

Access to Public Information Request

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Access to Public Information Request – Tree Protection Order

Request for information:

Dear Sirs,

I am the owner of a piece of land in Vale, The land has become known as La Pointe, This piece of land has been subject to a tree protection order and I understand from the DPA that this order was confirmed in a states meeting held on the 18th December 2019. As the confirmation will prove to be a crucial part of my evidence in a pending appeal I would like to know if I am entitled to a full copy of the notes/minutes from the meeting, to include who attended, the minutes of the presentation made by the planning service, along with any questions and answers, including who asked what and finally how each deputy voted.

Response (provided by the Development & Planning Authority):

Minutes from meetings held by States of Guernsey Committee are not publicly available documents and this is covered under exemption 2.4 (Internal discussion and policy advice) of the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information.

However, the minutes of the DP&A meeting of 18th December 2019 have been reviewed and we can provide you with the following information.

The meeting was attended by Deputies Dawn Tindall, Victor Oliver, Lester Queripel and Alderney representative Alex Snowdon. Deputy Barry Paint was not present.

A Tree Protection Order at La Pointe, Braye Road, was considered and the Committee agreed to confirm the Order without modification, other than some minor factual amendments to the text of the Tree Protection Order notice itself. The Committee requested confirmation of the date of the States' Arboricultural Officer's first report in order to demonstrate that the decision to initiate a Tree Protection Order had not been made at political level, but rather was made under delegated authority.