

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the reply DEVB(PL)140 made by the Controlling Officer, when was the Village Environ (VE) policy introduced? Before 1993, was it necessary for a proposed small house under application to be situated within the VE for the application to be considered?

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan

Reply:

The requirement that a proposed small house site needs to be situated within the village environs (VE) has been in force since the introduction of the Small House Policy in 1972. If the site is within the VE, the small house application may be considered. With the implementation of the amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance in 1993, consideration may also be given to a small house application if the proposed small house site lies outside the relevant VE but is located within a "Village Type Development" zone ("V" zone) on the relevant statutory plan, provided that the "V" zone encircles or overlaps with the VE.

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