

STATES OF JERSEY



ISLAND PLAN 2011: APPROVAL (P.48/2011): THIRTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT

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by the Connétable of St. Mary

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After the words “the revised draft Island Plan 2011” insert the words “except that in the Introduction, on page xvii, after the words “For the avoidance of doubt, the following development plans and frameworks are superseded by the new Island Plan:” delete the words “1. St. Mary’s Village Development Plan (1994)” and renumber the list accordingly.”

CONNÉTABLE OF ST. MARY

REPORT

I am bringing this amendment to remove the reference to the St. Mary's Village Development Plan (1994) ("the 1994 Plan") from the list of plans which are superseded by the new Island Plan, as a number of Parishioners have raised concerns over the loss of this 1994 Plan, which was produced after much consultation.

Discussions with the Planning Department have given a degree of reassurance that the core elements of the 1994 Plan will be preserved in the proposed new Plan. For example, important trees, views and vistas are protected by 2 new policies, and the draft Island Plan also proposes the designation of Conservation Areas. I understand from the Planning Department that they will be undertaking work in defining these Conservation Areas once the new Island Plan is adopted, and the area around the Parish Church has been informally identified as having some potential. By bringing this amendment, even if it is not successful, I will be able to put on record the Minister's views on the designation of this important part of the Parish as a Conservation Area and will be able to seek his assurance that the Parish and Parishioners themselves will be formally involved in the process.

The draft Island Plan also notes, in Proposal 14, that where new development is proposed to protect the vitality and viability of Jersey's smaller rural settlements, the Minister for Planning and Environment will require the parochial authorities to undertake and develop their own village study or plan.

There is no mention of how the development of these new plans will be funded, and I am concerned that unless the contents of the 1994 Plan are demonstrated to be either flawed or out-of-date, it would simply be a waste of resources to abandon the 1994 Plan completely and face the possible need to produce an entirely new document in the future, perhaps unnecessarily. I would welcome the Minister's comments on this.

Financial and manpower implications

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