



Senator Tracey Vallois  
Minister for Education  
**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Minister

**Bridging Island Plan Scrutiny Review – Written Questions**

As you may be aware, the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel has begun work on its review of the decision to proceed with a Bridging Island Plan. Further information, including the Terms of Reference for the review are available on the States Assembly [website](#).

As part of our evidence gathering process, the Panel has some questions which we would be grateful for your response and input as Minister for Education. Please see below:

1. What are your views regarding the proposal for a shorter-term Bridging Island Plan (2022-2024) in relation to your remit for Education? What opportunities and/or challenges could this create?
2. Considering that the shorter 3-year Plan would 'decouple' itself from longer-term policies, what impact, negative and positive, might this have in relation to your remit for Education?
3. Are there any notable challenges in respect of planning and development for education purposes that could potentially be addressed within the shorter term?
4. Regarding the future development of sites for education, for example, the development of larger schools to replace smaller schools which have limited space and facilities, what considerations have been made?
5. What is your view on incorporating further community facilities as part of future school developments or on the repurposing of schools that are no longer suitable or are under subscribed?
6. What is the safeguarding guidance with regards to a school making use of public facilities, for example, nearby public playing fields, if the school does not have its own adequate facilities?

We would be grateful if you could provide your response **before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Connétable Mike Jackson  
Chairman  
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel