



Monday 14 March 2022

Bridging Island Plan debate begins

Public business

Public business for this week's States Meeting, which is expected to continue into next week, is dedicated entirely to debating the draft [Bridging Island Plan](#) and the 93 amendments and 20 amendments to amendments.

Draft Bridging Island Plan, as amended

The Minister for the Environment proposed the draft Bridging Island Plan, as amended by the following amendments:

- 5th [amendment](#) – Children's play space
- 9th [amendment](#) – Green space at Springfield Stadium
- 13th [amendment](#) – In-ground trees, watercourses and water features
- 15th [amendment](#) – Corbière Walk as protected open space
- 21st [amendment](#) – Disability inclusion – active travel
- 22nd [amendment](#) – Disability inclusion – independent living
- 23rd [amendment](#) – Inclusion of disability and additional needs
- 24th [amendment](#) – Disability inclusion – listed building accessibility
- 27th [amendment](#) – Public access to Waterworks Valley
- 37th [amendment](#) – Aquaculture growth
- 39th [amendment](#) – Conservation areas
- 44th [amendment](#), as [amended](#) – Right-sizing
- 46th [amendment](#) – Road and driveway repair
- 63rd [amendment](#) – Utilising renewable and recyclable construction materials
- 75th [amendment](#) – Delivery and construction of new homes
- 79th [amendment](#) – Road network to and from the new hospital
- 84th [amendment](#) – Amendment to Policy C13 (Our Hospital)
- 86th [amendment](#) – St. Brelade's Bay Improvement Plan
- 98th [amendment](#) – Development of Tabor Park
- 99th [amendment](#) – Minor map changes
- 100th [amendment](#) – Sustainable Communities Fund
- 101st [amendment](#) – Land reclamation

Section 1: Strategic proposals and policies

88th Amendment – Marine Spatial Plan

The Minister for the Environment proposed the 88th [amendment](#): that the proposed Marine Spatial Plan should be created before 2025 to develop a network of marine protected areas.

Amendment to 88th amendment

Senator Lyndon Farnham proposed an [amendment](#) to the 88th amendment: that the proposed Marine Spatial Plan should develop a network of protected areas within a National Marine Park, to cover at least 30% of Jersey's territorial waters by 2025.

The States Assembly voted to REJECT Senator Farnham's amendment to the Minister for the Environment's 88th amendment. 28 States Members [voted](#) against the proposition, and 14 voted in favour.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's 88th amendment. 40 Members voted in favour of the amendment, and one voted against.

51st amendment – National Marine Park

Senator Farnham withdrew the 51st [amendment](#) and [amendment](#) to the amendment – to create a National Marine Park to protect at least 30% of Jersey's territorial waters – and, therefore, the amendments were neither debated or voted on.

Watch a [recording](#) of this morning's States Meeting.

43rd amendment – Les Quennevais developments

Deputy Montfort Tadier proposed the 43rd [amendment](#): to remove the reference to 'higher densities' in relation to Les Quennevais developments, replace the planning framework for the West of the Island with a Masterplan, and extend the Sustainable Communities Fund to built-up areas beyond Town.

Amendment to 43rd amendment

The Minister for the Environment proposed an [amendment](#) to Deputy Tadier's amendment: to encourage buildings of 'higher densities' where appropriate to the area's character and introduce a framework for the West of the Island first, with more focused masterplans to follow.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE both [part a](#) and [part b](#) of the Minister for the Environment's amendment to Deputy Tadier's amendment.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE Deputy Tadier's amendment, as amended by the Minister for the Environment. 34 States Members voted in favour of the amendment, and eight voted against.

59th amendment – St. Brelade's Bay community participation

The 59th [amendment](#) – to ensure that those most affected by public art installations can comment on their design and new developments have the support of the local community – was withdrawn by the Connétable of St. Brelade.

Section 2: Places

102nd amendment – Establishment of a Protected Coastal Area

The Minister for the Environment proposed the 102nd [amendment](#): to establish the Protected Coastal Area (PCA), which the current Coastal National Park will sit within, to provide the highest level of protection for the Island's landscape and seascape.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's amendment to the draft Bridging Island Plan.

30th amendment – Coastal National Park boundaries

The 30th [amendment](#) – to keep the boundaries of the Coastal National Park the same as was established in the Revised 2011 Island Plan, with the exception of

intertidal zone and shallow water around the offshore reefs – was withdrawn by the Deputy of St. Ouen.

Section 3: General Development

82nd amendment – Replacement of buildings

Deputy Russell Labey proposed the 82nd [amendment](#): to ensure that replacing rather than refurbishing buildings will only be supported where there is an aesthetic and practical benefit to doing so.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE Deputy Russell Labey's amendment to the draft Bridging Island Plan. 30 Members voted in favour of the amendment, 11 voted against.

Amendment 48 – Developments over five storeys

Senator Sarah Ferguson proposed the 48th [amendment](#): that developments over five storeys in Town will only be supported in exceptional circumstances where the community benefit outweighs adverse impact, and such developments will not be supported outside of Town.

The States Assembly will continue debating Senator Sarah Ferguson's amendment at 9:30am tomorrow. Watch live [online](#).

Tomorrow afternoon's States Meeting will begin at 2:45pm, rather than 2:15pm, due to the funeral of the late former Connétable of St. Mary, Edwin Le Gresley Godel.

-ENDS-

Notes to Editors

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