

# **2011 Island Plan: Interim Review**

Written Representation

**GLASSHOUSE SITE, FIELD 785, ST OUEN**

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The owners seek the Inspector's endorsement of the Minister proposal to rezoning Field 785.

The Minister's response (Vo1 1) are all supportive of the rezoning and therefore no substantial comments are made in addition to the representation of September 2013.

Nevertheless, I trust the following comments are helpful to the inspector:

Some comment has been made about the suitability of rezoning a site in St. Ouen. However, the Minister is proposing very few sites are rezoned and, except those put forward by the Parishes, all are the redevelopment of brownfield sites. Unlike Field 622 and Field 402, this proposal does not require the loss of largely undeveloped land. It is likely to be proven that too few sites are proposed to be rezoned and the structural failure to provide adequate housing will worsen in the coming years until the next (Interim?) Island Plan Review. It is therefore vital that the sites proposed to be rezoned are so the Affordable Housing is delivered.

It is right an appropriate that the rural Parishes share some of the Island's development needs and, if Field 785 were removed and another site found on the edge of town, no doubt the town political representatives would claim town cramming or support neighbouring resident's objections.

It is also noteworthy that the Housing Department recognise that there is little access to social housing in the west of the Island and therefore this proposal would help balance the Island's provision of Category A housing.