

STATES OF JERSEY



RECYCLING OF WASTE MATERIALS: IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE SITES

Lodged au Greffe on 9th July 2010
by the Deputy of St. John

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to request the Ministers for Planning and Environment, Transport and Technical Services and Treasury and Resources to take the necessary steps to identify an area of land already in public ownership which would be suitable for use as a site where recycling of waste material can be undertaken by licensed haulage contractors and to report back to the States within 6 months with details of suitable sites identified for this purpose.

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REPORT

Over recent years the States, and in particular Transport and Technical Services and Planning and Environment, have encouraged recycling, and the population in turn has embraced a much greener way of life. As a result, a number of waste recycling companies have sprung up across the Island, some working from historical commercial sites, others from sites on farms (call them 'grey' sites), others from non-licensed premises. All are carrying out a service for the Island.

To date the States have nevertheless not thought of putting in place a central site for this essential work and it is time that a site was found. Either at La Collette, Bellozanne, Crabbé, St. Peter, or elsewhere, but on land owned and controlled by the States. Of those mentioned above, all have been recycling centres for waste at some time in the past.

We have seen in recent years a large fire at a skip operation in the west of the Island, Reg's Skips taken to the Royal Court and the company running up large bills to defend itself. We have had an inquiry into the latter, and yet the Ministers with responsibility for recycling are doing little to centralise this work.

I am aware of yet more problems across the Island with a shortage of recycling facilities and possible action by residents/neighbours of such sites.

I ask members to support this Proposition.

Financial and manpower implications

I consider that the initial work identifying sites can be undertaken within existing resources, but if there is any expenditure in undertaking the review, this can be met by rentals received from future tenants of the recycling site or sites.