

Planning and Environment Department  
**White Paper**

**Archaeology and Planning: sites of archaeological interest**

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**BACKGROUND**

The Minister for Planning and Environment has an obligation to protect sites, buildings, structures and places that have a special value or importance to the Island, including Jersey's archaeology. Archaeological remains are irreplaceable as they are evidence - for prehistoric periods, the only evidence - of the past development of our Island's civilization.

A rich variety of archaeological remains survive above and below ground in Jersey, along its shoreline, and within its waters. Some of these are familiar enough; represented by dolmens and coastal forts and castles, but less obvious archaeological remains are also to be found. Very few of these sites and areas of archaeological value have any form of protection presently.

In order to begin to protect archaeology in Jersey, it is necessary to identify, define and categorise those parts of the Island where there is known to be, or suspected of being, archaeological interest. Through their identification and definition, the potential value of these remains can then be properly considered, through the planning system, when they are affected by development proposals.

In January 2007 the Minister for Planning and Environment set out, in new supplementary planning guidance published in January 2007<sup>1</sup>, how areas of archaeological sensitivity were to be categorised, involving the definition of 3 levels of interest - Sites of Special Interest (SSI); Archaeological Sites (AS); Areas of Archaeological Potential (AAP)

**KNOWN SITES OF INTEREST**

A considerable body of work has now been undertaken, on behalf of the Minister, by Jersey Heritage Trust, to identify and categorise all of the sites and areas of archaeological interest that are known to exist at the moment. Over 160 sites have been identified – ranging in size from the specific location of individual standing stones to an expansive area of St Ouen's Bay covering the remains of a Neolithic forest.

A schedule of the proposed sites and their proposed designation is available on the States of Jersey website – [www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je). Further details – including detailed maps and descriptions – are available for reference at various locations as set out at the end of this paper.

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## **PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION**

The purpose of this consultation is to secure comment about the proposed designation and definition of areas of archaeological interest as identified and defined.

The Minister intends to formally designate these sites in accordance with the categorisation proposed by Jersey Heritage Trust, but before he does so, he wishes to ensure that interested parties are given an opportunity to comment upon these proposals.

## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- 1) Are the proposed archaeological designations clear in meaning and extent?
- 2) Are the proposed archaeological designations comprehensive?
- 3) Do you think that there are other parts of the Island or sites that have archaeological value or interest and if so, where are they and why are they important?
- 4) Do you disagree with any of the proposed archaeological designations and if so, on what basis? (this should only be related to the archaeological value of the site(s) and not matters such as their development potential or monetary worth).

## **INFORMATION**

The map and detailed schedule of the proposed sites of archaeological interest may be found, and are available for public inspection and scrutiny, at;

- **Planning and Building Services, South Hill, St Helier**
- **The Contact Centre, Cyril Le Marquand House, St Helier**
- **The Central Library, St Helier**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Please refer to Supplementary Planning Guidance: Planning Policy Note 1 *Archaeology and Planning* (January 2007) which is available from Planning and Building Services at South Hill or the States website at <http://www.gov.je/NR/rdonlyres/24F17467-2B53-4708-B97B-EAF8D2E27B95/0/SPGGuidanceNote1.pdf> . This provides details about the categorisation of each of the sites of archaeological interest and provides information about the planning policy regime that will apply to them.

## **DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: 01 October 2007**

### **Please send your comments to:**

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

This consultation paper has been sent to the following individuals / organisations:

- The Public Consultation Register
- States of Jersey Environment Scrutiny Panel
- Minister for Treasury and Resources
- Minister for Economic Development
- Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
- Jersey Heritage Trust
- Societe Jersiaise
- Societe Jersiaise Archaeology Section
- Societe Jersiaise Environment Section
- Save Jersey's Heritage
- Council for the Protection of Jersey's Heritage
- National Trust for Jersey
- Dandara
- A.C. Mauger
- G.R. Langlois
- Marett and Sons
- Camerons
- Antler
- Waterfront Enterprise Board
- Association of Jersey Architects
- Jersey Construction Council
- Jersey Chamber of Commerce
- Hartigans
- MS Planning
- All media

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- Archaeology and Planning: consultation on the identification and classification of sites of archaeological interest in Jersey – **Island map of the sites.**
- Archaeology and Planning: consultation on the identification and classification of sites of archaeological interest in Jersey – **schedule and plans of the sites.**

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