

THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2005
AND THE LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL PROVISIONS)
ORDINANCE, 2007

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

PROPOSALS: Install a turtle bin structure on the grass area to the north of Chouet beach car park.

LOCATION: Chouet Headland, Mont Cuét Road, Chouet et Mont Cuét, Vale.

APPLICANT: Suntera (Guernsey) Limited

This permission is granted under the terms of Sections 15 and 16 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 (the 'Law').

Date of Grant of Permission: 05/05/2026

This notification of grant of permission refers solely to the proposals referred to above as described in your application received as valid on 17/03/2026 and the drawings referred to below. This grant of permission is subject to the following conditions:-

Drawing Nos: FAF Turtle 46, 54, 59, Site Plan, Block Plan (all date stamped 16 Dec 2025)

Application Ref: FULL/2025/1962

Property Ref: C01744G000

Conditions and reasons:-

1. All development authorised by this permission must be carried out and must be completed in every detail in accordance with the written application, plans and drawings referred to above. No variations to such development amounting to development may be made without the permission of the Authority under the Law.

Reason - To ensure that it is clear that permission is only granted for the development to which the application relates.

2. This permission is granted for a temporary period of one year only immediately on the expiry of which the structure hereby approved, including the concrete base, shall be removed from the site and the land reinstated to its former condition, unless a further permission has been granted by the Authority to allow the structure to

remain in situ.

Reason - As agreed with the applicant, this permission is granted on a temporary basis for a specified period following representation from the Vale Commons Council.

3. Notwithstanding Condition 2 above, the structure hereby approved, including the concrete base, shall be removed from the site and the land reinstated to its former condition within two months of the structure no longer being required for its approved intended purpose.

Reason - To secure the timely removal of the structure should it no longer be required for its approved intended purpose.

Expiry Date: This permission will cease to have effect on 04/05/2027.

ADVICE AND OTHER REMARKS:-

Effect of planning permission:

Section 18 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 ('the Law') defines the effect of the planning permission hereby granted, namely:

(1) Planning permission ceases to have effect unless the development permitted by it is commenced within a period of three years immediately following the date on which it is granted (or such shorter period as may be specified in the permission).

(2) Planning permission enures for the benefit of the land concerned and of every person for the time being having an interest in it.

(3) Any conditions subject to which planning permission is issued are enforceable in accordance with the provisions of Part V of the Law.

(4) Planning permission for the erection of a building is only permission to use it for the purpose specified in the permission or, subject to any restriction so specified, for any other purpose for which it is designed.

(5) Planning permission is only permission to carry out the development specified in it (subject to any conditions so specified), and does not imply the giving of any other approval or consent required under this Law or any other enactment or under any rule of law.

Right of appeal against planning decisions:

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 68(1) of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law 2005, which provides a right of appeal, on the merits against a decision to grant planning permission subject to conditions (except a building condition), to the Planning Tribunal, which is independent of the States of Guernsey. An appeal to the Planning Tribunal under section 68 of the Law against this decision must be made before the expiry of the period of six months beginning with the date on which the Authority made this decision. The official Appeal Notice Forms are available on the States of Guernsey website at www.gov.gg/planningpanel and must be completed with all enclosures in multiples as requested and received within the six months deadline.

Copy of representations made:

In reaching this decision the Authority took into account any written consultations made under Section 11(1) of the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 ('the Ordinance'). A copy of any consultation responses made under section 11 will be included with this decision in accordance with section 19 of the Ordinance.

Other Remarks:

Please note that any work which abuts or affects the public highway requires prior approval by Traffic and Highway Services. Please contact Traffic & Highway Services (highways@gov.gg) for further advice. You must also ensure that any access/es to the development are constructed to meet the existing road/footway levels in accordance with their requirements.

This document is not a Building Licence and confers no approval under the Building Regulations.

A separate Building Control Licence may be required and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that ALL necessary consents are obtained and that any pre-commencement conditions are discharged prior to development being commenced.

A J ROWLES

Director of Planning
Planning Service



PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT

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Property Ref: C01744G000
Valid date: 17/03/2026
Location: Chouet Headland Mont Cuet Road Chouet et Mont Cuet Vale Guernsey
Proposal: Install a turtle bin structure on the grass area to the north of Chouet beach car park.
Applicant: Suntera (Guernsey) Limited

RECOMMENDATION - Grant: Planning Permission with Conditions:

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OFFICER'S REPORT

Brief Description:

The application is one of four relating to the installation of a bin structure in a coastal location. The structures are sculptural in form and designed to receive plastic bottles for subsequent recycling. The applications arise in the context of the 'Fill a Fish' project, designed to raise awareness of the need to protect the marine environment and to encourage change in behaviour aimed at reducing plastic pollution. Each sculpture is based on a winning design submitted by a primary-school pupil in an Island-wide design competition.

Maximum dimensions are 2m length, 1.2m width and overall height above ground level 1.7m. The sculptures would sit on a concrete base of dimensions 1.2m long by 1.0m wide by 0.25m depth.

This application is to install a turtle bin structure on the grass area to the north of Chouet beach car park.

Relevant History:

None.

Existing Use(s):

Coastal land.

Assessment: *(Tick as appropriate)*

no representation	☐	visual amenity acceptable
accords with policy	☒	no material neighbour impact
within curtilage	☐ n/a	traffic not affected
design acceptable	☒	

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Policies considered most relevant:

GP1 – Landscape Character and Open Land
GP8 – Design
GP9 – Sustainable Development
GP18 – Public Art
IP11 – Small-Scale Infrastructure Provision

Representations:

One email of representation received, which is stated to apply to each of the four applications.

- The structures appear to be of impractical design for the containment of plastic to be recycled. Visibility of waste in the "open" unit is unacceptable.

- There can be no restriction as to what is placed in these "receptacles", with the high possibility of waste falling through the wireforms to contaminate the surroundings.
- Location visibility is made a significant point in applications, but it is not necessary to place waste disposal units (where waste can be seen) in highly visible areas.
- Location is not environmentally appropriate, as the aspect of accessing the units for emptying has not been properly considered (especially at Cobo).
- Location on grassed areas will cause interruption to simple mowing routines.
- The grassed area at Cobo has frequently been used for collective cinema viewing, and it is proposed to site one unit in this very area of expanded grassland.
- Existing waste units are frequently overflowing (refer to recent Guernsey Press reporting of overflowing waste bins at Cobo) and addition of these waste units will unnecessarily encourage the public to dispose of items which they otherwise can easily dispose of at their home.
- The large concrete base on which these appear to be mounted will be unsightly and may impose a hazard for the young.
- It is not possible to equate the placement of these items around our coast with a policy of enhancing our environment and natural features for the Island to remain attractive to both tourists and locals.

In addition to the above, the Vale Commons Council, which has indicated that it has landownership rights over the land in question, has agreed to the application proceeding for a trial period of one year.

Conclusion/Brief comment:

All material considerations as set out in the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 and the Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 have been considered in the assessment of this application.

The proposal is for small-scale infrastructure which has been designed in the form of a public art installation. As such, the application accords in principle with IDP Policies IP11 and GP18. It is very clearly designed with sustainability at the forefront of the proposal and accords with Policies GP8 and GP9.

The proposal would not detract from visual amenity or the amenities of any nearby residents and would have no impact on traffic.

Although an objection to the proposal has been received as set out above, the application has been accompanied by a comprehensive statement dealing with various practical matters including some matters of concern raised in the representation. This statement has been prepared by the applicant following extensive consultation with the Island's Parishes and other public authorities. Evidence has also been provided of the success of similar initiatives elsewhere.

Although the concerns of the representor are respected, they would not outweigh the benefits of the proposal as a form of sustainable infrastructure development which aligns with the relevant policies of the Island Development Plan and has been developed with appropriate research, consultation and through an Island-wide design competition.

It is therefore recommended that the application be approved. A planning condition can reasonably be imposed to require the removal of the structure should it no longer be used for its intended purpose. In addition, to enable the application to proceed to determination, agreement was reached with the applicant and Vale Commons Council that any approval in this instance would be for one year only to enable review.

Recommendation:

Grant with Conditions



Date: 5th May 2026

