

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011**

Question

Will the Minister be developing an area plan for the Five Oaks area covering matters such as retention of countryside or 'green field' sites and the provision of community facilities for groups such as old and young people?

Answer

My intention with regard to the preparation of a local development plan for the Five Oaks area is set out in the 2009 Draft Island Plan at Proposal 13, and is unchanged in the revised draft Island Plan being lodged today.

Proposal 13: Local Development Plan

The Minister for Planning and Environment will develop a planning framework in the form of a Local Development Plan for Five Oaks to guide its future development and enhancement.

This will be adopted as supplementary planning guidance to be approved by the Minister for Planning and Environment.

The Minister will review the requirement for and ability to undertake other Local Development Plans during the Plan period.

I consider that there is a legitimate need to look at the planning issues in this area, with the local community and other stakeholders, to develop and adopt plans, policies and proposals to guide its future development and to identify, influence and secure any interventions necessary to improve the local community infrastructure.

Where any such resultant proposals are consistent with the Island Plan that is current at the time, it would be my intention to adopt an emergent local development plan for Five Oaks as supplementary planning guidance.

It would not be my intention to review matters such as the definition of the Built-up Area or Green Zone boundaries around Five Oaks as part of any local development plan as these are properly dealt with by the Island Plan. Should proposals emerge, however, which are inconsistent with the Island Plan current at the time, they would require the consideration of the States as a draft revision to the Island Plan, and be subject to the due process of scrutiny and independent examination, as prescribed by planning legislation.

Progression of the local development plan for Five Oaks will be dependent upon the availability of resources within the Department for the Environment.