



Tuesday 22 March 2022

## States Meeting Summary 22 March

### Public business

Today's States Meeting continued with debates on States Members' [amendments](#) to the draft [Bridging Island Plan](#).

### Section 7: Housing

#### 41<sup>st</sup> amendment – Affordable homes on States' owned land

During yesterday's States Meeting, Senator Mézec proposed the 41<sup>st</sup> [amendment](#): That, where States of Jersey or States-owned companies' land is used for new homes, all of the homes provided should be affordable except where this would leave development unviable.

The Minister for the Environment proposed an [amendment](#) to the 41<sup>st</sup> amendment: Where States of Jersey or States' owned land is used for new homes, it should be for affordable homes unless the development needs to specifically provide open market homes. In such cases, a minimum of 15% should be for assisted purchase housing.

This morning, the States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's amendment to Senator Mézec's 41<sup>st</sup> amendment. 30 Members voted in favour of the amendment to the amendment; 16 voted against.

The States Assembly unanimously [voted](#) to APPROVE Senator Mézec's 41<sup>st</sup> amendment to the Bridging Island Plan, as amended by the Minister for the Environment.

#### 103<sup>rd</sup> amendment – Five Oaks masterplan

The Minister for the Environment proposed the 103<sup>rd</sup> [amendment](#): to introduce a masterplan for Five Oaks to improve local infrastructure and review the need for travel improvements, community facilities, open space, and future employment opportunities.

The States Assembly unanimously [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's 103<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the Bridging Island Plan.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> amendment – Age restricted homes

The Deputy of St. Martin proposed the 17<sup>th</sup> [amendment](#): to add age-restricted homes (for over 55's) to proposals for the development of supported homes, and to add

Field MN489, La Longue Rue, St. Martin to the list of sites to be zoned for age-restricted homes.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE the Deputy's 17<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Bridging Island Plan. 33 Members voted in favour, nine voted against and one abstained.

### **92<sup>nd</sup> amendment – development outside the built-up area**

The Minister for the Environment proposed the 92<sup>nd</sup> [amendment](#): to allow for, under certain circumstances, the development of new households within existing or extended homes outside the built-up area.

The States Assembly unanimously [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's 92<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the Bridging Island Plan.

### **26<sup>th</sup> amendment – Sub-division of existing properties and conversion of traditional buildings**

Senator Moore proposed the 26<sup>th</sup> [amendment](#): to make policy changes to allow existing properties to be sub-divided or traditional buildings to be converted to create more accommodation.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE Senator Moore's 92<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the Bridging Island Plan. 21 Members voted in favour, 17 voted against and seven abstained.

## **Section 8: Managing emissions**

The debate on the Bridging Island Plan moved onto Section 8: Managing Emissions.

### **93<sup>rd</sup> amendment – 20% reduction in target energy rate**

The Minister for the Environment proposed the 93<sup>rd</sup> [amendment](#): to apply the 20% reduction in the target energy rate to new development which aligns with building bye-law requirements.

The States Assembly unanimously [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's 93<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the draft Bridging Island Plan.

### **81<sup>st</sup> amendment – Removal of Passivhaus standards for affordable homes**

The Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel proposed the 81<sup>st</sup> [amendment](#): to remove Policy ME2 from the Plan which would require new affordable homes to conform with Passivhaus (low energy) standards.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel's amendment to the draft Bridging Island Plan. 39 Members voted in favour; five voted against.

## **Section 9: Community infrastructure**

The debate progressed to Section 9 of the Bridging Island Plan: Community infrastructure

### **94<sup>th</sup> amendment – Changes to education facilities**

The Minister for the Environment proposed the 94<sup>th</sup> [amendment](#): to ensure that all of Field H1219, St. Helier, is safeguarded for Mont à L'Abbé School, and to allow proposals for education facilities outside the built-up area to be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for the Environment's 94<sup>th</sup> amendment to the draft Bridging Island Plan.

### **6<sup>th</sup> amendment – Primary schools in St. Helier and St. Saviour**

Deputy Inna Gardiner proposed the 6<sup>th</sup> [amendment](#): that, where there are additional needs for primary schools in St. Helier and St. Saviour, redevelopment to meet these needs will be given the highest priority and not compromise the ability to address these needs.

The States Assembly adjourned and will resume the debate on the 6<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Bridging Island Plan at [9:30am tomorrow, Wednesday 23 March](#).

**-ENDS-**

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