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Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Five Oaks Masterplan (OQ.33/2025):

I was just going to say I know the Minister is going to want to end question time with good news for St. Saviour. Will the Minister provide an update on delivering proposal 23 of the Bridging Island Plan regarding the Five Oaks Masterplan, that was approved for delivery before 2025; and, given the delay, lack of public consultation and the submission of a planning application in the area without a masterplan in place, will he confirm whether it remains a priority and when parishioners of St. Saviour can expect to see it implemented?

Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin (The Minister for the Environment):

The first thing to say is that consideration of a planning application for the development of affordable homes at Five Oaks on a site specifically zoned for this purpose in the Bridging Island Plan, as approved by this Assembly, is not contingent on the preparation of a masterplan for Five Oaks. Having said that, however, like many parts of the Island, there would be considerable value in undertaking work with the local community to consider the current challenges and opportunities for change in and around the local centre at Five Oaks and any such work might explore how to improve the local community infrastructure and to make Five Oaks a better place to live. This is, however, subject to the availability of resources and capacity which at the present time is focused on the Government's priority for wider planning service reform.

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I remain committed to undertake this work and to deliver on the Bridging Island Plan proposal to do this work during the current plan period, but I am unable, unfortunately, to provide a definitive timeline for this workstream at this time.