

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2013**

Question

Will the Minister outline in detail the arrangements, if any, he has made to carry out the urgent review of the Housing policies of the Island Plan, as recently announced by the Chief Minister, including proposed timescales together with details of the work programmes for progressing masterplans required in the policies of the Island Plan 2011?

Answer

Work to review the housing policies of the Island Plan began earlier this year. The matter has been the subject of consideration by the Council of Ministers on three occasions during the first quarter of 2013.

Detailed work, involving the departments of Environment, Housing, Chief Minister's and Law Officers', is ongoing with liaison at Ministerial and officer level in order to expedite the review. It is anticipated that a proposed amendment of the 2011 Island Plan will be published before the summer recess.

In the meantime, work to deliver affordable housing continues under the existing Island Plan policies, evidenced by the recent award of planning permission for over 150 homes on the Summerland and Ambulance HQ sites at Rouge Bouillon.

There are no policies in the 2011 Island Plan requiring the progression of masterplans. Proposal 12 of the Plan identifies regeneration zones for which the Minister for Planning and Environment can develop more detailed planning guidance to guide regeneration activity and development activity.

The Minister has already developed and published the North of Town Masterplan as well as development briefs for land at the Jersey Gas site and land at Bath Street in this area. Work to review some aspects of this masterplan is also underway to encourage development.

An Action Area plan for Mont de la Ville is currently in progress and will be released during 2013.

Full details of the supplementary planning guidance work programme are published, and regularly updated, on the States website (see: <http://www.gov.je/PlanningBuilding/LawsRegs/IslandPlan/PlansFrameworks/Pages/ListOfSPG.aspx>)