two year project.

It is currently envisaged that an additional 100,000 tonnes will be sourced locally, however if this does not prove possible there is also potential to import this via Longue Hougue and store it at the site.

The planning application also includes accommodation for up to eight staff, who will be working at Longue Hougue.

The use of Longue Hougue for aggregate import and storage is part of the overall plan for carrying out the essential maintenance and improvements at Guernsey Airport. However this was not included in the main planning application as a separate Environmental Impact Assessment was required.

This has now been completed, and includes an assessment of the potential impacts on traffic and transport, ecology, archaeology, and the marine environment.

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Public Services Minister Deputy Bernard Flouquet said the use of Longue Hougue would be on the basis that it was only short term. If approved by the Environment Department, Lagan will also be paying a commercial rent for the site.

Up to half the site could be required for the full two years of the project, but the remainder could be relinquished after 12 months. This would therefore not conflict with the future waste strategy, because adequate space will be available, once needed, for any new waste facilities.

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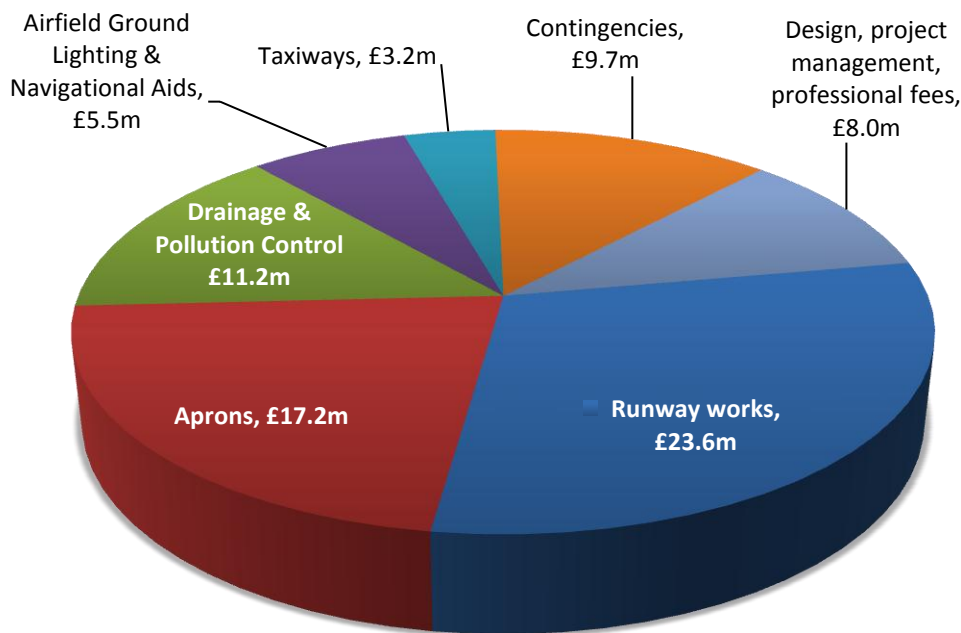
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Notes to editors:-

- Guernsey Airport opened in 1939, and today provides a gateway to the island for nearly one million business or leisure travellers each year.
- In 2009, the States approved a major programme of essential maintenance and improvements, aimed at equipping the current airport to serve the island for the next 30 years.
- The runway was last resurfaced in 1974, and would normally be expected to last between 15 and 30 years. Other areas are of similar age - in some cases older - and also need replacing. These include the concrete apron areas where the aircraft park; the drainage system; and the airfield ground lighting, which is obsolete. The taxiways linking the aprons and runway also require overlaying, levelling, and realignment.
- In July 2011 the States approved Public Services' preferred contractor, Lagan Construction. The company has completed more than 35 airfield projects worldwide in the past 10 years, and was one of four firms invited to tender for the contract.

• **Project Budget:**



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