

STATES OF DELIBERATION

30th November, 2011

Billet d'État No. XIX

Article 10

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy A H Brouard

Seconded by: Deputy G H Mahy

Policy Council – The Strategic Land Use Plan

To insert at the end of the words in the proposition: “, but subject to the addition to the numbered list in Policy LP10 of:

“iv. confining development to brownfield sites except in exceptional circumstances”.

Explanatory Note

This amendment seeks to ensure that any development uses brownfield sites as its main source. If passed it will restrict slightly the new development opportunities in the rural area.

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Proposed by: Deputy A Spruce
Seconded by: Deputy R W Sillars

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To insert at the end of the words in the proposition: “, but subject to the modification that Policy SLP11 and the text in the paragraphs preceding it under, and including, the heading “Golf course development” shall be omitted and that Policies SLP12 to SLP39 shall be re-designated as Policies SLP11 to SLP38 respectively”.

Explanatory Note

The draft Strategic Land Use Plan carries forward an extant resolution requiring Development Plans to include an “area of search” for a third Golf course. However, this new Strategic Land Use Plan also clearly identifies at page 2316 that pressure now exists on the supply of agricultural land due to the growing transfer of land to non-agricultural use. Further, the Strategic Land Planning Group recommends that consideration be given to introducing legislation to retain land for agricultural use (see draft Policy SLP8 on page 2317). Draft Policy SLP11 is therefore in conflict with draft Policy SLP8. (There is support for draft Policy SLP8 in the Dairy Industry Review Panels report, Billet d' État XIX (Article 17), Recommendation B1 of which highlights the importance of protecting agricultural land.)

There are currently 6,714 acres of Guernsey land in use by the Agricultural and Dairy Farming industries. The two existing golf courses cover 429 acres of land. If a third golf course were located on land at the La Ramee, a further 153 acres of prime agricultural land would be lost and transferred to leisure use.

Given the declining quantity of prime agricultural land in Guernsey, and the inconsistencies between Policies in the draft Strategic Land Use Plan, this amendment proposes that for strategical reasons the agricultural land at La Ramee should remain as such and not be put in jeopardy by the next Development Plans being required to include the “area of search” for an additional 18-hole golf course.