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### **The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 is announced**

The Minister of the Environment and Sports, the Hon. Elvin James, J.P., M.P., announced that the Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 Planning Statement and Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 Zoning Maps will be put on deposit and declared to be the operative development plan for the Island as of June 6, 2008.

As of June 6<sup>th</sup> 2008, all new planning applications will be subject to the policies of the Draft Bermuda Plan 2008. The Bermuda Plan 1992 Planning Statement and the Bermuda Plan 1992 Maps, the West End Development Plan 1984, The Pembroke Marsh Plan 1987 and the Base Lands Plan 1996 shall cease to have effect, save and to the extent that the draft development plan provides to the contrary.

The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 will be the subject of a four month public consultation period starting June 6<sup>th</sup> 2008. During this time members of the public can object to or comment on any zoning or policy in the new Draft Plan. The public consultation period ends on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.

The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 can be inspected on or after June 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 in person at the Department of Planning during regular business hours and on line at the Department of Planning website [www.planning.gov.bm](http://www.planning.gov.bm). Technical Officers from the Department of Planning will be available to assist members of the public in their review of the new Plan. The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 will also be on display at Parish Post Offices and the Bermuda National Library. Public exhibitions will also be held across the Island.

The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 is the product of a significant amount of consultation with the public, key stakeholders and statutory bodies and a variety of research. It sets out the planning policies and land use zonings based on the future needs of the Island and how to best accommodate those needs in a sustainable and responsible manner. The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 is intended to guide the development of the Island up to the year 2015.

The Draft Bermuda Plan 2008 strives to balance the need to accommodate development with the need to conserve and protect natural areas for future generations. The Plan is based on three strategies to promote and provide for conservation, development and social opportunity.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Department of Planning on or after June 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 in person or on line at the Department of Planning website [www.planning.gov.bm](http://www.planning.gov.bm) for more information on the Draft Bermuda Plan 2008.

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