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NEWS RELEASE

Public Inquiry - housing development in Bride village

David Quirk MHK Member of Infrastructure with responsibility for Planning & Building Control, has advised that there is to be a Public Inquiry into the Department's proposal to make a Development Order which would grant planning permission for a housing scheme in Bride village. There would be up to 27 houses, most of which would be Affordable Units to meet local demand in the northern parishes.

The proposal was the subject of public consultation earlier in the year. There were only a small number of responses, and most of these supported the scheme, but in order to allow a full debate, Mr Quirk has decided that there should be an Inquiry. He explained that, when Tynwald resolved that the Department should consider the use of Development Orders to ensure an adequate provision of development land, it also specified that there should be not only public consultation, but also a Public Inquiry before such Orders are made and brought before Tynwald for approval.

The Inquiry, which is being organised by the Chief Secretary's Office, is to be held at **9.30 on 22 September 2011** in the Boardroom, Ramsey Town Commissioners Office, Town Hall, Parliament Street, Ramsey.

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Note:- Any person or body who wishes to make representations, or further representations, is invited to do so in writing to **Mr A Johnstone, Chief Secretary's Office, Buck's Road, Douglas by 5.00 pm on 18 August 2011.**