

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2021**

**Question**

When assessing whether or not to include Field MY 966 within the La Gigoulande Quarry extension safeguard zone in the draft Bridging Island Plan (B.I.P.), will the Minister advise whether he requested, or read, the results of any health impact assessments or environmental impact assessments of the effects of quarrying that field; and, if so, how were the findings then incorporated in the B.I.P.?

**Answer**

As stated in my previous answer to WQ.261/2021, the principle of an extended mineral extraction site at La Gigoulande Quarry is 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. Any planning application to extract minerals would be required<sup>1</sup> to be accompanied by an environmental impact statement which would include information as is reasonably required to assess the environmental effects of the proposed development.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> By virtue of Article 13 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002 and Schedule 1 of the Planning and Building (Environmental Impact)(Jersey) Order 2006 where mineral extraction is identified as a prescribed form of development where an environmental impact statement is required to be provided and considered as a material consideration in the determination of a planning application.

<sup>2</sup> As set out in Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Order, an environmental impact statement must contain the following:

1. Description of the development, including in particular –
  - (a) a description of the physical characteristics of the whole development and the land-use requirements during the construction and operational phases;
  - (b) a description of the main characteristics of the production processes, for instance, nature and quantity of the materials used;
  - (c) an estimate, by type and quantity, of expected residues and emissions (water, air and soil pollution, noise, vibration, light, heat, radiation, etc.) resulting from the operation of the proposed development.
2. An outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant and an indication of the main reasons for his or her choice, taking into account the environmental effects.
3. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the development, including, in particular, population, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, including the architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the inter-relationship between the above factors.
4. A description of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment, which should cover the direct effects and any indirect, secondary, cumulative, short, medium and long-term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects of the development, resulting from –
  - (a) the existence of the development;
  - (b) the use of natural resources;
  - (c) the emission of pollutants, the creation of nuisances and the elimination of waste,
 and the description by the applicant of the forecasting methods used to assess the effects on the environment.
5. A description of the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and where possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment.
6. A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1 to 5 of this Part.
7. An indication of any difficulties (technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered by the applicant in compiling the required information.