

STATES OF JERSEY



IMPORTATION OF WASTE FOR TREATMENT IN THE JERSEY ENERGY FROM WASTE PLANT (P.104/2018): AMENDMENT

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by the Connétable of St. Helier

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After the word “recovery” insert the following words –

“and to agree that any surplus revenue derived from the processing of off-Island waste will be earmarked for spending on the following projects –

- (a) environmental improvements on the eastern side of the incinerator at La Collette, St. Helier, including tree planting;
- (b) interpretation facilities relating to the RAMSAR site which abuts the promontory of La Collette II;
- (c) improvements to encourage access for walking, cycling and such leisure activities as may be feasible in the vicinity of La Collette, including fishing, boating and swimming;
- (d) improvements in the area surrounding the incinerator, including the promenade, La Collette Gardens and the wooded areas of South Hill;
- (e) any other environmental improvement projects which the Minister for the Environment deems appropriate”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

to approve the principle of waste importation into Jersey for treatment in the Island’s Energy from Waste (“EfW”) plant for recovery and to agree that any surplus revenue derived from the processing of off-Island waste will be earmarked for spending on the following projects –

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- (b) interpretation facilities relating to the RAMSAR site which abuts the promontory of La Collette II;
- (c) improvements to encourage access for walking, cycling and such leisure activities as may be feasible in the vicinity of La Collette, including fishing, boating and swimming;
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- (e) any other environmental improvement projects which the Minister for the Environment deems appropriate.

REPORT

The report accompanying [P.104/2018](#) avoids direct mention of the fact that it is proposed to allow the importation of waste for processing in the incinerator into St. Helier, and its transport, albeit over a relatively small distance and, as far as Alderney's waste goes, in relatively small quantities, on the busy roads of the Parish. While it is accepted that the incinerator meets current standards in terms of its flue emissions, and that the ash it produces will be exported rather than being interred at La Collette, it is impossible to reach the conclusion that there are no environmental impacts arising from its present operation, nor that there may not be such impacts in future, especially if increased amounts of waste are accepted.

St. Helier parishioners voted against siting the new incinerator at La Collette, not only for reasons of its likely visual impact on Havre des Pas, but also because of its proximity to the Island's RAMSAR site and the risk, however small, that any problems arising from ash-handling, waste transportation and the like would prejudice this important part of the Island's environmental assets. The Department responsible for the development of La Collette II has been slow to react to calls for improved access to the new area of recreational land created to the east of the incinerator, and the planting designed to mitigate some of the visual damage has failed to do so.

It seems to me, therefore, entirely appropriate that any surplus arising from the importation of waste for processing in Jersey's incinerator should be applied to environmental and other improvements in the area most affected by its operation. Such sums may be small, but should agreement be reached with Guernsey, for example, the resulting investment in environmental initiatives in and around La Collette could be considerable.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this amendment.