

**P.2023/0366 – ‘Les Frontieres Farm’ Planning Application and P.2023/0222 –  
Land formerly known as ‘The Firs’ Planning Application – Designation of the  
Minister to determine the appeals**

**Background**

The Minister for the Environment and the Assistant Minister for the Environment are conflicted in relation to planning applications P/2023/0366 and P/2023/0222 and are unable and unavailable to determine the associated appeals.

It is understood that it is the Planning Committee’s decision that is being appealed in both cases. Given that the Minister for the Environment was a member of the Committee when the decision was taken for both applications, it is considered that he is conflicted in relation to determining the appeals. As both planning applications are in the Parish of St. Brelade, the Assistant Minister for the Environment, the Connétable of St. Brelade, is similarly conflicted as it would be inappropriate for the Assistant Minister to determine appeals in the parish of which they are also Connétable.

Both the Minister for the Environment and the Assistant Minister have recused themselves from determining these appeals, for the aforesaid reasons, which means that the Minister for the Environment and Assistant Minister are unable and unavailable to make a determination on the appeals.

**Designation of Minister**

Article 27(2) of the States of Jersey Law 2005 (“the Law”) states –

(2) The Chief Minister may, during the temporary absence or incapacity of a Minister or a vacancy in the office of Minister –

- (a) personally discharge the functions of that Minister; or
- (b) designate another Minister to discharge the functions of that Minister.

Article 27(2) is taken to apply in these circumstances, given that both the Minister for the Environment and the Assistant Minister are unable and unavailable to take a decision in respect of determining the appeals.

In accordance with Article 27(2)(b) of the Law, the Chief Minister has decided to designate another Minister, this being the Minister for Health and Social Services, to make a decision on the appeals in respect of planning applications P/2023/0366 and P/2023/0222.

**ENDS.**