#### Stakeholder Event Future St Helier







- Why we are here
- You said...
  - You told us what was important to you and why?
- We've done...
  - How we have used your insight to deliver change
    - some examples...
- Insight of youth

Setting the context

The regeneration of St. Helier is one of the Council of Minister's Strategic Priorities

## **States Strategic Plan**

 The regeneration of the town of St Helier as a vibrant, environmentally aware and attractive urban centre of distinctive character that people want to use, visit, invest and live in.



St: Helier: satisfaction



#### The context: recognise where we start from



# Complexity

#### Context: recognise the challenge is complex







An example of complexity: trying to understand the character of St. Helier (from St. Helier Urban Character Appraisal)

## Long term

#### Context: recognise change will take time



#### Jersey's Millennium town park opens after 13-year wait

C 29 October 2011 Jersey

Jersey's Millennium town park will open to the public on Saturday after 13 years of planning.

The idea was discussed in 1998 and the States agreed to create it in 2000 after a petition from 16,400 people.

The plans stalled a number of times because of a lack of funds, but an "accidental" vote involving a ring binder in 2009 meant £10m was allocated to pay for the new park.



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After 13 years of planning, the Millennium town park opens to the public on 29 October









#### Public Workshop: May 2015







## You said…

- Changes should be evidence-based
- Government should work together more
- We should involve stakeholders in decisionmaking
- We should make small, incremental changes and try things out

#### Case study: Charing Cross

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Charing Cross traffic management trial: Case study in how we've responded to what you said... Case study: Charing Cross



## We've done...

- Some research: pedestrians and cyclists formed 93% lunchtime traffic
- Some consultation, with businesses in the area and the general public
- Some work together: pooled resources from the Department for Infrastructure and the Parish of St. Helier
- A temporary trial to monitor and assess impact

#### Case study: Charing Cross





Charing Cross Conceptual 'full' scheme: part of an integrated plan

# Quality of life



Themes: our work to improve St. Helier is about improving quality of life. This has been analysed using themes



#### Social and cultural life

Local identity Links with neighbours wellbeing reelings of safety Local facilities

#### Amenities and infrastructure

Community space Adaptable space Transport links Distinctive character Street layout Lonal integration Workshop session 1 Travel and transport

- What are the key travel issues for St. Helier?
- How could they be addressed?





Workshop 2015: session 1 Travel and transport



- Future St Helier is a place where people find it easy to get to; move around and navigate; whether by foot, bike, bus, car or van
  - What would matter to you and why?
  - What could we change to meet what's important to you?
  - If we could only change two things, what would they be?



# You said…

- St. Helier could be difficult to get in and out of. More sustainable modes of travel should be encouraged.
- Pedestrians needed a better deal

## We've done...

- Introduced a subsidy to encourage the use of electric bikes
- Implemented new pedestrian crossings in the heart of town

#### Travel and transport

- Electric bike subsidy scheme
- Over 200 bikes purchased
- Encouraging modal shift and more sustainable travel into St. Helier









# New pedestrian crossings at...

- Wests' Centre
- York Street/ Dumaresq Street
- York Street/ Charing Cross
- and plans for improvement in and around Seaton Place/ Sand Street and Castle Street



Workshop 2015: session 2 Urban living and environment

- Living space
- External space
  - Green space
  - Hard space
  - Streets

# St Helier offer

- art and culture
- retail
- entertainment





- Future St Helier is a place where you would want to live in; or a place that you would want to visit and spend time in
  - What would matter to you and why?
  - What could we change to meet what's important to you?
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## You said...

- Quality of living space needed to be improved
- Internal and external living space should be increased

## We've done...

- Some research to find out what people think about their homes
- Some work on a review of planning guidelines





• A housing survey of recent developments will be used to inform a review of new standards for the design of homes

## Housing standards survey

- 26 % not satisfied with overall size of dwelling
- Living rooms and bedrooms identified least adequate
- 43 % not satisfied with internal storage space
- 35 % not satisfied with external storage
- 20 % not satisfied with private space access
- 40 % not satisfied with external children's play space
- 71% satisfied with car parking space
- 36% report noise issues

The Annual Social Survey will be used to inform a review of new standards for the design of homes

Figure 5.2 Percent of residents who feel aspects of their accommodation are 'not very' or 'not at all' suitable, by parish group







## Planning guidance

- Daylight and sunlight
- Privacy and space between buildings









## Planning guidance

- Space standards
- Density
- Parking

# You said…



 Better use should be made of land and buildings in town

## We've done...

- Encouraged and facilitated new forms of residential development in town to allow the re-use and development of buildings
  - Office to residential and retail
  - Re-use of historic buildings

 Example of good use of former office building to provide retail and new homes in St. Helier





Office conversion: Pierre Arrive House Colomberie

#### Example of re-use of historic building to provide new homes in St. Helier



LIVE-WORK-VISIT Future St. Helier

Historic building: Former JCG School





 Marketing of homes in St. Helier highlighting the benefits of town-living





## You said...

- There was a need for a plan for the 'greening of St. Helier
- There was support for more urban trees

### We've done...

- An audit of St. Helier's open space
- Some work to prepare for a survey of St. Helier's trees





• Looking at the wider benefits of trees



• St. Helier Tree Survey: working in partnership



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TREES FOR LIFE



Workshop session 3 Identity and community

- Sense of place
- Character
- Community





Workshop session 3 Identity and community

- An old place
- A unique place
- A place to use
- A place to meet
- A place to work
- A place to play
- A place to be



Workshop session 3 Identity and community



- Future St Helier is a place that feels safe; that has a sense of identity and community
  - What would matter to you and why?
  - What could we change to meet what's important to you?
  - If we could only change two things, what would they be?



# You said...

 Promote awareness and protect character of historic St. Helier

## We've done...

- A review of the heritage status of over 1,200 heritage buildings and places (about 66%) in St. Helier
- Engaged with owners
- Published details online

- LIVE. WORK. VISIT Future St. Helier
- Making progress to protect St. Helier's historic buildings



- LIVE-WORK-VISIT Future St. Helier
- Obvious and 'hidden' heritage of St. Helier









• Herítage ís also about places





# You said...

- There was a strong link between the availability of spaces and community activities
- Holding events was very bureaucratic
  We've done...
  - Held more events on the streets and spaces of St. Helier than even before
  - Developed a paper about the Control of Public Entertainment to make holding events easier



Fete de St. Helier

**Broad St - Parade** 



#### Liberation Day: Liberation Square and all around



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Polish Cultural and Food Festival: Liberation Square

#### Primary School Perspective Future St Helier





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#### Team : "Future Houses"

What would make you want to live in St Helier and what would it look like?

with sweet shops 2 Flat with house 3 Sky Scrape with pools modern. House with

If you had a magic 'Harry Potter' wand what would you wish it to do to make better homes in St Helier?



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How can we make this happen for you?

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