

STATES OF JERSEY



ISLAND PLAN 2011: APPROVAL (P.48/2011) – TWENTIETH AMENDMENT (P.48/2011 Amd.(20)) – AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 16th June 2011
by the Minister for Planning and Environment**

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In paragraph 4, for the words “including for” substitute the words “which include considerations of safety, convenience and ease of access, with particular regard given to”.

MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOTE:

This amendment has been lodged by the Minister for Planning and Environment for less than 6 weeks before the start of the debate in accordance with the provisions of Article 4A of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002. Paragraphs 4A(2), (3) and (4) are in the following terms –

4A Procedure for and following lodging of draft Island Plan

- “(2) An amendment to a draft Island Plan cannot be debated by the States unless it has been lodged for a minimum period of 8 weeks.
- (3) An amendment to an amendment to a draft Island Plan cannot be debated by the States unless it has been lodged for a minimum period of 6 weeks.
- (4) Paragraph (2) or (3) does not apply to an amendment lodged by the Minister if the States agree that the amendment may be debated forthwith or on a day or at a time approved by the States.”

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) the Minister for Planning and Environment will seek the agreement of the States to debate this amendment during the debate on the ‘Island Plan 2011: approval’ (P.48/2011).

REPORT

The Minister for Planning and Environment supports the intent behind this amendment but considers that it requires further amendment to enable it to be accepted within the Plan.

The Deputy of St. Mary is, of course, right to be concerned about the safety, convenience and ease of access to public open space for people with mobility impairments and for elderly members of the community who may also be less mobile than others. In particular, the Deputy of St. Mary makes the point that occupants of an elderly persons' home may have less choice in the location of where they live than others, and that access to open space may be particularly valuable to someone living in a communal home.

The Minister considers, however, that whilst these considerations are of particular relevance to vulnerable groups of people, they are of concern to us all.

In considering this matter, the independent planning inspectors suggested that both points expressed by the Deputy and the Minister were worthy of support. They have proposed a form of words, as a further amendment to the amendment, which captures both aspects and it is this that the Minister now proposes.

Financial and manpower implications

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