

# Community engagement in the planning process

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## **Purpose and type of consultation**

This Consultation Paper sets out the Minister for Planning and Environment's proposals to encourage and facilitate community engagement in the planning process.

It is a procedural guidance note which sets out how community groups might best engage in the planning process and what both prospective applicants and the Department of the Environment might expect as a result.

This guidance has been developed by the Department of the Environment in response to a growing desire for community groups to interact and engage with the planning process.

The Minister would like to hear the views of those interested in and affected by the guidance.

**Closing date:** 07 September 2012

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## **Summary**

The Minister wishes to encourage and facilitate community engagement in the planning process to ensure that as many people as possible participate in the decisions that affect the shape of our environment and our lives.

The Minister is particularly keen for community groups to apply their creative ideas and energy to the shaping of their own environments in a constructive manner, and in particular, to encourage them to work together in the development of village plans and new guidance for specific parts of the Island<sup>1</sup>.

The Minister recognises, however, that there may also be a desire for community groups to engage with the planning process through the critical review of planning applications. Through this mechanism, community groups are able to advise the Minister; the Planning Applications Panel and the Department of the Environment about matters of concern to them in the determination of planning applications.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposals 14 and 15 of the Island Plan 2011 refer to the Minister's intent to develop new planning policy frameworks for some of the Island's small rural villages and centres.

### Further information

The consultation can be viewed online at: [www.gov.je/consult](http://www.gov.je/consult).

Printed copies are available on request from the Department of the Environment, South Hill, St. Helier.

### Please send your comments to:

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### This consultation paper has been sent to the following individuals / organisations and will be lodged in the States as a report:

Chairman – Environment Scrutiny Panel  
La Comité du Commune Rurale de St Jean  
St Aubin Residents' Association  
St. Brelade's Planning Group  
Société Jersiaise  
National Trust for Jersey  
Friends of Les Mielles  
Jersey Farmers' Union  
Association of Jersey Architects  
Jersey Construction Council  
Chamber of Commerce  
Public Consultation Register

### Supporting documents attached

Consultation draft practice note – Community engagement in the planning process

### Consultation response

A series of statements about the guidance are set out below, which may help with your response. Alternatively, you may submit any other comment that you wish to make on the content of this draft guidance note.

You may do this online on [www.gov.je/consult](http://www.gov.je/consult) or you can print and submit the questionnaire to the address below.

<b>1. There is a need for planning guidance on community engagement in the planning process.</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					

<b>2. The form of the planning guidance is clear and easy to understand and use.</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
<b>3. The guidance is helpful in clarifying the roles and responsibilities of those involved in reviewing planning applications.</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
<b>4. The guidance is helpful in clarifying the roles and responsibilities of those involved in pre-consultation advice.</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
<b>5. The guidance is helpful in setting out how groups might work collaboratively with the Minister for Planning and Environment in making plans or developing proposals.</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					

Please note that consultation responses may be made public (sent to other interested parties on request, sent to the Scrutiny Office, quoted in a published report, reported in the media, published on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie), listed on a consultation summary etc). If you have a particular wish for confidentiality please indicate this clearly when submitting a response.

I agree that my comments may be made public and attributed to me

I agree that my comments may be made public but not attributed (i.e. anonymous)

I don't want my comments made public

If you agree to your comments being attributed to you, please provide your details below:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
	<b>Email:</b>

Other comments can be submitted in writing or by email to the address below.

If you or your organisation would like to discuss these proposals further, or would like more information, please contact

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**Deadline for consultation responses:** 07 September 2012.