

3.1 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables regarding a criteria for admitting people onto the waiting lists for homes built on re-zoned land:

Given that on 2nd April this Assembly agreed by 40 votes to 6 that a consistent criteria was to be developed for admitting people on to the waiting lists for homes built on rezoned land, could the Chairman confirm if such a criteria has been developed for sheltered housing and, if so, what that criteria is?

Connétable K.P. Vibert of St. Ouen (Chairman, Comité des Connétables):

I commend the Deputy of Grouville on raising this issue again, but would point out that the proposition adopted by the Assembly in April 2008 was P.33 of 2008 and was, I quote: “To request the Minister for Housing in co-operation with the 12 Connétables and any other stakeholders to develop and establish as a policy a rational and consistent criteria for determining admissibility to waiting lists for housing on rezoned land.” This question should, therefore, have been put to the Minister for Housing.

3.1.1 The Deputy of Grouville:

The Constables have responsibility for the waiting lists in their parish. I would like the Chairman to confirm if the Constables have a criteria for admitting people on to their waiting lists?

The Connétable of St. Ouen:

Although the Connétable may have overall responsibility, I very much doubt whether any of the Connétables have ultimate responsibility for waiting lists in their Parishes. Certainly I can answer for my own Parish where there is a committee of 8 persons elected by the Parish Assembly who do that work.

3.1.2 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier:

Will the Constable inform Members whether any meetings have been held with the Housing Minister in the intervening period to discuss this particular issue, and if so, how many?

The Connétable of St. Ouen:

No meetings have been held with the Housing Minister on this particular point, but the Connétables remain open to receive an approach from the Minister and are prepared to discuss it at any time.

3.1.3 Deputy G.P. Southern:

Will the Constable consider being more proactive and request a meeting with the Minister for Housing himself?

The Connétable of St. Ouen:

The Comité des Connétables have already invited a number of Ministers to attend their meetings, and I will ensure that this particular issue is on the agenda when the Minister for Housing comes to us.

3.1.4 The Deputy of Grouville:

Could the Constable confirm if the numbers of the people on the waiting lists were used during the debate to imply there was an urgent, desperate need for sheltered

housing, even though urgent, desperate or needy was not a requirement to admitting names on the list?

The Connétable of St. Ouen:

As I personally did not have a site involved in that particular proposition, I did not take part in that debate, and therefore I cannot really comment on the comments that are made. Those comments should be directed at other Connétables.

3.1.5 The Deputy of Grouville:

It is my belief that in order to ask the Constables questions, we are meant to address our questions to the Chair of the Comité des Connétables. I presume they had their usual meeting yesterday and could have discussed it then. So, he would have known whether other Constables had a criteria or these were used in the debate.

The Connétable of St. Ouen:

The Comité des Connétables met a fortnight ago and are due to meet again next Monday, and so have not had occasion to discuss this question since it was lodged.