WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY P.V.F. LE CLAIRE OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2011

Question

What are the total amounts of housing expected to be achieved on each of the States-owned sites that have been identified for housing development and will the Minister indicate, on a site by site basis, for which specific housing categories these will be developed?

Answer

The Minister has clearly set out his intent, in the revised draft Island Plan (March 2011) that States-owned sites that have already been identified for disposal, and those which may emerge during the Plan period, should provide, at least, 150 affordable homes. This is set out in Policy H1: Category A housing sites (page 246) of the revised draft Island Plan (March 2011).

Specific sites are identified in the Plan as having the potential to contribute towards this objective, including Le Coin, Ann Street; former Jersey College for Girls site, Rouge Bouillon; and South Hill States Offices site, St Helier: these have all already been identified and approved for disposal in the States Business Plan. There are also sites which may emerge during the Plan period, including the former d'Hautree School site, the Ambulance HQ site, amongst others which, should they be deemed to be surplus to requirements, could contribute towards the demand for affordable homes.

Detailed work to explore and determine the extent of development yield on each of these sites, and their potential to contribute towards the demand for affordable homes, remains to be undertaken. It would be the Minister's intent, however, to ensure that development briefs were prepared for each site to guide their development, to be consulted upon and issued as supplementary planning guidance.

The revised draft Island Plan (P.48/2011) is scheduled to be debated on 21 June 2011.