

STATES OF JERSEY



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After the words “highway improvements” insert the words “or other solutions to the traffic problems of the area.”

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There are many ways to solve problems caused by too much traffic, yet this amendment specifies just one – namely, highway improvements.

The most succinct, yet complete, expression of why Amendment (6) has to be amended is in the Inspector's Report on the Examination in Public –

“10.6 As stated in the Overview Chapter 1 to this report, we have taken the Strategic Plan as a given, a confirmed input both to the IP (Island Plan) and also to the JSTP (Jersey Sustainable Transport Policy) where this impinges on the IP. Sixteen priorities are identified in the Strategic Plan, expressly not ranked in order of importance but as each demanding action. One is “To protect and enhance the natural and built environment”. Within that stated priority the Strategic Plan includes commitments to:

- implement a range of measures to reduce ... pollution and traffic ...;
- develop a sustainable internal transport infrastructure
- persuade people out of their cars by providing practical alternatives such as improved bus services, cycle tracks and footpaths.

10.7 Key indicators include:

- Level of CO₂ emissions
- Traffic congestion
- Air quality ... compliance with international standards.

10.8 The approach is demand management, that is to say curbing and reversing the growth in road traffic to fit the environment better, and no longer predict and provide, that is to say aiming to increase road capacity to meet forecast traffic growth. We have no hesitation in endorsing the current approach; not only does it accord with stated aims and requirements of the Strategic Plan but it reflects the approach now almost universally taken by planning and transport authorities in developed societies.”

It follows from the above summary of the position concerning transport matters adopted in the Island Plan, that this amendment is necessary to make the procedure to be followed in the Five Oaks Plan consistent with the rest of the Island Plan.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment to the sixth amendment.