

STATES OF JERSEY



ISLAND PLAN 2011: APPROVAL (P.48/2011): FORTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 17th June 2011
by the Minister for Planning and Environment

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After the words “the revised draft Island Plan 2011” insert the words –

“except that in Policy GD9 – Signs and advertisements (page 69) in paragraph 1.52, after the words ‘road traffic sign or navigational equipment’ insert a new paragraph, as follows –

‘Official signage displayed in relation to transport infrastructure, including pedestrian and cycle routes and facilities, is generally classed as a form of approved advertisement which does not require permission. Where new pedestrian and cycle transport infrastructure is provided, whether it is on-road; off-road; urban; or rural, the Minister for Planning and Environment would expect to work closely with the highway authorities to ensure that the need for the public awareness and promotion of new facilities; the safety of all road users; and the quality and impact of signage on the character of the area, were taken into account, in accord with the spirit of this policy.’ ”,

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs, as necessary.

MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOTE:

This amendment has been lodged by the Minister for Planning and Environment for less than 8 weeks before the start of the debate in accordance with the provisions of Article 4A of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002. Paragraphs 4A(2), (3) and (4) are in the following terms –

4A Procedure for and following lodging of draft Island Plan

- “(2) An amendment to a draft Island Plan cannot be debated by the States unless it has been lodged for a minimum period of 8 weeks.
- (3) An amendment to an amendment to a draft Island Plan cannot be debated by the States unless it has been lodged for a minimum period of 6 weeks.
- (4) Paragraph (2) or (3) does not apply to an amendment lodged by the Minister if the States agree that the amendment may be debated forthwith or on a day or at a time approved by the States.”

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) the Minister for Planning and Environment will seek the agreement of the States to debate this amendment during the debate on the ‘Island Plan 2011: approval’ (P.48/2011).

REPORT

This amendment relates to Part 4 of the 38th amendment brought by the Connétable of St. Helier.

The Minister is sympathetic to the intent of the proposed amendment. The substance of it is not, however, a matter of Island Plan policy but is regulated through the Planning and Building (Display of Advertisements) (Jersey) Order 2006, which exempts official signage associated with the transport network from planning control.

Notwithstanding, the Minister for Planning and Environment would expect that his department would work closely with the highway authorities, as it has done in the past, to deliver new transport infrastructure that people are aware of; is safe to use; and which minimises its impact on the environment.

The Minister has, therefore, put forward a further amendment which takes into account the above comment whilst seeking to embody the intent of the original amendment.

In the view of the independent planning inspectors, the Minister's proposed amendment '*correctly recognises that street and other rights of way signing does not generally require express permission, but at the same time recognises (as do we) that newly implemented transport schemes may temporarily require additional or more intrusive signage at the outset but in a wider context taking into account potential problems of street clutter and the protection of public safety.*' And on this basis, they offer support for the Minister's own amendment rather than the Connétable's original proposal.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from this further amendment.