

Better Transport Plan for the north of the island

 More
homes

 More
choice

 More
freedom



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Guernsey needs to build more affordable homes for our economy, for our future, for all of us. However, more homes mean even more pressure on our roads.

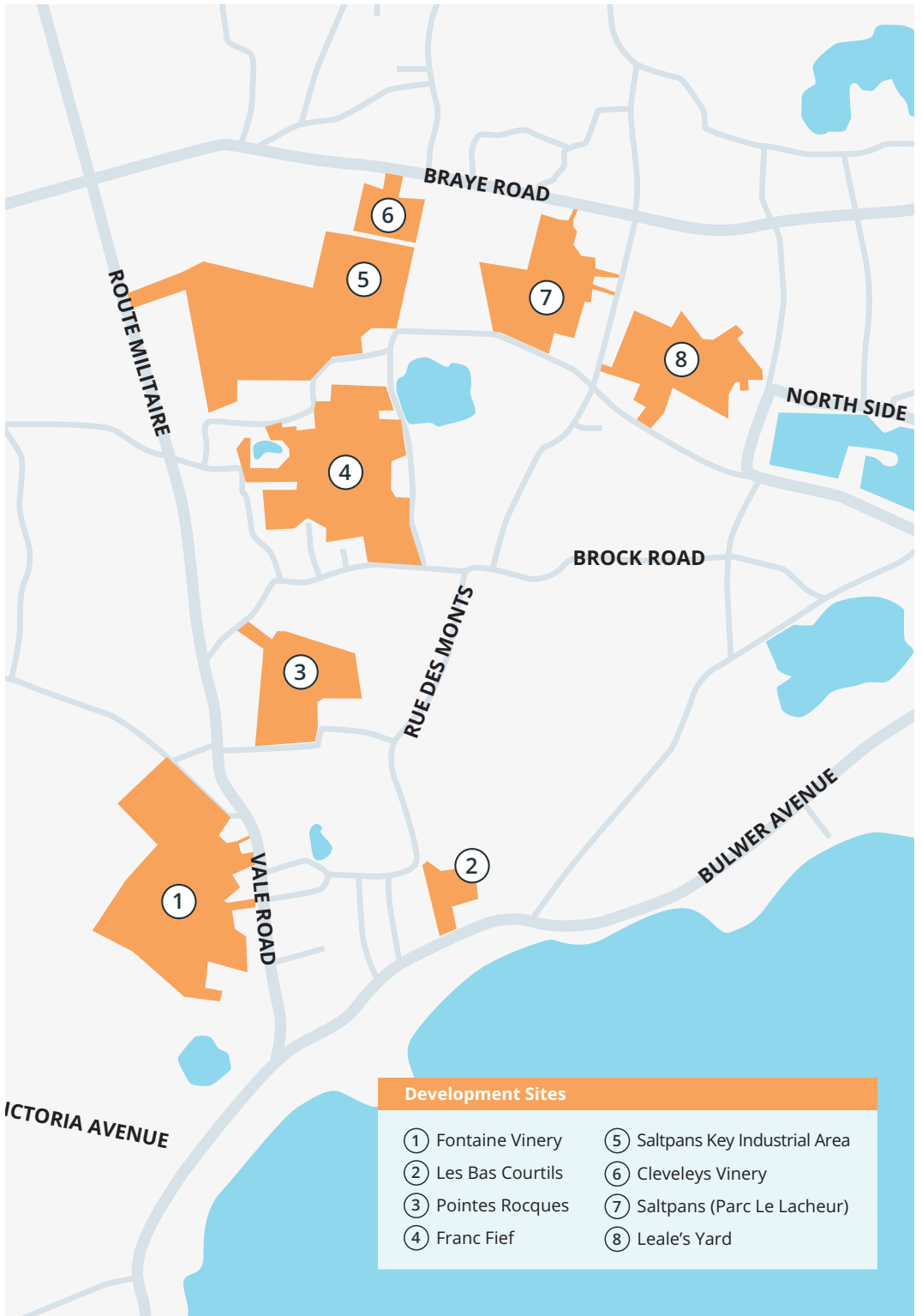
Our narrow lanes were not built for heavy traffic and already they are under strain. So, what if we could build more homes, ease the pressure on our roads **and** give you more choice in the process?

A new area-wide Better Transport Plan for the north of the island has been developed. This will require developers building new houses, and government, to improve our transport infrastructure, giving islanders more options for getting around and creating a more attractive environment for people to work and live in.

Why is this plan for the north?

There are a number of significant sites allocated for housing in addition to the Bridge Regeneration Area (including Leale's Yard) and Key Industrial Areas which are all in relatively close proximity to each other. This could provide more than 1,000 new homes plus additional retail, leisure, and commercial development. However, as these areas are developed over time, this will place further pressure on the surrounding road network unless we give people more choice in how they can get around.

We want to be proactive and do whatever we can to minimise any negative impacts on current residents, whilst maximising potential benefits for them and future residents alike.



What will be included in the Better Transport Plan?

The Better Transport Plan for the north of the island will pave the way for a wider and better range of transport choice, so that people living and working in the area have more options for the different kinds of journeys they may want to make at different times for different reasons – whether that is by car, bus, bike or foot. One outcome will be a coherent network of linked walking and cycling routes through, within and around development sites to make travelling by foot and by bike easier, safer, and more convenient. Another outcome will be the better provision of public transport, plus more innovative options such as car clubs as well. Infrastructure improvements will make driving better too. These measures will be variously delivered by the States, landowners and developers, and private providers as appropriate.

As well as providing more choice in how to get around, the Better Transport Plan will also ensure the needs of more vulnerable road users (such as those walking and riding bikes, particularly children and the elderly) are met, in line with the States-approved Integrated Transport Strategy.

The plan includes:



New footpaths



New bike paths



An extension to a one-way system with a cycling contraflow



Better bus routes and schedules



More bus shelters



Ruettes des Habitants (streets for access to properties only)



Junction improvements



Targeted road widening to provide pedestrian infrastructure



Improved signage



Cars, bikes, and other vehicles that neighbours can share (e.g. car clubs)



A travel app



When will these changes happen?

Many of the changes will be introduced bit by bit, as work gets underway at each housing development, so it won't be all at once. However, some changes can be introduced ahead of these developments taking place and will be prioritised by Traffic and Highway Services as part of the ongoing improvement of our transport infrastructure.

How will these changes be funded?

Some of these changes will be required of developers as a planning condition of the new developments. Other changes will be delivered through existing transport infrastructure budgets, requiring no additional capital budget from the States.



Where can I see details of the Better Transport Plan?

The details of the plan are available online at **gov.gg/BetterTransportPlan**. Paper copies are available on request by emailing **traffic@gov.gg** or calling **01481 221000** and selecting option 3, followed by option 5, to speak to Traffic and Highway Services.

How can I comment on the proposals?

If you would like more information or wish to comment on the Better Transport Plan, you can:



Email **traffic@gov.gg**



Write to **Better Transport Plan, Traffic and Highway Services, Edward T Wheadon House, Le Truchot, St Peter Port, GY1 3WH**

Please submit comments by **30th June 2024**

If we give ourselves more choice, we can change the way we move around our island, creating a more attractive environment to work and live in and making the journeys better for everyone, even if your choice is to keep travelling the same way as before.



For more information go to
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