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3.1 Deputy L.B.E. Ash of St. Clement of the Minister for the Environment regarding green field sites in St. Clement: [OQ. 88/2018]

Does the Minister know of any new plans to build on the remaining greenfield sites in St. Clement; and if he does not, will he commit to informing Parish members immediately should he become aware of any such plans?

Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade (The Minister for the Environment):

As Minister, I am not in a position to control the aspirations of applicants and owners of land in the submission of planning applications. However, we do ensure that all those applications are advertised in accordance with the subordinate legislation; that includes a display of a site notice on the site, advertising the planning application in the *Evening Post*, and publishing the full details on the gov.je website, and the Planning register. I am sure the Deputy is familiar with that. To help him, I looked through last night, there were 70 applications in St. Clement last year; 7 of those are pending relating to residential sites, none of them are what you would describe as greenfields. They are within the built-up area. Obviously, we go further, that information is at the Parish Hall on all those applications and the public can subscribe. They can camp on and say: "I want to be notified about any application in the area" and the system will give them that. I am not aware of any pre-application discussion and that often happens. These are not formalised. The last thing I flag up is that there will be, in the new Island Plan, a full review of sites throughout the Island, and obviously the Members will have a full opportunity to take part in that. The next Island Plan will need to address, in my view, a spatial strategy for future housing. Whether, or not, that includes St. Clement, I think is for States Members and the public to decide.