

STATES OF DELIBERATION

26th January 2016

Billet d'État No. 1

Article 12

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy Heidi J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy Paul A Luxon

Environment Department

Review of the Land Planning and Development (Use Classes) Ordinance, 2007

To delete proposition 2 and replace with the following;

'That, as a consequence of an extant resolution dated 30th September 2015 (Billet d'Etat No. XVI of 2015, Article XV) whereby the Housing Department and Treasury and Resources Department were instructed to commission an independent broad-based review of the local housing market and which, as part of its terms of reference, included 'an appraisal of the various options available for Government intervention in the Housing Market including what effect the various measures may have on housing affordability and housing availability', it would not be appropriate to consider rescinding the resolution of 12th December 2007 of Billet d'Etat No. XXV of 2007, Article III until such time as the findings of that report have been published.'

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This amendment seeks to retain the status quo and to leave the 2007 resolution in place until a proper analysis has been undertaken on the appropriate use of planning covenants in the current market. The 2007 policy letter clearly stated that planning covenants should be introduced with caution in order to avoid any unintended consequences and the pitfalls experienced elsewhere, as well as to ensure their use is tailored to local circumstances. The proposition to rescind the resolution was not included in the consultation paper mentioned in the policy letter.