



DRAFT ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 76/21

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The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider the Town Council's response to the Draft Island Planning Strategy within the current consultation on it.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The new Draft Island Planning Strategy (IPS) replaces the draft IPS that was consulted on in 2018/19 when over 9,300 comments from 3,800 respondents were received.
- b) A significant number of these comments related to the housing number of 9,615 new homes across the 15-year plan period, or 641 dwellings per annum (dpa).
- c) The response from local stakeholders and the community was overwhelming in opposition to the number of houses to be built
- d) The new document, covering the period 2023-2038, is out for consultation until 1 October 2021.
- e) A four-page summary of the 252-pge document is available [here](#).

2) VENTNOR

- a) There are just two specific references to the town in respect of new housing and economic development.
- b) The Plan proposes an Island target for new homes over the 15-year period that is 25% lower than the earlier one, at 7,290 or an average of 486 a year; the target for Ventnor itself is set at 10 for the full period of the Plan.
- c) For the town's economic development, the site behind the Island Free School on Newport Road is allocated for employment and described as 'brownfield and extends to an area of approximately 0.7 hectares, and redevelopment would require demolition of existing buildings, site clearance and re-profiling of levels.

3) THE ISLAND

- a) The Plan will have very significant impacts on the whole Island and its future.
- b) The Island's MP is a leading critic of the Plan and his response to it is available [here](#).

4) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to establish a working group with the Clerk having delegated authority to submit to the consultation the group's response.