

The Parish of St Martin Housing Association.
The Public Hall St Martin.

11th April 2001

Dear Mr Maindonald,

You will be aware of the concern expressed in the States and Media at the problem of housing costs for young people, and will know of the work already completed at La Rue de la Haye through this Association. You may also have seen the notice in the Parish Newsletter asking parishioners with family members in need of such housing to submit a proforma questionnaire so that the present scale of need may be reviewed.

The Connetable is anxious to do what may be done for young people of the Parish and is presently considering the next phase of action. Matters have been brought to a head by the current review of the Island Plan in which it is understood that, in an effort to keep costs down, areas are to be zoned specifically for development for first time buyers. It has been suggested to the Parish that we should provide a list of areas which the Parish would wish to develop for such purpose to Planning & Environment so that it may be included in the Draft Plan which is due for publication in June.

The Connetable has asked that I write to owners of suitable areas of land which might be made available for such zoning and I am writing to you as I understand that you own or have an interest in Field 625A, and have indeed applied in the past for planning consent. This field is presently zoned as 'Agricultural Area of Landscape value' and therefore not presently available for development but being on the edge of the Village and adjacent to other buildings may well be seen as offering a suitable 'infill' opportunity in this new context.

If you would like to discuss the possible options I would be grateful if you will telephone me, or the Connetable, or Procureur Gerald le Cocq, so that we may arrange a meeting to discuss the matter in more detail.

Yours sincerely

M Lees
Honorary Secretary.