

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY DEPUTY J.H. YOUNG OF ST. BRELADE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2013**

Question

Will the Minister advise the Assembly whether he has granted planning permissions, or such permissions have been made under his delegated authority, in accordance with Article 19(3) of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002, which permits development which is inconsistent with the Island Plan 2011, and, if so, would he provide details of each application and state his reason for allowing permission inconsistent with the Island Plan 2011 in each case?

Answer

Whether a development is inconsistent with the Island Plan is usually a matter of interpretation. As with all such matters, it depends on an individual's own perception of the development. Many developments might be regarded as compliant with the Island Plan by the Minister, but others may disagree.

Equally, most schemes will bring several policies of the Plan into play. Planning judgement is exercised by the Minister and his delegates by arriving at a balanced consideration of those policies, some of which may support and some of which may not support a particular scheme.

Whilst the Department does hold information (in the form of its officer's reports) on such policy interpretations, to answer the Deputy's question would necessitate the publication of all such reports. This is regarded as an unnecessary and unwieldy action, when all such reports are already published on the Department's website and available for all to see.