



**IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY  
ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2025**

**The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No VIII  
dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

**DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING AUTHORITY  
DEVELOPMENT PLANS – AMENDMENT PROCESS  
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- III. After consideration of the Policy Letter entitled 'Development Plans – Amendment Process' dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, they are of the opinion:-
1. To agree that the current procedures, under planning legislation, for making certain categories of amendments to Development Plans are disproportionate and do not allow amendments which reflect changes in States of Guernsey policy to be made sufficiently expeditiously.
  2. To agree that there is merit in amending existing planning legislation to enable amendments to be made more expeditiously to Development Plans during the lifetime of those plans.
  3. To agree that minor or inconsequential amendments made during the lifetime of Development Plans shall follow the simple procedure described in paragraphs 4.6 – 4.8 of the Policy Letter, providing in particular for –
    - publication of amendments in La Gazette Officielle or by alternative means as allowed under the Publication of Official Notices (Guernsey) Law, 2024;
    - approval of amendments by the Development & Planning Authority, and
    - laying of amendments before the States subject to annulment by the States, and that the Development & Planning Authority shall have regard to criteria in published guidance in deciding whether amendments fall into this category.
  4. To agree that significant policy amendments made during the lifetime of Development Plans shall follow a streamlined version of the current plan amendment procedures as described in paragraphs 4.9 – 4.14 of the Policy Letter, providing in particular for –
    - public consultation by the Development & Planning Authority (the Authority),
    - a power for the Authority to request a public inquiry into amendments instead of a duty to do so, and
    - a new power for the Authority to require independent examination in writing of amendments by an independent inspector where written representations are made

in response to public consultation, and that the Development & Planning Authority shall have regard to criteria in published guidance in deciding whether amendments fall into this category.

5. To agree that exceptional or strategically essential amendments made during the lifetime of Development Plans shall follow the procedure described in paragraphs 4.15 – 4.18 of the Policy Letter providing in particular for –
  - public consultation by the Development & Planning Authority (the Authority), and
  - a power for the Authority to request a public inquiry into amendments instead of a duty to do so, and that the Development & Planning Authority shall have regard to criteria in published guidance in deciding whether amendments fall into this category.
- 6A. To agree that amendments are made to the Land Planning Development (Plans) Ordinance, 2007 and other planning legislation in relation to amendments to Development Plans to provide for more streamlined processes to be followed for amendments to a Development Plan.
- 6B. To agree that amendments are made to the Land Planning and Development (Plans) Ordinance, 2007 and other planning legislation in relation to amendments to Development Plans to remove the restriction which prevents a person being appointed as a planning inspector if that person has held a certain position at any time within the period of two years before the date of the proposed appointment, subject to appropriate safeguards in relation to potential conflicts of interest, as outlined in paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13 of the policy letter.
7. To direct the preparation of such legislation as is necessary to give effect to the above decisions.
8. To direct the Development & Planning Authority to review the policy and legislation relevant to the creation of new Development Plans once the focused review of the Island Development Plan has been completed, and to bring recommendations for the improvement of this process back to the States once the amendments to the Plan are adopted.

## **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

### **RECTORIES IN PLURALITY**

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- VI.
  1. To agree that any customary law duty to provide suitable accommodation for the Rector of a parish and the Rector's household shall be abolished and to amend the Parochial Church Property (Guernsey) Law, 2015, and any other relevant legislation, to give effect to such abolition on and from 1st January 2030.
  2. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decision.

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

REGISTER OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP – ACCESS BY OBLIGED ENTITIES AND THOSE WITH  
LEGITIMATE INTEREST  
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VII.

1. To agree that obliged entities should be granted certain access to Guernsey's register of beneficial ownership in line with the EU's Fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directive.
2. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decision.
3. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to develop proposals to be brought back before the States once the EU's Sixth Anti-Money Laundering Directive has been implemented in respect of access to beneficial ownership for those with a legitimate interest, after consultation with industry and with due regard for international standards.

**DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING AUTHORITY**

LOCAL PLANNING BRIEF FOR THE ST PETER PORT AND ST SAMPSON HARBOUR  
ACTION AREAS  
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VIII. After consideration of the Policy Letter ' Local Planning Brief for the St Peter Port and St Sampson Harbour Action Areas' submitted by the Development & Planning Authority, they are of the opinion:

1. To adopt the Local Planning Brief for the St Peter Port and St Sampson Harbour Action Areas, as set out in Appendix A to the Policy Letter, comprising the proposals and policies for development in those Harbour Action Areas as published on 17 September 2024 (Appendix F) and as amended in accordance with recommended changes of the Development & Planning Authority set out in Appendix E to the Policy Letter, comprising;
  - a. the recommendations of the planning inspector supported by the Authority, and
  - b. the Authority's own recommended changes.

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

GUERNSEY AND BIBERACH AN DER RISS GERMANY – FRAMEWORK OF FRIENDSHIP  
AGREEMENT  
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IX. After consideration of the policy letter entitled 'Biberach Framework of Friendship Arrangement' dated 25th February 2025, they are of the opinion:

1. To agree to enter into the Framework of Friendship arrangement between the States of Guernsey and the Town of Biberach an der Riß.
2. To agree to delegate the signing of the Framework of Friendship between the States of Guernsey and the Town of Biberach an der Riß to Deputy Trott, as Chief Minister, and Deputy Le Tocq, as Minister for External Relations, or any other member of the Policy & Resources Committee if Deputy Trott and Deputy Le Tocq are not available.
3. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee, together with the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture, to continue to facilitate cultural and educational exchanges between Guernsey and Biberach from time to time.
4. To reaffirm Guernsey's commitment to the international principles of peace, human rights, and reconciliation, as embodied in the Framework of Friendship and to agree to support collaborative projects that promote these values between Guernsey and Biberach.
5. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to oversee the implementation of the Framework of Friendship and conduct a review within three years to assess its impact and propose any necessary changes or enhancements.

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