

STATES OF JERSEY



SOLID WASTE STRATEGY (P.95/2005): AMENDMENT (P.95/2005 AMD.)– COMMENTS

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by the Environment and Public Services Committee**

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COMMENTS

The amendment proposes that within 2 years, the Environment and Public Services Committee will bring to the States a feasibility study of future land-based inert waste disposal sites without recourse to any further marine reclamation sites.

It must be stated that the Island Plan 2002 presumes against all development in the Marine Protection Zone (extending from Mean High Water to territorial limits), by virtue of Policy M1^{*}. Furthermore, the Island Plan also states that La Gigoulande Quarry is designated for use as landfill (Policy WM5). However, the total lifespan of the quarry is uncertain, and other inland sites are also likely to pose engineering issues. The Environment and Public Services Committee would like to be able to agree that it would not pursue further consideration of marine reclamation sites for a new inert waste site, but it has to take into account that it will definitely have to find a suitable site to provide this facility for the general interests of the community. If, as a result of further study, further marine land reclamation is considered to be the only solution in the time-scale available, then the Environment and Public Services Committee will need to consider this as a departure from the Island Plan and seek to amend the Plan. There is a limited time in which to find a suitable site, to allow enough time for its planning and construction, before the existing inert waste site has been filled. It is clear that there will be ongoing generation of inert waste, even in the most optimistic scenario of waste minimisation, and Jersey has few locations that might be suitable for inert waste disposal sites.

Therefore, because the Environment and Public Services Committee is committed to finding the best possible site, it does not feel that it can agree to being bound by a commitment to preclude marine reclamation sites from the considerations for a new site for inert waste. Clearly, if it is in the public interest that further marine land reclamation is carried out, then this should be considered. The Environment and Public Services Committee does fully intend to bring a report for a new inert waste site back to the States in a reasonable time.

The Environment and Public Services Committee does not support this amendment.

^{*} – Policy M1 – Marine Protection Zone. The sustainable use of the Island's marine environment will be ensured by the Marine Protection Zone extending from Mean High Water to the territorial limits, as designated in the Island and Town Proposals Maps. Within this zone there is a presumption against all developments except those which are essential for navigation, access to water, fishing and fish farming and coastal defence. Where permitted, development should not materially harm the amenities, character or ecological balance of the area because of its construction disturbance, siting, scale, form, appearance, materials, noise or emissions.