WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2022

Question

"Will the Minister advise what benefit to the community, if any, is assessed as accompanying the granting of planning permission for the construction of luxury mansions for single family occupation; and will he further advise what role, if any, potential appeal costs relating to the granting of such permissions to potentially wealthy owners play in such decisions?"

Answer

Both the current (2011) Island Plan and the emerging Bridging Island Plan recognise that new development is required to meet the needs of Jersey's community. Where certain types of development need to be encouraged, they are highlighted within these documents by particular policies or proposals. There are no such policies or proposals within either the current or emerging Island Plans which encourage 'luxury mansions for single family occupation'. Such proposals must be assessed on the basis of the policies of the Plan, as a whole, taking into account all relevant material planning considerations. Potential appeal costs are not such a consideration.