

Written questions member's Islandcouncil for the Executive Council/ Government Commissioners.
(art.159, lid 1 WolBES/ art. 46 RvO Islandcouncil)

Issue : Demolishing Godett House
Date question : June 2nd 2021
Sender : Nicolaas Sneek
Date answer : **(within 15 days)**
Responsible Com./Gov.Com. : A. Francis
Responsible editor :

QUESTIONS:

1. Is it correct that "Rijksvastgoedbedrijf" has requested a demolition permit (sloopvergunning) for the Godett House?

ENI - Yes, a request has been submitted for a demolition permit, for the demolition of the Godett House

2. Has there any investigation been carried out to the causes of the fire of this historic building? And if so, what were the causes? **Yes, the KPCN is responsible for conducting / executing fire investigations, Inspector Hodge. R. might be able to shed some more light on this request.**

3. Is the Executive Council considering granting this demolition permit and if so under what conditions?

ENI – This is for the ExCo. However, the Unit licenses with advice from ENI (SDP) is working on the "Nota" with advice to ExCo.

4. Is it the intention of "Rijksvastgoedbedrijf" to rebuild this historic building?
 - a. If yes, can the island council receive plans and more information?
 - b. If no, does the Executive Council agree that not rebuilding this historic building will erode the appearance of the historic core?

At the moment 'the rebuilding of the Godethouse' is being considered (and needs research) in relation to all real estate at Sint Eustatius owned by the Dutch Central Government.

To keep our options open, but at the same time guarantee safety, we will first have to carefully disassemble the Godethouse (only the main building that is ruined by the fire, up to the floor-elements that can be reused) and we will preserve the valuable building-elements that can be used in the rebuilding-process.

Because safety is our first priority we ask your permission for this careful disassembly.

Response of : ir. P.G.P. (Patrick) Coleman
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5. Is it the intention of the Executive Council to follow article 171. par 4 to allow the Island Council to give their view on this matter? And if not, why not?

The Executive Council shall not apply article because the Godett House project is a project of the Rijk, which makes the view of the Island council irrelevant.

Furthermore, the Godett House project does not fall under article 168, par 1, e,f , or h of the WOLBES.

- Please note that we are still awaiting feedback from the stakeholders of the monument foundation