

STATES OF JERSEY



RECYCLING OF WASTE MATERIALS: IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE SITES (P.97/2010) – COMMENTS

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by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

1. The proposition is seeking the identification of a site on publicly-owned land which would be suitable for use as a site where recycling of waste material can be undertaken by licensed haulage contractors. A report back to the States within 6 months with details of suitable sites identified for this purpose is requested.
2. The roles and responsibilities of the 3 departments mentioned in the proposition needs to be clarified before a decision is made.
3. The Planning and Environment Department is responsible for expressing the need for various land-uses through the Island Plan. At the current time, specific sites have not been identified for this type of use, but a criteria-based policy exists to judge proposals when submitted by the private or public sector which would enable waste recycling uses to come forward and be determined.
4. Jersey Property Holdings have the responsibility for States-owned land, and Transport and Technical Services (TTS) have the responsibility as the main public sector waste disposal operator on the Island. TTS is also responsible for the waste strategy which demonstrates the need to be met.
5. As this proposition mentions 3 departments, the response is in the name of the Council of Ministers.
6. It is not accepted that the States should play a role in identifying publicly-owned land for private uses. There is a responsibility for private waste operators to identify their own land-use requirements and either apply for planning permission in the normal way, or gain wider acceptance of their site through the Island Plan process.
7. If a current waste operator wants to discuss the development of any land on the Island, whether it be public or privately-owned, then an approach should be made in the usual way to the Planning and Environment Department. A pre-application discussion can then take place and advice will be given (often caveated) on the suitability of such a site.
8. The Council of Ministers does not accept that the States should identify a publicly-owned site as there is no guarantee that the site would be suitable, no guarantee that a commercial and appropriate rent would be paid for its use, and no guarantee that there are not better privately-owned sites which would be more appropriate.
9. If interest from the waste industry does exist for a new site, then the appropriate submissions should have been made through the Island Plan process, or failing that, a planning application should be submitted. States departments do not have the current resources to undertake this additional piece of work for the private sector.
10. The Council of Ministers is therefore not supporting this proposition.

Financial and manpower implications

11. There are resource implications to progress such a study for the benefit of the private sector, although not large, and potential financial implications in identifying publicly-owned land for this sort of end-use.

This proposition is not supported by the Council of Ministers.