

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2014**

**Question**

Would the Minister state what recourse, if any, is available to a planning applicant whose application is supported on “appeal” by the Planning Applications Panel and who is then, on direction from the Minister, expected to negotiate an outcome with the officer whose reasoning was contested and then overturned?

**Answer**

Recommendations to the Planning Applications Panel are those of the department, not an individual officer. They are counter-signed by the relevant Director, or in his absence, a Principal Planner. If the Minister disagrees with the Panel’s decision (to depart from the department’s recommendation), the current protocols allow him to direct the department officers to carry out his alternative instruction.

Ultimately, any applicant who is dissatisfied with a planning decision can appeal to the Royal Court under article 113 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002.