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Mrs H Wilson,
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Jersey.

Dear Mrs Wilson,

The Parish has a waiting list for over 55's sheltered accommodation, however some people do not qualify as affordable. To overcome this, it is the Parish's intention to move tenants, currently accommodated in existing accommodation, who meet the criteria of affordable, meeting the category of the rezoning, into new homes on Field 622, therefore freeing up existing dwellings for non-qualifying Parishioners and responding to the Parish's demand. If the demand cannot be met for Field 622 through this process, the Parish, in order to meet the proven island wide demand, will accommodate non Parishioners from the Housing Gateway list, although this would mean an amendment to the benefactor's bequest.

We have an exemplary record with providing sheltered housing. This began with the development of Clos de Mahaut in the 1970's and the development of Jardin de la Rue in the 1980's and 1990's. Since the Parish began to provide for sheltered housing, the demand has continued to grow, as demonstrated by more than seventy singles/couples' names on Parish and Housing Gateway lists.

To meet this demand, the Parish has had a long term programme of building works of which these proposals are the latest phase. We have continued to maintain the existing housing, keeping them up to date with modern standards, improving the homes at Clos de Mahaut and Jardin de la Rue. However, we still have a pressing need within the Parish that cannot be met with our current provision.

The strong identity of a Parish such as St Ouen, means that people who have spent their whole lives there, do not wish to move some distance from their friends and family. They wish to gravitate toward the centre of the community so that they can remain at its heart, maintaining their own

independence and personal quality of life, which goes hand in hand with their physical well being. This is for practical reasons such as ease of access to the Parish amenities, Parish Hall, doctors' surgery, shops and bus route.

In these terms, it is essential that sheltered housing, for which there is continuing demand, as has been demonstrated, is pursued in the village. By providing the opportunity for people who wish to downsize, this in turn freeing up their properties to younger generations, providing a replenished supply of family housing, ensuring the continued vitality and viability of the Parish. The Parish has already conducted a protracted process to try and fulfil this need with the conclusion that Field 622 is the best site and therefore, should be rezoned for this purpose. The main issue we have encountered is that the Island Plan did not allow for the expansion of the village in any sensible form, with no suitable sites for affordable sheltered housing in the built-up area.

We confirm that the Parish only intends to develop this land for over 55's sheltered housing, which in our opinion meets the criteria for Category A housing, intended for 100% rental; as voted for at two Parish Assemblies.

Yours sincerely,

Michael J. Paddock,
Connétable de la Paroisse de St Ouen,