

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Deciding of: an Appeal/Case/Application/Public Inquiry
Report Title	Listing Appeal Decision: OU0046 (Medieval Strip Fields, La Rue de la Campagne, St. Ouen)
Minister	Environment
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Infrastructure and Environment (IE)
Lead Directorate	Regulation (IE)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
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Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Senior Planner
Date of Report	08/06/2023
Supplementary Report Title <i>(If applicable)</i>	Inspector's Report: Medieval Strip Fields, La Rue de la Campagne, St. Ouen
Supplementary Report Author <i>(If applicable)</i>	D A Hainsworth LL.B(Hons) FRSA Solicitor
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Relevant Case/Application/URN <i>(Only complete if making a decision related to an appeal/case/application)</i>	Listing ref: OU0046
Relevant Proposition Number <i>(Only complete if presenting Comments or if lodging an Amendment)</i>	Insert P. number.
Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Articles 108 - 111 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002

Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

Introduction

Following an appeal against the listing, reference OU0046, David Hainsworth was appointed as the Independent Planning Inspector to consider the appeal and all statements and other plans and documents associated with the appeal.

The Inspector visited the site and surroundings before preparing and submitting a report for the Minister's consideration.

Recommendation

To dismiss the appeal contrary to the Independent Planning Inspector's recommendation, and to retain Fields O1798 and O1799 in the entry referenced OU0046 in the List of Sites of Special Interest for the following reasons: The Minister noted that fields O1798 and O1799 are clearly recognisable as part of the strip field grouping and contribute to its special cultural or historical interest that attaches to the place. The loss of the boundary separating the two fields, which was shown on the map of Jersey Place Names (published in 1986), and the existence of a hedge around parts of the resultant field do not constitute sufficient reasons for removing them from the List of Sites of Special Interest. The Minister noted that other fields within the listing were also once split into smaller units and have also lost their boundary. For example, fields O1765, O1765A and O1766 are no longer demarcated, but are shown on older maps (eg the Jersey Place Names book) as being separate units. Similarly, fields O1781 and O1782 were originally separate and are now one. Vestiges of field boundaries may also still exist below the plough-depth of the field and these could, in the future, be researched using non-invasive technologies to aid understanding of the development of the strip fields. The Minister noted that a listing serves to preserve what is of special interest and also to raise awareness within the community of the rich history underpinning the island's culture and landscapes. The Minister also considered that the listing affords the potential opportunity to restore features of special interest in the future. The Minister considered that the area highlighted in the listing schedule, referenced OU0046, is potentially the best-preserved area of mediaeval strip fields in the island. It is not entirely complete, but this does not remove the value of those fields which comprise part of the larger area of historic strip fields and which contribute to the special characteristics of the site that justify their inclusion on the List of Sites of Special Interest.