

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011**

**Question**

Can the Minister advise Members when and by whom permission was granted for the scheme (or schemes) which was (or were) approved at Portelet prior to that now under construction?

**Answer**

In August 2005 the Planning Sub Committee of the former Environment and Public Services Committee under the acting Chair of former Deputy Dorey granted permission for the redevelopment of the former Portelet Holiday Village site to provide 7 detached houses and 45 two bedroom apartments. (P/2004/0973)

The revised application scheme which was approved in March 2008 (P/2007/3020) by the Minister involves the same number of units but is of a different design.

The Minister has previously explained to the States Assembly that the decision to grant permission was made because he strongly believed that the previous approved scheme was a far inferior solution than the world class scheme designed by Sir Richard MacCormac. The current scheme also represents a 15% reduction in size over the former holiday camp that was on the site and is of a far superior design to that of the previous permission. The landscaping strategy is an integral part of this scheme and the Minister would reiterate his comments that judgement should be reserved until the development, with the associated landscaping, has been fully completed.