

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021**

Question

In respect of the drafting of the proposed Bridging Island Plan, will the Minister advise –

- (a) whether a full cost-benefit analysis of the proposed extension to Gigoulande Quarry was undertaken;
- (b) if so, what value was placed on Rue Bechervaise, the affected field (MY966) and the affected public pathways; and
- (c) over what period of time this value was calculated?

Answer

To inform the policies and proposals of the draft bridging Island Plan, an integrated [Minerals, Waste and Water Study](#) (2020) has been undertaken to establish the current baseline for the supply of minerals and water, and the capacity for the management and disposal of waste; to identify and assess strategic options; and to make recommendations about how best to meet future demand in an integrated way that best meets the island's needs.

On the basis of this assessment it is proposed that, as part of an integrated approach, the safeguarding of the existing minerals extraction site at La Gigoulande Quarry, and its proposed extension to include field MY966, would help to ensure that the island's needs for a supply of primary aggregates are met.

This does not include a full cost-benefit analysis of the proposed extension to La Gigoulande Quarry as any such assessment is a matter for the sponsor of the proposal.

The draft bridging Island Plan sets out, at Policy MW1, that any proposed extension to a mineral extraction site would need to be the subject of a full environmental impact assessment and that any environmental impact would need to be identified, mitigated and compensated for, as appropriate, by the sponsor of any such development. This would need to include, amongst other things, any impact related to the loss of agricultural land and the integrity of the island's network of roads and footpaths, where they might be adversely affected by any proposed development.

The principle of an extended mineral extraction site at La Gigoulande Quarry is, therefore, proposed to be safeguarded by the draft bridging Island Plan. Detailed analysis and consideration of the acceptability of the impact of any such development of field MY966 as an extension to the existing mineral extraction site would remain to be determined by any subsequent planning application.