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Request

Constable Richard Buchanan in his recent BBC interview stated that there had been a scoring system used to score all the possible sites for building new houses in St Ouen. Under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 I would like to request the following information.

- 1 – What criteria were used to determine the points scored by each site.
- 2 – Which sites were included in the scoring exercise.
- 3 – How many points did each site score.
- 4 – When was this scoring system used.

Response

FOI exemption applied:

Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

Justification for exemption

All the information requested is contained in the “Housing land availability and assessment of sites” report dated April 2021 and issued by the Government of Jersey (GOJ) as part of the Island Plan Review. This report was prepared as part of the evidence base for the Island Plan Review and is specifically focused on the availability of land and development opportunities to meet the community’s demand for homes. See [R Housing land and assessment of sites KP RB.pdf \(gov.je\)](#).

1 - What criteria were used to determine the points scored by each site

This is explained in the report ‘Housing land availability and assessment of sites’ (Section three: site assessment).

2 - Which sites were included in the scoring exercise

The sites scored, and the points received, are listed in the report ‘Housing land availability and assessment of sites’ (Appendix 1).

3 - How many points did each site score.

The sites scored, and the points received, are listed in the report ‘Housing land availability and assessment of sites’ (Appendix 1).

4- When was this scoring system used.

This information is not held by the Parish; however, the report was published in April 2021.