The Cabinet Office

Public Notice
Town And Country Planning Act 1999
A Call for Sites for the Area Plan for the East

The Town and Country Planning Act 1999 S.2.1. ("the 1999 Act") sets out that the Government "shall prepare and from time to time revise a plan to be known as the Island Development Plan (in this Act referred to as "the development plan")". The 1999 Act goes on to clarify that "the development plan shall consist of a strategic plan, and one or more area plans".

The updated Isle of Man Strategic Plan came into effect on the 1st April 2016. This Plan provides the policy framework for the continued preparation of the Area Plans. The Area Plan for the South came into operation in 2013 but Plans for the East, North and West remain to be done. It is the Area Plans which will provide detailed policy proposals (including site allocations) and replace the current set of extant development plans which vary in format across the Island.

Initial work has now commenced on the Area Plan for the East. The procedure for making plans is set out in the 1999 Act and starts formally with a Preliminary Publicity stage. Ahead of this stage, the Department is making a Call for Sites for land within:

- the Borough of Douglas;
- the District of Onchan; and
- the Parishes of Braddan, Garff (Laxey and Lonan Wards only), Marown and Santon.

The Department now invites landowners/developers and others to identify any sites which they wish the Department to consider. The Department shall publish details of all of those sites put forward and seek representations as part of the Preliminary Publicity stage.

The following documents are now available at www.gov.im/tape

- The Call for Sites Response Form (available to complete online or to download)
- An Explanatory Note which sets out the background to the Area Plan process
- A draft Site Assessment Framework
- Maps showing the geographical scope of the Area Plan for the East, the areas covered by existing development plans and the draft settlement boundaries

The Response Form should be used to make any submission to the Call for Sites exercise. It can be submitted:

- online via the link on the above webpage
- by emailing completed documents to planningpolicy@gov.im or
- by post to Planning Policy Team, Cabinet Office, Sea Terminal, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2RF

Responses must be received by 5pm on Friday 16th September 2016