

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017**

**Question**

Since the States Assembly agreed to introduce a contribution to the Eastern Cycle Network (E.C.N.) in the Island Plan, will the Minister set out how much has been collected as well as the dates on which, and from whom, it has been collected?

As the States agreed to a contribution towards the E.C.N. and did not specify how the mechanism was to be applied, will the Minister also explain who devised the mechanism, how it has been applied, whether it has been consistently applied, and, if not, why not?

Furthermore, as the States decision referred to a contribution to the E.C.N., will the Minister state whether the contribution has ever consisted of building work or material for the paths, and if not, why not?

**Answer**

*Policy TT3: Cycle Routes* of the Revised 2011 Island Plan states that

*Applications for large new developments, such as housing, shopping, employment, health or leisure proposals in the Eastern Cycle Route network area, as defined on the Proposals Map, will be assessed to determine their potential to contribute towards the further development of the Eastern Cycle Route network and may be required to contribute directly through the provision of a section of cycle path, or to enter into an agreement to make an appropriate financial contribution to the development or enhancement of the network.*

It is incorrect to state that the mechanism for contributing towards the development of the ECN through the planning system was not agreed: the Island Plan policy explicitly states that a contribution to the ECN can, where appropriate, be made directly through on-site provision, or through a financial contribution. The preamble to Policy TT3 also sets out the thresholds for the scale of development that will likely trigger application of this policy requirement.

*8.58 Within the defined Eastern Cycle Route network area, and in accordance with the stated policy objective of seeking to reduce reliance on the private car, applications for new developments, such as housing or employment-related uses will be assessed to determine their potential to contribute towards the further development of the Eastern Cycle Route network: this will apply to residential developments of five or more homes and employment-related uses of 250sqm and above. In appropriate circumstances the sponsors of such applications will be required to contribute directly to the development of the Eastern Cycle Route network through the provision of a section of cycle path, in accord with adopted standards and guidelines, or to enter into an agreement to make an appropriate financial contribution to the development or enhancement of the network.*

The Island Plan further states, at Policy GD4, that the provision of off-site infrastructure and/or financial contributions for facilities such as cycle paths, will be managed through the use of Planning Obligation Agreements (POAs).

To date, a total of 31 planning applications have POAs attached to them requiring financial contribution to the development of the Eastern Cycle Route Network with a total value of £621,720: a list of these is set out at appendix 1. The details of these POAs, in relation to the nature of the agreement and the parties

involved, are in the public domain and available in the Register of Planning Obligation Agreements held by the Department of the Environment and published on the States website<sup>1</sup>.

The release of monies associated with POAs is linked to the uptake of planning permission and the implementation of works. In this respect £424,720 has been paid in relation to the development of the ECN associated with POAs and a further £197,000 remains payable from those developments that are yet to commence.

Some development proposals will have included a direct contribution to the development of the ECN through the provision of a section of cycle path within or adjacent to a development site: information about direct provision is contained within individual planning application files and is not currently monitored. There are also several instances where direct provision and a financial contribution, through a planning application POA, has been secured, such as Le Squez Phase 4, Samares Nurseries and Former De La Mare Florist Site.

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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://www.gov.je/government/departments/planningenvironment/pages/planningobligationagreements.aspx>

**APPENDIX****POAs secured under the auspices of Policy TT3: Cycle Routes in respect of the development of the ECN**

2012 Jersey Dairy Site, St Saviour - £71,820. Collected 31/01/12  
2012 Jersey Potteries, Grouville - £10,000. Collected 11/03/14  
2013 Keppel Tower, Grouville £17,000. Works not commenced.  
2013 Field 433, Grouville - £2,000. Collected 23/09/13  
2014 Former Beach Hotel, St Martin - £6,000. Works not commenced.  
2014 Slate House, St Clement - £3,000. Collected 11/03/14  
2014 La Haute Pierre, St Clement - £3,000. Collected 13/06/14  
2014 Le Squez Phase 3, St Clemet - £21,000. Collected 04/11/14  
2014 Jersey Dairy Site, St Saviour - £14,000. Collected 18/05/15  
2014 Luxicabs, St Helier - £8,000. Works not commenced.  
2014 Old Sail Loft, St Martin -£2,000. Collected 07/11/14  
2014 Samares Coast Hotel, St Clement - £29,000. Collected 20/12/16  
2014 Field 142, Grouville - £3000. Collected 17/11/15  
2014 Silver Sands, St Clement - £6000. Collected 20/06/15  
2015 Tevielka, Grouville - £5000. Collected 02/02/15  
2015 32 Roseville Street, St Helier – £6,000. Collected 22/004/15  
2015 L'Industrie, St Clement - £9,000. Collected 02/11/16  
2015 L'Avenir, Grouville - £3000. Collected 16/07/15  
2015 Fort D'Auvergne Hotel, St Helier - £37,000. Works not commenced.  
2015 Metropole Hotel, St Helier - £179,000. Collected 25/10/16  
2015 Westbury and Fairfield, St Clement - £8,000. Works commenced and funds due.  
2016 Shakespeare Hotel, St Clement - £17,000. Works commenced and funds due  
2016 Highstead, St Saviour - £17,000. Works not commenced.  
2016 Silver Sands, S Clement - £6,000. Collected.  
2016 Lyndhurst, St Clement - £5,000. Works not commenced.  
2016 Old Court House Hotel, Grouville - £25,000. Collected 12/10/16  
2016 De La Mare Nurseries, Grouville – £26,900. Collected 25/10/16  
2016 Les Arches Farm - £45,000. Works not commenced.  
2016 Le Squez Phase 4, St Clement - £10,000. Works commenced and funds Due  
2016 Le Havret, St Martin - £5,000. Works not commenced.  
2017 1-4 Hastings Terrace, St Helier - £22,000. Works not commenced.