STATES OF JERSEY

COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2026 – 2030 (P.75/2026): SEVENTEENTH AMENDMENT (P.75/2026 AMD.(17)) – COMMENTS

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by the Council of Ministers

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COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers recommends that the amendment lodged by Connétable Inna Gardiner should be accepted as the principle has already been accepted and work is under way.

At the heart of the amendment is the desire to see the development and introduction of the Age-Friendly Infrastructure Framework agreed through the Connétable's proposition P.50/2025, which was approved (as amended) by the States Assembly on 10th July 2025. The Council of Ministers considers it appropriate that this existing commitment is reaffirmed and reflected in the Common Strategic Policy.

The amendment also responds to an established demographic challenge. Statistics Jersey projects a significant increase in the number of older islanders over the coming decades. This challenge is already recognised in Government policy through the Common Population Policy and Ageing Well Roadmap and in the Bridging Island Plan, which recognises the need to respond to changing demographic and community needs through the provision of appropriate and adaptable housing and accessible and inclusive places.

Implementation of the framework should, however, build on and co-ordinate work already under way, rather than duplicate existing regulatory or delivery mechanisms. This includes the ongoing review of the Building Bye Laws and associated technical guidance, which addresses accessibility and adaptability within buildings, together with established work to improve accessibility and inclusive design within the transport network and public realm for people with disabilities and impairments.

The work to adapt Jersey's infrastructure for an ageing population is continuous and an integral part of Government activity.

Accepting the amendment provides an opportunity to bring established and continuing workstreams together under a strategic framework, ensuring that the needs of an ageing population, together with wider accessibility and inclusive design considerations, are addressed consistently across buildings, transport infrastructure and the public realm.