

STATES OF JERSEY



ISLAND PLAN 2011: APPROVAL (P.48/2011): FORTY-FOURTH AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 17th June 2011
by the Minister for Planning and Environment

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After the words “the revised draft Island Plan 2011” insert the words –

“except that in Policy GD1 – General development considerations (page 54) after the words ‘and other service infrastructure.’ at paragraph 1.d. insert a new paragraph as follows –

- ‘e. it improves facilities for the storage and collection of refuse, including recyclables (in accord with WM5)’ ”

MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOTE:

This amendment has been lodged by the Minister for Planning and Environment for less than 8 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 is entirely sympathetic with the Connétable of St. Helier's objective in the 38th amendment, paragraph 11, in relation to the need for shops, particularly in the Island's principal shopping streets of St. Helier, to be able to store waste material easily and for the parish authorities to be able to collect it most efficiently.

But this is a matter not just for shops, but for all new development, including redevelopment, and the matter is already addressed in the revised draft Island Plan at Policy WM5 (pages 424 – 425, 2nd para. and 6 subsequent bullet points) and, with specific reference to retail development, is also highlighted in policies ER7 and ER8.

The Minister accepts that there is merit in giving greater prominence to this policy objective by ensuring additional cross-referencing elsewhere in the Plan, but is of the view that Policy BE7 – which is essentially about the design of shop fronts – is not the place to do it. Rather, the Minister considers that it is more appropriate to amend Policy GD1 General development considerations – which is a generic policy that will apply to all new development, to better highlight this issue and ensure that it is taken into account in the determination of all planning applications, where applicable.

The independent planning inspectors views of the Minister's further amendment was as follows: *'We agree completely with this; it gives effect to the Connétable's wishes but extends his proposal more widely and this can only be beneficial. There was general agreement at the EiP.'*

Financial and manpower implications

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