

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

**Proposition No. P.2025/35**

**Development & Planning Authority**

**DEVELOPMENT PLANS – AMENDMENT PROCESS**

**SURSIS MOTIVE**

Proposed by: Deputy Y Burford

Seconded by: Deputy T Bury

1. To sursis the propositions until such time as a detailed public consultation has been carried out on the policy letter, and to direct that once that work is complete, the policy letter is to be re-presented to the States together with the results of that consultation.

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The propositions contribute to the States' objectives by ensuring adequate oversight and consultation relating to proposals for fundamental changes in planning policy.
- b) In preparing the propositions, the Policy & Resources Committee and the Development & Planning Authority have been consulted.
- c) The propositions have been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications in carrying out this amendment.
- e) Drafting advice was sought from the States' Greffier and the officers of the Development & Planning Authority.

**Explanatory note**

The policy letter proposes changes which will, if agreed, permit far-reaching planning policy amendments to be made without any requirement for an independent or broad-based public consultation process to be undertaken. This sursis motiv  defers debate on this matter until the public and stakeholders have been consulted as to whether they are content to move away from the current position regarding Plan amendments, and instead adopt a process that would provide the opportunity to dispense with such independent consultative processes in the future.