

IPSR39 STATEMENT ON MATTER 9

TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE, VIABILITY, MONITORING AND REVIEW

Inspector's question 9.11 Having regard to the proposed levels and distribution of growth on the Island in the Plan are there any key infrastructure inter-dependencies that could have bearing on the housing and employment trajectories?(In short are there any critical infrastructure investments, which if delayed, could impact the forecast housing and employment delivery?)

It is important to designate land for renewable energy infrastructure to serve existing as well as new development. Economic growth is dependant on energy security. Existing and new housing require energy security.

Recent government intervention has been necessary to fund Vesta (wind turbine blades factory) on the Island, leaving staff cut by half. Vesta has been threatened with closure, due to lack of orders; due to the previous ban. The Island should lead on onshore wind; now critical in the autumn, winter and early spring due to changing climate. This is an obvious and vital area of employment, the IPS needs to reflect the importance of allocation of land for wind energy.

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