

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER NORTH
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether his department has undertaken an audit of the public spaces contained in the constituency of St. Helier North, and if not, why not; and if such a review has been undertaken, will he advise, for each of the vingtaines which the constituency comprises, the findings in relation to –

- (a) public or community open spaces;
- (b) green spaces with a lawn;
- (c) public areas containing plants and open public spaces without plants, identified separately; and
- (d) play areas for children of all age groups, including playing fields for sports, with plants and without plants?”

Answer

Infrastructure and Environment has not undertaken an audit of the public spaces contained in the constituency of St Helier North. It would usually be a responsibility of the Minister for the Environment to assess and report on land use in Jersey.

The department maintains a register of all leasehold and freehold property where the Public of the Island has an interest, which includes public spaces. This covers the whole of the island and is available on the government website: [Public land and property \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)¹.

The register specifies different types of land use and categorises public space according to its main function e.g. Springfield Sports Facility is classified as recreational; and the Millennium Town Park is classified as public open space.

The register does not provide details about the nature and type of any vegetation in each space, but the department prepares and maintains appropriate maintenance schedules for each area, dependent upon the nature and type of any green infrastructure present.

As part of the preparation of the evidence base for the bridging Island Plan, the Minister for the Environment prepared and published the [St. Helier Open Space Audit \(gov.je\)](https://gov.je)². Undertaken in 2018, this report presents an analysis of existing public spaces in and around the Town of St Helier (as defined in the island plan). It classifies open space on the basis of the typologies set out below.

- Play space
- Civic Space
- Amenity green space
- Cemeteries and Churchyards
- Parks
- Natural green space
- Outdoor sports facilities