

Jersey Draft Island Plan Examination in Public

Days 10-13 - 5-8 October

Site Specific sessions

General notes for participants in all sessions

The Inspectors have been appointed to provide an independent review of the (Draft) Jersey Island Plan. After the EiP they will write a report to the Minister for Planning and Environment recommending, with reasons, which aspects of the Draft Plan should be retained and whether, and if so what, changes should be made. They will take into account all written submissions including the Minister's own proposed changes in response to consultations, published in a schedule dated 20 June (EiP library core document IP8).

The sessions will be held in an informal atmosphere, with no cross-examination. The Inspectors are conscious that some participants may not have experience of these events; they are a relatively new phenomenon in Jersey. Those participants can be assured that they will not be put under pressure, but that the Inspectors are very keen to hear their views in order to get a rounded picture of the issues

*Generally the timetable for these sessions is tight. Parties are asked to assist in keeping to the times allocated and should note that the Inspectors will have read the representations and statements submitted and visited the sites. Participants should therefore seek to keep their comments succinct and not to repeat views already expressed. In the final list of topics and participants published on 29 July the Inspectors made this point: **The debate should be confined to the merits of the sites themselves; matters of policy (for example supply and demand, the balance between urban and rural development, and so on) will have been discussed at some length earlier in the EiP.** They wish to emphasise this point. They do not wish to repeat the extensive debates which will have taken place earlier in the EiP on policy matters; rather they wish to consider the issues relating to particular sites. In doing so they will take into account, in addition to participants' representations and the Minister's responses, what they see during their site visits and the States document "Sites put forward to the Minister: Suitability for Housing Assessment" (EiP Library ref CD/BT18), where it is relevant.*

Where applicable, participants should if possible have read the representations from other participants in the session.

The Minister will be represented at all sessions by officers from his department who will normally be invited by the Inspectors to respond to the points raised.