

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th JULY 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether there are any requirements for ensuring effective waste management (particularly in terms of recycling and the management of environmental impacts) when permission is granted to hold a public event in Jersey and, if so, what those requirements are and how they are enforced and, if not, why not?”

Answer

The Minister for Infrastructure’s powers to licence events are limited to those that occur on Government of Jersey main roads. For these events, the Minister may set conditions that include the conduct of the event, the viewing of the event, preparations for the event, trials or practices for the event, and ensuring the safety or convenience of members of the public who may be at or near the event or at the location of the event.

The above said, the Bailiff’s Public Entertainment Panel (PEP) is the licensing authority for all public events in Jersey, including those on main roads, except for specific sports contests.

Event organisers will be required to complete an Event Management Plan as soon as the Bailiff’s Chambers are made aware of the event. This will help determine the level of input it will be necessary for the PEP to have. The panel is made up of representatives from the States of Jersey Police, Jersey Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, Health and Safety Inspectorate, Public Health Department, Infrastructure & Environment if event is held solely on a main road, and the relevant Parish Constable.

The event plan which the PEP reviews includes:

- the type of event
- how the event is organised
- a risk assessment, including the measures taken to make sure any potential and foreseeable risks are being addressed for those taking part or watching the event
- mitigation of any effects that the event may have on other people, such as noise or other nuisance
- a site map and event layout

The guidance requires that the plan should include mitigation of nuisance and consultation with the relevant parochial authority or land agent who may set conditions for waste management. It is clear that it is the responsibility of the event organiser to identify hazards and risks and to ensure that health and safety issues are properly managed for all aspects of the event, including:

- setting up the event
- the event itself
- clearing up after the event has taken place

The Minister for Infrastructure has no specific powers to require, approve, or place waste management plans upon event organisers.

The point raised in the question is a very valid one and I will raise this with the Bailiff's Public Entertainment Panel to see if this can be included for future events.