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Deputy G. Southern, Chairman,

Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel,

Scrutiny Office,

States Greffe,

Morier House,

St. Helier. JE1 1DD.

Dear Geoff,

In response to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2011:-

- 1. The Parish of St. Ouen has 39 units of sheltered accommodation, 14 units of single accommodation and 25 units of double accommodation, of which two are for disabled occupancy. The Parish also employs a warden who resides on site.
- 2. The Parish holds a list of persons wanting accommodation and has an elected Committee of 10 persons who, not only administer the maintenance of the properties, but also sit as a Committee to undertake allocations. The names on the Parish list have been shared with the Housing Department to ensure that there is no doubling up of application. The large majority of names on the Parish list have some Parochial connection.
- 3. Although the Parish has been made aware of the development of Affordable Housing Gateway, the Parish, having funded its social housing, will continue to allocate from its own list, which far exceeds availability. The sharing of the names on the Parish list with Housing will enable Housing to approach those on the list with alternative social housing. It is the Parish's experience over the 35 years since the construction of its first houses that those on the Parish list are seeking to live in the Parish of St. Ouen.
- 4. It must be recognised that the social housing owned by the Parish of St. Ouen is for the housing of senior citizens only, and therefore the implementation of the Gateway should have no impact on the work of the Parish in this field.

Yours sincerely,

Ken P. Vibert.

Connétable de la Paroisse de St. Ouen.