

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2007**

**Question**

Would the Minister inform the Assembly of the type and number of dwellings at Le Squez after the total refurbishment of the estate (e.g. flats or houses and number of bedrooms); how many of the houses will be for rental, and the projected overall cost of this project?

**Answer**

The original master plan for Le Squez provided for the redevelopment of a total of 248 homes, 109 retained for rental and 139 sold to States tenants -

- 18 one-bedroom flats - all for rental
- 41 two-bedroom houses - 21 for rental and 20 for sale
- 10 two-bedroom bungalows - 19 for rental and 1 for sale
- 145 three-bedroom houses - 47 for rental and 98 for sale
- 34 four-bedroom houses - 14 for rental and 20 for sale.

That master plan is being redrawn. The intention is to create a real community development. The new plan is still in the very early stages of design. However, it is expected that at conclusion the development could yield approximately 275 homes. A key feature of this new master plan will be an increase in the number of one-bedroom flats to meet the growing need for life long homes. This would provide for a site with a much more appropriate density given the area at approximately 81 habitable rooms per acre.

The development will cost approximately £40m (£13m expended to date) to completion at 2007 prices.

In the weeks to come, further detail will become available as the architects refine their master plan in consultation with both the Housing and Planning and Environment Departments. This will clarify the numbers and allow far greater certainty about the outcome, both in respect of yield and cost. Naturally there will be full consultation with the residents of Le Squez, as well as the Connétable of St. Clement, Deputies Gerard Baudains and Ian Gorst, Parochial officers and of course residents living in surrounding areas.