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Your Ref: ED21

Dear Mr Spencer and Mr Steen

**ED21: Examination of the Island Planning Strategy Post Hearings Letter**

Thank you for the Post Hearings letter dated 11 April 2025 that we received from the Programme Officer. I can confirm that the letter was published on the examination web pages on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 as examination document [ED21](#).

The Council are in the process of reviewing the content of the letter, however at this early stage we are formally writing to request an extension to the timeframe within which to respond.

Paragraph 59 of your letter asks the Council, should it wish to continue with the examination, to provide you with a Gantt chart and any other relevant information by **Monday 12 May 2025**. Given the options set out within the Post Hearings Letter, a decision from Full Council is necessary to decide what the most appropriate way forward is for the Council.

Due to three by elections taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025, the council is currently in a 'pre-election' period which limits the type and level of correspondence and discussion that can take place with councillors on what is a significant and important decision for the council. This period also places some restrictions on when an Extraordinary Full Council can be called.

We are therefore requesting an extension of time by one month until **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, which would allow an Extraordinary Full Council meeting to take place towards the end of May (we have a provisional date of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025). After the Extraordinary Full Council meeting has taken place we will be able to confirm the council's decision.

I would also highlight that from a timeframe perspective, the council are working on the basis that should the decision be to continue with the examination, a period of up to 6 months will be available to carry out the necessary work and consult on main modifications and that this 6 month period will commence once we have responded to you in early June, and as highlighted in paragraph 59 of ED21, you have then written to us again on the way forward.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'B' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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