

STATES OF JERSEY



COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY (P.98/2022): AMENDMENT (P.98/2022 AMD.) – AMENDMENT

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1 PAGE 2, PART 1(i) –

For the words “and natural” substitute the words “, rural and marine”;

2 PAGE 2, PART 2–

For the words to be inserted, substitute the following words –
“, except that on page 6 of the report in the “A commitment to partnership” section, after the words “with the” there should be inserted the words “Parishes,””

3 PAGE 2, PART 3 –

For the words “amenity space” substitute the words “open space”;

4 PAGE 2, PART 6(i) –

For the new paragraph to be inserted, substitute the following paragraph –

“By working together with the Parishes, we will provide safe, and where achievable segregated, routes for walkers and cyclists by reallocating road space around the Island and within the Town area to encourage active travel.”

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Note: After this amendment, the amendment of the Connétable St Helier would read as follows –

- (a) After the words “report of this Proposition” insert the words – “, except that on page 5 of the report in the “Environment” section –
 - (i) before the word “environment” there should be inserted the words “urban, rural and marine”; and after the word “purposefully” there should be inserted the words “and fairly.”;
- (b) After the words “report of this Proposition” insert the words –
“, except that on page 6 of the report in the “A commitment to partnership” section after the word “with the” there should be inserted the words “parishes,”;
- (c) After the words “report of this Proposition” insert the words –
“, except that on page 7 of the report in the “Quality of Life section, after the word “housing” there should be inserted the words “open space”;
- (d) After the words “report of this Proposition” insert the words –
“, except that on page 15, Annex 1, in the “Environment” section –
 - (i) after the third paragraph should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will provide safe walking and cycling facilities to allow children to walk and cycle to school, thereby increasing their health, fitness and independent mobility and reducing the impact of ‘the school run’ on the environment.”;

(e) on page 14, Annex 1 –

- (i) in the “Ageing Population” section after the fourth paragraph there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –
- (ii) “We will provide safe walking and other transport options for the elderly and encourage the improvement and expansion of parks and gardens, especially in urban areas.”; and
- (iii) in the “Health and Wellbeing” section after the fifth paragraph should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will encourage the improvement and expansion of parks and children’s play facilities, especially in urban areas. We will increase our investment in the public realm.”;

(f) on page 15, Annex 1, in the “Environment” section –

- (i) after the third paragraph should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“By working together with the Parishes, we will provide safe, and where achievable segregated, routes for walkers and cyclists by reallocating road space around the Island and within the Town area to encourage active travel.”; and

- (ii) in the penultimate paragraph after the word “infrastructure” there should be inserted the words “including tree planting and the provision of green spaces,”.

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

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

in accordance with Article 18(2)(e) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, to approve the statement of the Common Strategic Policy of the Council of Ministers as set out in the report of this Proposition, **except that –**

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(f) on page 15, Annex 1, in the “Environment” section –

(i) after the third paragraph should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will provide safe, segregated routes for walkers and cyclists around the Island and within the town area to encourage active travel.”; and

(ii) in the penultimate paragraph after the word “infrastructure” there should be inserted the words “including tree planting and the provision of green spaces,”.

REPORT

The intent behind the Connétable's amendment is supported.

The purpose of this further amendment is to ensure that parts of it are more appropriately defined and framed within the Common Strategic Policy.

Part 1(i)

The Connétable's amendment seeks to make explicit reference to the island's urban environment. This is supported and accepted.

In so doing, however, the Connétable's amendment seeks to characterise the remainder of the island's environment as 'natural'. This fails to recognise that the environment outside of our urban areas is made up of a small amount of what might be considered to be 'natural' land, together with a managed countryside and an extensive marine environment.

The proposed refinement of this definition – expressed as our 'urban, rural and marine environment' – is considered to be more appropriate.

Part 2

The Connétable's amendment seeks to give explicit recognition to the role of the parishes in partnership working. This is, of course, supported and accepted.

The proposed amendment deals with a simple matter of drafting.

Part 3

The Connétable's amendment seeks to give explicit recognition to the role of access to amenity space as a factor contributing to our quality of life. This is recognised and accepted.

The Connétable's amendment is, however, narrowly focused on amenity space.

There are a whole range of spaces which contribute to our wellbeing. States Members recognised this in the approved bridging Island Plan which sets out a range of different types of open space. Open space typologies are many and varied, including parks; outdoor sports facilities; amenity greenspace; play space; natural greenspace; allotments; cemeteries and churchyards; civic space; linear open space; beaches; and visually important open space.

This further amendment seeks to replace 'amenity space' with 'open space' to recognise that access to many different types of open space can contribute to our quality of life.

Part 6

The Connétable's amendment seeks to ensure the creation of routes for walkers and cyclists to encourage active travel around town and across the island.

These are established policy objectives in the Sustainable Transport Policy and specific proposals will be developed through the Island Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Strategy.

Achieving its successful implementation will require partnership working across all of the island's highway authorities. Providing safer routes for people to walk and cycle will require consideration of how best and most appropriate use is made of the island's existing road network; and how space within the highway might be allocated to different modes of travel.

The refinement of the amendment expresses this route to implementation more clearly.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial implications arising from this further amendment.

Re-issue Note

This amendment has been re-issued to fix an error in the placement of Part 6 (i).
