

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th MARCH 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st MARCH 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether an Environmental Impact Assessment was undertaken for planning permissions granted for Les Minquiers, such site being a listed building within a Coastal National Park, a green zone, a Marine Zone, as well as being a Ramsar site and a shoreline zone, and if not, will he explain why not?”

Answer

An application was received in July 2020 for reconstruction of part of the sea defence wall at Les Minquiers by The Crown. Department records show that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not included with the application, although significant environmental information was submitted including a Species Protection Plan and an Initial Ecological Assessment. Given the time that has passed, I am unable to explain why an EIS this was not submitted with the application. What I would say is that this does not detract from the need to produce an Environmental Impact Statement for new applications, when required by relevant statutes. The Planning Applications Team is fortunate to now employ a senior planner that is a professional member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA).