

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

13th July, 2022

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy N R Inder
Seconded by: Deputy M A J Helyar

To suspend Rule 24(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees to the extent necessary to permit the amendment set out below to be debated.

Proposition No. P.2022/43

Requête - Additional Key Worker Housing

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy N. R Inder
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To delete all the propositions and substitute therefore:

1. In the event of the Committee *for* Health & Social Care pursuing to application stage the *Duchess of Kent/Princess Elizabeth Hospital - Valley Field* site as a site for the development of key worker accommodation and if successful in its planning application, to direct the Policy & Resources Committee via the States' Property Services to identify an area or areas of equivalent land of 6.9 verges or above that abut or abuts any of the Agricultural Priority Areas (APA), with a direction to purchase the land and return it to grassland; any improvement works to include site clearance and reinstatement to land capable of being utilised for dairy farming
2. To direct the Development & Planning Authority to give consideration to the designation of any land thus purchased as APA as part of its review of the Island Development Plan.
3. To authorise the Policy & Resources Committee to utilise a budget of up to £300,000, from the most appropriate account and at their discretion, to purchase

the land and to cover the cost of all necessary works of clearance and reinstatement.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the following actions in the Government Work Plan, which the Policy & Resources Committee was directed to apply category 1 status by the States of Deliberation on 1st July, 2022.

Enabling climate change mitigation and adaptation:

Respond to the agreement in principle to extend the Paris Agreement to the Island by establishing an expert panel to scope a proportionate and pragmatic 'pathway to net zero' for consideration by the States in the 2023 Government Work Plan.

- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Development & Planning Authority, two Members of the Committee *for* Health & Social Care and three Members of Policy & Resources Committee.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) A cost to the States will be incurred in respect of any land subsequently purchased under these proposals.

Explanatory note

The proposer and seconder accept that the requête has been submitted for debate by the States of Deliberation and that there is unlikely to be any sitting Member that wants to build on any existing site.

The proposer and seconder believe that as it stands Proposition 4 of the requête, if approved, may cause some unnecessary uncertainty to arise in the Island's planning and development process. They are of the view that the States should not interfere in the Planning regime other than by way of due process and are of the view that the policy development and consequential planning process should run its usual course. They believe that this Amendment if successful would avoid any such uncertainty to arise.

In the event that:

- the Committee *for* Health & Social Care submit a formal planning application in respect of the *Duchess of Kent/Princess Elizabeth Hospital - Valley Field*; and
- that planning application being successful,

the Amendment would direct the Policy & Resources Committee, via the States Property Services and the Development & Planning Authority as described, to offset any loss and source another area of land for improvement and including as part of a future APA as part of the forthcoming review.