STATES OF JERSEY



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In proposed new Article 9(3), for proposed sub-paragraph (b), substitute –

"(b) if the applicant is not the owner of the land to be developed, a certificate by the owner of the land certifying that the owner approves the application being made.".

SENATOR L. NORMAN

REPORT

Currently it is possible for an application to develop land to be made without the knowledge or permission of the owner of that land.

The proposal of the Minister for Planning and Environment corrects the first of these failings, but not the second. My amendment does address this issue and, if approved, will require any applicant, who is not the owner of the land to which a development application applies, to have the approval of the owner to make such an application.

This is, in my view, a matter of commonsense, equity and, indeed, common decency.

There are no manpower or financial consequences as a result of this amendment, although modest savings may be achieved as in future the Minister and his Department will not be obliged to consider applications which do not have the sanction of the land owner.