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Via email

Dear Douzeniers,

Progression of Longue Hougue South as an inert waste disposal site

The Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure is writing to you regarding the above as it has the responsibility for waste policy, including the inert waste strategy. As the Vale Douzaine has previously shown interest in the potential development of Longue Hougue South as the island's next inert waste disposal site, the Committee would like to update you about how this project is progressing.

The Development & Planning Authority have been developing the Local Planning Brief and Environmental Impact Assessment, which will provide the framework to achieve a co-ordinated approach to development and set out how the planning objectives can be achieved. The next stage in the process is the public examination of the draft Local Planning Brief at an independent Planning Inquiry which the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure is responsible for setting up and facilitating. However, in addition to this project, recommendations for the future strategic use of Les Vardes Quarry are to be brought to the States of Deliberation in 2023 and this will consider options for the use of the quarry for inert waste disposal. It is currently earmarked for water storage, so the policy letter will examine its potential use for water, or for inert waste, or for a combination of both.


When the options for the next inert waste disposal site were initially appraised, Les Vardes Quarry was ruled out as the next site as the quarrying timeline didn't align with timeline required by the Inert Waste Project; it was, however, identified as a potential option in the medium term (i.e. to be considered as the site after next). Longue Hougue South was identified and agreed by the States in 2020 as the Best Practicable Environmental Option. Since then, there have been changes to both the quarrying and the waste timelines: in light of these circumstances, we think it appropriate to re-examine Les Vardes Quarry as an option for a future inert waste disposal before progressing Longue Hougue South to make sure it is the Best Practicable Environmental Option.

Having considered all of the implications the Committee *for the Environment & Infrastructure* has decided that there is no compelling reason, at this time, in terms of providing for inert waste disposal why the next stages of the process to bring forward Longue Hougue South as the next inert waste disposal site need to proceed before the States has made their decision about the future strategic use of Les Vardes Quarry. The next stage in the process to bring forward Longue Hougue South has therefore been paused until after the States decision about the future strategic use of Les Vardes Quarry in 2023.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Committee *for the Environment & Infrastructure*.

As ever, we are grateful for your time and input into States of Guernsey projects.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay de Sausmarez', written in a cursive style.

Lindsay de Sausmarez
President
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