ANNEXES
SETBACKS STANDARDS TO BE OBSERVED IN RESPECT OF
DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILT-UP AREAS OUTSIDE OF APPROVED
SUBDIVISIONS

Area/Settlements to which standards are applicable:

Central Roseau, Newtown, Loubiere, Pointe Michel, Soufriere, Scotts Head,
Massacre, Mahaut, Layou, St. Joseph, Mero, Salisbury, Coulibistrie, Dublanc,
Bioche, Central Portsmouth and Lagon.

1. The Minimum distance to be maintained between a proposed building/extension
   and the front boundary of the lot to which such building relates shall be
determined by the existing building line of permanent structures along such
street/road.

2. The distance between a proposed building or extension and the side boundary of
   lot to which it relates shall not be less than 2’-8” for lots with frontage of 40 feet
   or less; and 3’-0” for lots with frontage of more than 40 feet.

3. The distance between a proposed building/extension and the back boundary of the
   lot to which it relates shall not be less than:
   
   i. 5’6” in the case of single and two floor single and two family residential or
      residential/commercial buildings;

   ii 7’-6” in the case of multi-family one and two storey residential or
      residential/commercial buildings, and three or more storey residential
      or residential/commercial buildings;

   iii 4’-0” in the case of one and two storey ‘commercial buildings’;

   iv 6’-0” in the case of three or more storey ‘commercial buildings’;

4. The Committee may, after considering the opinion/comments of the adjoining
   property owner(s) permit a building/extension to be erected less than 2’-8” from
   only one of the side boundaries of the lot to which it relates.

5. At least one side boundary setback space which shall not be less than 2’-8” wide
   at any point shall be left free of obstruction through-out.
6. Only a step or part of the roof structure shall be permitted on or over the space around a building. In the case of side boundary spaces, such steps shall be permitted on one side only; one such roof overhang (eave) shall not exceed 15” and 36” on the sides and back boundary spaces respectively;

7. All setback shall be measured along straight lines which are perpendicular to the exterior wall of the proposed building/extension;

Recommendations are based on the fact that in the majority of cases the size of the lots in the said built-up areas are much smaller than those obtained in the approved subdivisions. Consequently, the current setbacks for sub-division planning cannot be enforced/adopted in those areas.
STEPS IN PREPARATION OF A SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

1. Obtain a Survey Plan of the plot and Certificate of Title.

2. Discuss intention with family members.

3. Discuss the Subdivision Plan with your surveyor.

4. Think long term, and prepare a Comprehensive Plan of your property.

5. Check with Physical Planning Division for Development Plan of that area.

6. Consult with Physical Planning Division for advice on:
   - The kind of uses suitable for that particular area.
   - The type of subdivision recommended for that particular area.
   - Lot density applicable to the area (Low, Medium or High density)
   - Minimum lot size which is determined by:
     1. Soil type (percolation capability of soil) which determines the sewerage system suitable for area.
     2. Character of the area.

7. Prepare Subdivision Plan. The plan should include:
   - Different uses (eg Commercial, Institutional, Recreational relevant to the area and size of development)
   - Dimension of lots
   - Lot numbers
   - Roads
   - Cross-section of road
   - Contours which indicate slope of land
   - Existing and proposed Water lines (Water Reticulation Plan prepared by a qualified engineer and certified by DOWASCO)
   - Existing and proposed electricity poles
   - Location of garbage disposal

8. Plan must be checked by relevant agencies for recommendation:
   - Environmental Health
   - DOWASCO
   - DOMLECT
   - Agricultural Department
   - Forestry Division
   - Fisheries Division
CHECKLIST FOR REVIEWING BUILDING PLANS
GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL OFFICERS AND DRAFTSPERSONS.

A completed development application for Planning permission in respect of new buildings and extensions should contain the following information.

1. The completed Application Form supplied by the Planning Division.
2. Proof of Ownership Document
   This may be in the form of:
   a. A copy of a Certificate of Title
   b. A copy of receipt
   c. Note from a solicitor confirming that application is being made for a Certificate of Title in favour of applicant possessing the land to which the plan relates,
   d. Note from the owner of the land, witnessed by someone for example, the Chairman of a Village Council or a Justice of the Peace confirming that the land to which the plans relates, has been given to the applicant for development.
3. One copy of the Survey Plan of the land to which the plans relates.
   If a Survey Plan is not available then the Draftsperson must state on the plans or the sheet containing the site plan, whether or not the dimensions given on the site plan are based on measurements taken on site.
4. Plans
   - All plans must be submitted in triplicate.
   - All drawing, with the exception of the Location Plan must be drawn to scale.
5. Location Plan
   This plan does not have to be drawn to scale. It purpose is to assist the field officers in finding the site. It should show;
   - Site in relation to easily identifiable landmark or features – eg, a bridge, ravine, street, corner, shop etc.
   - Approximate distance to nearest landmark of feature;
   - North point.
6. Site Plan
   This plan should show;
   - Distance between all survey points;
   - All existing buildings on the site and indicate which ones are to be demolished and those to be retained;
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- Front, sides and back setbacks using dimension lines;
- Distance between the proposed building and existing buildings on the site;
- Proposed location of septic tank/soakaway;
- Names of adjoining property owners;
- North point;
- Access to site;
- Any other relevant information/specifications

7. **Floor Plan (a)**
   This plan should show:
   - Overall dimension of building in respect of each floor;
   - Width and length of all spaces using dimension lines
   - Thickness of walls;
   - Type of material of main external walls/partitions;
   - Door swings;
   - Width of windows and length of intermediate exterior wall sections, using dimensions lines
   - Location of columns and/or stiffeners;
   - Position of staircases;
   - Any other relevant information/specification.

8. **Foundation Plan**
   This plan should show:
   - Spacing of columns, if any, at centres;
   - Means of tying columns to each other;
   - Size of columns;
   - Size of column pads;
   - Size of footings;
   - Width of foundation walls;
   - Spacing of foundation walls;
   - Overall dimensions of foundation;
   - Any other relevant information/specification.

9. **Elevations**
   Observations of at least three (3) facades of the building.
   - Elevations of floor relative to existing and/or finished ground level;
   - Slope of land
   - Position, height and width of windows and doors relative to floor plan(s);
   - Position and form of external steps and handrail where applicable;
   - Roof finish material;
   - Length of overhangs.
10. **Roof Plan**
   - Overall dimensions of roof;
   - Size, type and spacing of roof members,
   - Size and position of main beams;
   - Slope of roof sections
   - Length of overhangs.

11. **Cross Sections**
   - At least one cross section through the proposed building must be provided;
   - Depth of foundation/columns;
   - Height of floors;
   - Depth of floor slabs;
   - Height of roof from plate to ridge;
   - Slope of roof;
   - Depth of beam
   - Material and thickness of walls;
   - Roof truss system;
   - Slope of ground;
   - Any other necessary information/specification.

12. **Beams Framing Plan**
   - Arrangement of floor beams relative to foundation;
   - Column layout/floor plan;
   - Reinforcement plans/specification of floor slab;

13. **Details**
   To be taken at all critical sections of buildings.
   (i) **Foundation and Retaining Walls**
       - Depth, thickness, width, material, arrangement, size and
       - Spacing of reinforcement in foundation wall and footings;
       - Method of tying footings to foundation wall to floor slab
         and wall;
       - Height of retaining wall;
       - Any other relevant information/specification.
   (ii) **Floor Slab on Grade**
       - Height of slab above ground;
       - Thickness of slab;
       - Reinforcement in slab;
       - Support of slab at point of details;
       - Thickness of blinding;
       - Damp-proofing material;
       - Thickness of hardcore;
Method of tying slab to wall;
Any other necessary information/specification

(iii) **Columns**
- Size of columns;
- Depth of pads, including thickness;
- Size of spacing of reinforcement in column and pads

(iv) **Beams**
- Depth of beam including slab thickness
- Size and arrangement of reinforcement at mid-spans support
- Cantilever section;
- Spacing of ties

(v) **Stiffeners**
- Size;
- Arrangement and size of reinforcements

(vi) **Roof**
- Size of members
- Spacing of members
- Size of tie beams
- Roofing materials
- Method of tying roof to plate/tie-beam/walls;
- Length of caves;
- Ceiling material and method of support;
- Any other necessary information/specification

(viii) **Suspended Slabs**
- Slab thickness;
- Position of beams in slab section
- Arrangement, size and spacing of reinforcements at mid-span,
- Supports and cantilever section;
- Any other necessary information/specification

(viii) **Ring Beam**
- Width and depth of beam;
- Size of reinforcement;
- Spacing of ties

(ix) **Steps**
- Number of risers and landings;
- Height or risers;
- Width of tread;
- Waist thickness;
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- Size, arrangement and spacing of reinforcement
- Depth size of footing below grade;
- Height, material and method of support to handrail;
- Means of support;

14. **Electricity Plan**
   - Type and location of lighting fixtures and switches;
   - Location of sockets;
   - Type and location of switches to each lightings fixture;
   - Door swings;
   - Location of main switch;
   - Location of meter;
   - Any other necessary information/specification.

15. **Plumbing Plan**
   - Arrangement/type of fixture in washrooms and kitchen;
   - Water line to all fixtures;
   - Waste line from all fixtures;
   - Size of water line and waste lines;
   - Sources of supply;
   - Any other necessary information/specification.

16. **Drainage Plan**
   - Size and arrangement of soil pipes;
   - Location/size of manholes;
   - Location of septic tank if any;
   - Location of effluent disposal field/soakaway;
   - Size, type and arrangement of storm/surface water drainage channels;
   - Disposal point of storm/surface water in draining channels.

17. **Special Information**

   (i) **Septic Tank**
      - Plan, section and size of septic tank, (if applicable) approved by
        Chief Environmental Health Officer

   (ii) **Soakaway**
      - Type and dimensions of soakaway recommended by the Chief
        Environmental Health Officer, (if applicable).
(iii) **Engineer’s Certificate**

Required for but not limited to the following:

- Buildings which are three floors or more
- Change of use from residential to commercial, industrial or institutional;
- Pre-fabricated buildings;
- Non-conventional roof truss systems;
- Two storey buildings with continuous spans in excess of 16 feet;
- Two storey multi-unit residential buildings with 6 units or more;
- Commercial, institutional, industrial or mix-use buildings with a gross floor area of 5,000 sq. ft. or more.

(Provided that, the plans in respect of the aforementioned buildings were not prepared by a Civil or Structural Engineer.)
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   - Distance between buildings and their setbacks from roads and footpaths.
   - Proposed network of road and footpath and their width.
   - Other land uses proposed for the development
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- Landscaping plan, indicating existing trees to be preserved or new areas to be planted.
- Slope stabilization measures
- Parking areas
- Proposed Water Reticulation Plan prepared by a qualified engineer
- Proposed Electricity Distribution Plan
- Proposed Garbage Disposal System
- Names of adjoining property owners;
- North point;
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8. **Typical Floor Plan (s)**
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Due to the nature and size of the development, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required.