

MONITORING REPORT

for the Isle of Wight Council's planning policies



2019 – 2020

Executive summary

The year 2019/20 was the eighth complete monitoring year with the adopted Island Plan Core Strategy in place.

Within the monitoring year the Isle of Wight Council has maintained its performance in the speed of its decision making, to the extent that performance is above 65 per cent and above 87 percent against the national targets of 60 per cent and 80 per cent (for major and minor applications respectively).

The completions of residential units on the Island for the year totalled 253. There were also 320 residential units permitted, which represents a decrease on the previous year's figure (540).

The number of new dwellings built on the Island decreased from the previous year (350) and is below the average for the last seven years. It falls short of the apparent ceiling of delivery (of around 400 dwellings per year) we have experienced and identified in the previous monitoring reports (from 2011-2016), and below the adopted plan figure of 520 dwellings per year.

The delivery of affordable housing has remained at an alarmingly low level, with six new units being completed within the monitoring year. The council will need to work with partners to address this, and to consider new and innovative methods of delivering affordable housing, although it notes that the delivery pipeline for 20/21 and beyond is looking much healthier.

By approving new employment developments the capacity for an anticipated 292 jobs on the Island was created, with a net gain in employment floorspace provision of 1,096m² and a gain of 5,911m² of retail floorspace.

The overall sales of aggregate on the Isle of Wight have shown a significant increase (14%) over that of 2018. This increase is primarily from land-won sales of sand and gravel, with imported crushed rock also showing some increase. The data collected as part of the aggregates survey shows that there is still substantial capacity for aggregate sales on the Island.

The key facts and issues shown here give a flavour of some of the main issues covered in this report. Information and analysis in more technical detail can be found in the main body of the report.

- **1,189** planning applications were determined.
- **88 per cent** of these were **approved** and **12 per cent refused**.
- We **exceeded** the national targets for the time for determining major, minor and other planning applications.
- The total new homes bonus payment in year 2019/20 for the Isle of Wight was £1,529,335.

- In the monitoring year **1** application was given permission that included Self-Build and Custom Housing.
- **320** dwellings were granted permission
- **253** dwellings were completed.
- **6** affordable houses were completed.
- Permission was granted that supported the potential for an additional **292 jobs** on the Island.
- There was a net gain of **1,096m²** of employment provision.
- **No** planning permissions were granted which resulted in the loss of employment sites of one hectare or above in the period 2019/20.
- There has been a net gain of **5,911m²** of retail floorspace within the monitoring period.
- **33 applications** relating to tourist accommodation were determined in 2019/20.
- Of these **73 per cent** were permitted resulting in the loss of **52** bedrooms and the gain of **43** bedrooms and 2 shepherd huts.
- The overall sales of aggregate on the Isle of Wight have shown a significant increase (14%) over that of 2018. This increase is primarily from land-won sales of sand and gravel, with imported crushed rock also showing some increase.
- There were no applications granted where waste management capacity (either additional or loss) was associated with the intended primary use.

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1. Introduction

The Island Plan Core Strategy was adopted in March 2012. It is, along with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and, where relevant, neighbourhood development plans the document against which planning applications are determined by the Isle of Wight Council as the local planning authority (LPA).

Monitoring our planning policies is important because it helps us understand whether they are working and shaping the Island in the way that we want. Monitoring how our policies are being applied can highlight any problems, or potential problems, and we might then need to think about changes to our planning policies.

This monitoring report covers the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. The core strategy has now been in place eight years, so the picture painted by this monitoring report is an established one that is heavily influenced by external forces.

The requirements for monitoring reports, in terms of procedural information and monitoring requirements, is set out in Regulation 34 of the [Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#).

For practical and operational purposes this monitoring report continues the streamlined monitoring of the core strategy, as established in the 2012/13 monitoring report. Therefore, this report focuses on the key areas of planning performance, housing, economy and tourism, waste and minerals.

The information in this monitoring is supplied on a best effort basis only, utilising available information. While every effort is made to ensure the information is correct and up-to-date, the council does not accept any liability for any direct, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any nature, however caused, which may be sustained as a result of reliance upon such information.

2. Planning performance

Relevant Core Strategy objectives

Whilst all Core Strategy objectives are relevant to the spatial strategy, the following is considered to be the most relevant.

- 1) **To support sustainable and thriving communities that enable people to enjoy a quality of life without compromising the quality of the environment.**

Document production

The local development scheme (LDS) sets out the anticipated timetable for producing our main planning documents. Discussions through the 18/19 monitoring year contributed to a new [LDS](#) being published in July 2019 with an updated version published in July 2020. The LDS sets out the programme for preparing a new plan called the Island Planning Strategy following the review of the Island Plan Core Strategy. The Island Planning Strategy and other main documents will form part of the local plan, known on the Island as the Island Plan.

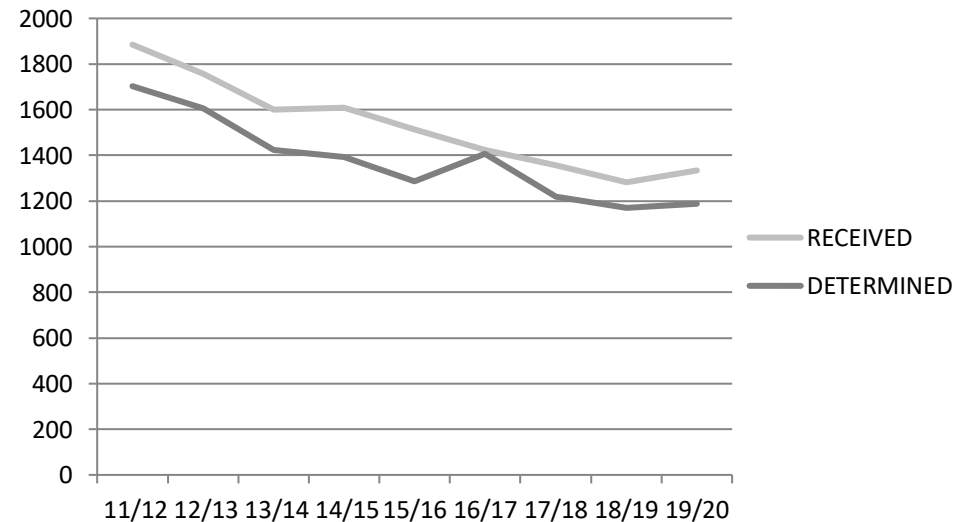
Processing planning applications

The LPA received 1,333 planning applications within the monitoring year and within the same period we determined 1,189 applications. This is shown in Graph 1, with the number of applications received in **light grey** and the number of applications determined in **dark grey**.

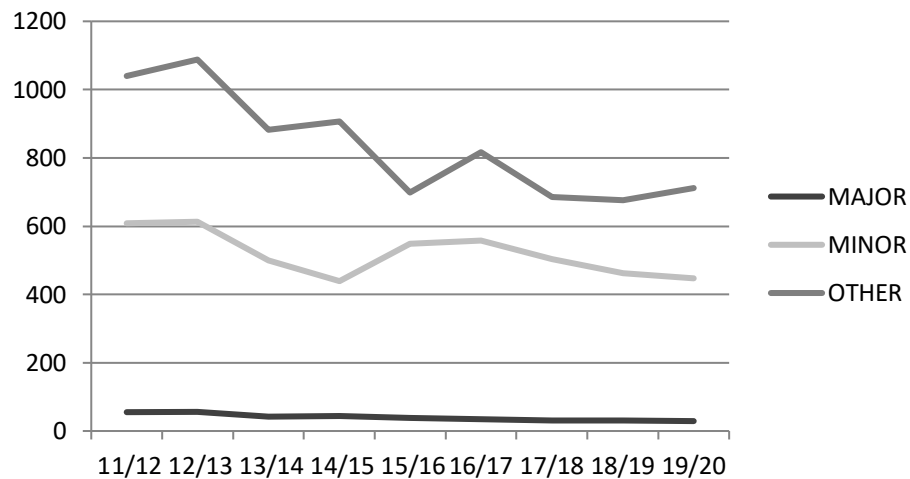
The number of applications received in 19/20 saw a slight increase from the previous year's figure, potentially linked to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns, with people seeking to improve their home rather than moving. Whilst there has been a significant reduction in the gap between

applications received and applications determined over the last four years, 2019/20 saw a slight increase from the previous year's figure. Overall, this highlights a positive improvement in terms of the number of applications determined within the monitoring year.

Graph 1: Number of applications received and determined



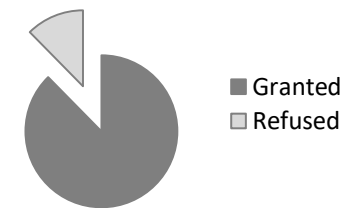
Graph 2: Determined applications by type



Graph 2 shows the number of determined applications split between major, minor and other applications¹ over the same period. Whilst it indicates a relatively stable situation, there was a slight increase in the number of other development applications from the previous year. This may reflect a trend of people not moving but improving their existing properties.

A breakdown of the outcome of decisions of the 1,189 determined applications is shown in Graph 3.

Graph 3: Determined applications by decision:



The performance of local planning authorities with regard to determining applications is assessed using two key indicators: the speed of decision making and the quality of the decision making. Whilst the quality of the decision making is somewhat subjective (but can be measured against appeal decisions), the time it takes to make decisions is recorded and monitored throughout the year.

There are national targets for the time spent determining planning applications, and they are:

- 60 per cent of majors determined within 13 weeks;
- 65 per cent of minors determined within eight weeks;
- 80 per cent of others determined within eight weeks.

Table 1 shows that the LPA has generally performed strongly in relation to these targets over the last few years. There has been a marked improvement in the performance relating to majors over the last few years which reflects an increase in agreed 'extensions of time'.

¹ As set out in the CLG General Development Control Return PS2.

Table 1: Percentage of decisions determined within target periods

	60% of majors within 13 weeks	65% of minors within 8 weeks	80% of others within 8 weeks
19/20	65.51%	87.50%	92.55%
18/19	73.33%	97.01%	98.53%
17/18	87.50%	95.50%	98.97%
16/17	92.31%	96.83%	97.91%
15/16	55.88%	74.70%	86.05%
14/15	52.27%	76.54%	87.97%
13/14	61.90%	71.94%	84.82%
12/13	54.90%	76.17%	85.31%
11/12	67.27%	84.73%	88.35%

This has enabled the LPA not only to improve its performance statistics, but more importantly to negotiate improved and better quality schemes. This then benefits the applicant as issues are resolved and applications are being determined under delegated powers, or if they are determined by the planning committee the majority have been permitted. The outcomes are therefore better for both residents and applicants.

Figures published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG)² show that our figure relating to the time taken to determine major applications within 13 weeks (or agreed time) over the last two years averages at 79.4 per cent. This represents an improvement in performance compared with the initial period following the adoption of the Core Strategy.

² Based on Tables P151 and P152 of the [MHCLG Live tables on planning application statistics](#)

Housing Delivery Test

The Housing Delivery Test (HDT) is a monitoring tool introduced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in 2018 to ensure that local authorities and other stakeholders are held accountable for their role in ensuring new homes are delivered.

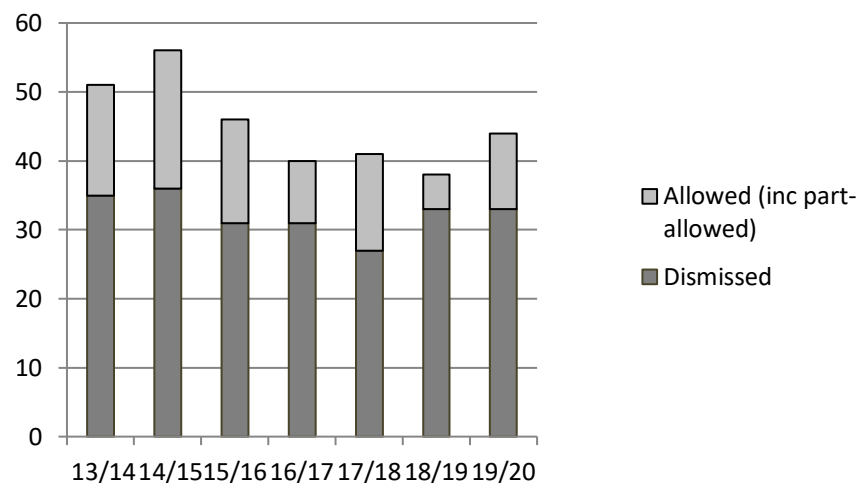
The HDT assesses the number of homes built in local authority areas over the previous three years and compares these against local housing requirements. A Local Planning Authority that fails to meet delivery targets is required to take appropriate action to address under delivery.

In the case of the council, an [Action Plan](#) sets out the issues of under-delivery and includes actions the council can take to improved delivery of housing across the Island. The Action Plan will need to be updated every year the council is under-delivering on its housing requirements. The first [Monitoring Report](#) can now be viewed with a further version to follow later in 2020.

Appeal performance

Within the monitoring year there were 50 appeals lodged against the council's decisions, with the Planning Inspectorate issuing 44 decisions. Graph 4 shows the number of decisions issued by the Planning Inspectorate over the last seven years and whether they were allowed (including part-allowed) or dismissed.

Graph 4: Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions



The figures show an increase in the number of lodged appeals compared to the previous year, although there has been a decrease overall in the number of lodged appeals since 2014/15. During this period the council has performed consistently in terms of percentage of appeals dismissed. Within the monitoring year the overall figure was 75.0 per cent.

Performance is measured as the percentage of appeals allowed against refusal of planning permission and listed building consent (i.e. excluding enforcement, advert, conditions, non-determination, lawful development certificate etc.).

In 2019/20 there were 44 decisions issued relating to appeals against the refusal of planning permission and listed building consent (see Table 2 for a further breakdown of the type of appeals). Of these, eleven were allowed or part allowed which equates to 25 per cent. This is below the national average of 33 per cent³ and the target maximum of 30 per cent.

Table 2: Percentage of appeals by type of appeal

	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Refusal of planning permission⁴	39 76.5%	50 89.3%	40 87%	34 85%	38 92.7%	36 92.3%	44 100%
Non determination	2 3.9%	0 0%	4 8.7%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Refusal of Lawful Development Certificate	5 5.9%	1 1.8%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2.4%	0 0%	0 0%
Enforcement Notice	5 9.8%	4 7.1%	2 4.3%	4 10%	2 (4.9%)	0 0%	0 0%
Conditions (direct appeal against conditions)	2 3.9%	0 0%	0 0%	2 5%	0 (0%)	1 2.6%	0 0%
Refusal of Advert Consent	0 0%	1 1.8%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
Refusal of Prior Notification	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 5.1%	0 0%

³ Based on 2019/20 figures, which at time of publication were the most up-to-date and available.

⁴ Including appeals following applications to vary/remove a condition.

Complaints

There was a slight decrease in the number of Planning and Development complaints made to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO). Following consideration under the corporate complaints procedure, the number of complaints upheld has consistently been low.

During the monitoring year seven complaints were received and considered by the LGSCO, with three not being progressed. Two further complaints will be reported in 2020/21.

Since 2007/08, when the figure was 30, the overall number of complaints escalated to the LGSCO has broadly declined and the proportion of cases closed by the LGSCO with no maladministration or premature complaint has increased.

Table 3: Number and type of complaints

	11/ 12	12/ 13	13/ 14	14/ 15	15/ 16	16/ 17	17/ 18	18/ 19	19/ 20
LGO Complaints	8	11	13	9	8	6	6	9	7
Not Progressed	6	8	9	7	6	5	2	6	3
Complaints Upheld	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	2
Local Settlement	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Finalised	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	2	2

Neighbourhood planning

No neighbourhood development plan areas were designated in 2019/20, meaning the number of designated areas on the Island remained at five. These cover the parishes of Bembridge, Brading, Brighstone, Gurnard and Freshwater.

Within the monitoring year no neighbourhood development plans were made (brought into force). More information regarding neighbourhood planning on the Isle of Wight can be found on the council's [website](#).

Supplementary Planning Documents

Supplementary planning documents (SPDs) are documents which add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites or on particular issues, such as design. Once formally adopted by the council, supplementary planning documents are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions, but are not part of the development plan. The council has not adopted any SPDs in this monitoring year.

Permitted Development Rights and Prior Notification

The changes introduced through amendments to the General Permitted Development Order, allow the following changes of use without the need to obtain planning permission:

- Offices to residential use;
- Flexibility between high street uses;

- Agricultural buildings to a range of business uses; and
- Opening of new state-funded schools.

Some of the changes permitted are only available for a limited period of time and there are a number of exemptions and conditions that apply. The rules do not apply to listed buildings or scheduled monuments.

The implications of these rule changes in terms of monitoring planning activity are that as certain activities no longer require planning permission. They will therefore not, as a matter of course, be recorded as part of the council's annual monitoring activity (or recorded in the same detail as a planning permission).

Prior notification is a procedure where the applicant must tell the planning authority about their proposals before taking advantage of permitted development rights. This procedure will not result in 'planning permission'. The end result will be a decision that 'prior approval' is or is not required.

In this monitoring year the council issued 32 prior approval notices. Of these 26 confirmed were authorised (a decrease from the 35 issued the previous year) and these included 5 requests for a change of use from agricultural buildings to residential (creating 9 dwellings). 6 requests for a prior approval notice were refused.

The information required to be submitted through the prior approval process is not the same as a full planning application, so whilst the council is aware of the changes it will not necessarily be aware of their extent. (i.e. the m² lost in a conversion from an employment use to residential).

Five years of monitoring of prior notification shows that whilst residential dwellings are being brought forward through the process, it is not significant source of new dwellings. The main source of new residential dwellings through the prior notification process is from agricultural buildings, rather than offices or town centre uses.

Duty to co-operate

The duty to cooperate was created in the Localism Act 2011, and amends the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation relating to strategic cross boundary matters. The local planning authority will need to satisfy itself about whether it has complied with the Duty. As part of their consideration local planning authorities will need to bear in mind that the co-operation should produce effective and deliverable policies on strategic cross boundary matters.

The 2012 Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations require information relating to the Duty to be included within monitoring reports. Within the monitoring year the council has sought to work collaboratively with other relevant bodies on matters that can be considered strategic due to their cross-boundary nature, as set out below.

Table 4: Strategic areas of work reported and the bodies with whom collaborative working has been sought

Monitoring report area	Strategic area of work	Relevant body engaged	Actions & Outcomes
Housing & Development	Various projects aligned to the Local Growth Deal programme and SLEP	Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP)	Cross-Solent connectivity – to modernise ferry terminals on both sides of the Solent. Isle of Wight College – a centre of excellence for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.
Environment	Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy	Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership	Implementation of the new scheme of payments commenced April 2018.
	Water quality	Southern Water	Participation in Southern Water’s Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan workshop for the Isle of Wight Catchment.
	Water quality	Partnership for South Hampshire	Nutrient neutrality meetings with NE, EA, water companies and other local authorities in Hampshire and West Sussex agreed a methodology for achieving nutrient neutrality allow new development to take place. Farmland has been purchased for wildlife habitat on the IOW by the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust to mitigate for the development of 400 houses in Fareham and Havant.
	Water supply	Southern Water	Drafting of water efficiency policies for draft Island Planning Strategy and ongoing work to maximise opportunities for joint working on various priority areas.
	Water supply	Water Resources South East	Participation in catchment workshop for wider regional land and water users, IWC highlighted the potential gains from sharing the baseline information gathered on potential environmental improvement projects with Lead Local Flood Authorities determining and issuing Ordinary Watercourse Consent.
Travel	Sub-regional transport modelling and planning	Solent Transport	SLEP island Infrastructure Investment Plan developed by SLEP in consultation with the council, cross Solent operators and other island businesses identifies the key short/medium and long term infrastructure investment priorities and the actions needed to support delivery.
	Local Transport Body (LTB)	SLEP	£0.7m of investment in 2020/21 to South Western Railway towards the re-instatement of a passing loop at Brading station to make rail a more attractive and sustainable travel option on the Isle of Wight.

Monitoring report area	Strategic area of work	Relevant body engaged	Actions & Outcomes
Minerals	Isle of Wight Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA)	South East England Aggregate Working Party (SEEAWP)	The council has worked collaboratively with other bodies (e.g. SEEAWP and Hampshire CC under their remit as technical support to the AWP) in the preparation of the LAA and MHCLG AM Survey 2019, in order to satisfy the Duty to Cooperate.
	Strategic planning for minerals & waste	Hampshire County Council	The council has responded to Hampshire's DtC request as part of reviewing their Minerals & Waste Plan.
Waste	Strategic planning aspects of waste management	South East Waste Planning Advisory Group (SEWPAG)	Membership of SEWPAG, which seeks to give effect to the government's stated intention to place the responsibilities of the former Regional Technical Advisory Bodies with local authority groupings to enable waste planning authorities to carry out their individual responsibilities more effectively.

New Homes Bonus

The new homes bonus is a grant paid by central government to local councils to incentivise housing growth in their areas. The bonus is currently paid each year. It is based on the amount of extra Council Tax revenue raised for new-build homes, conversions and long-term empty homes brought back into use. There is also an extra payment for providing affordable homes. Permitting new homes is the key way of obtaining the bonus, and this highlights the importance of Planning Services in enabling the council to access this grant. The total new homes bonus payment in year 2019/20 for the Isle of Wight was £1,529,335.

Planning performance key facts/Issues:

- **1,189** planning applications were determined during 2019/20.

- **88 per cent** of these were **approved** and **12 per cent refused**.
- We **exceeded** the national targets for the time for determining major, minor and other planning applications.
- **44 appeals** relating to the refusal of planning permission were determined within 2019/20, with **75 per cent dismissed** and **25 per cent permitted**.
- **7** complaints were escalated to the LGSCO in 2019/20 and **3** were not progressed with a further **2** expected in 2020/21.

3. Housing

Relevant Core Strategy objectives

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| 1) | To support sustainable and thriving communities that enable people to enjoy a quality of life without compromising the quality of the environment. |
| 2) | To ensure that all development supports the principles of sustainable development. |
| 3) | To ensure that housing is provided to meet the needs of Island residents. |
| 4) | To ensure that all development is designed to a high quality, creating buildings and a sense of place that reflects and enhances local character and distinctiveness. |

The number of domestic dwellings on the Island has increased over the monitoring year from 71,301 at 31 March 2019 to 71,525 at 31 March 2020⁵.

Commuting, retirement, a high level of second home ownership and an average wage lower than that of the south east, all contribute to maintaining a relatively high house price to workplace-based earnings ratio of 8.56⁶ on the Isle of Wight in 2019. (which is the most up to date information available). This ratio has increased since 2018, when it was 8.23.

⁵ Isle of Wight council tax records, 31 March 2020.

⁶ Table 5C

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/datasets/ratioofhousepricetoworkplacebasedearningslowerquartileandmedian> (most up to date data available).

These effects have the impact of increasing the demand⁷ for housing, reducing the availability of first time buyer accommodation and exacerbating the need⁸ for affordable housing for people on low incomes. The decrease in the delivery of affordable housing on the island is a significant issue and interventions will be required to ensure that the homes required on the island are being provided.

There has been a significant under delivery of affordable units over the last few years, culminating with six being delivered this year, although 19/20 saw a slight improvement from the previous year's figure of zero. Existing large sites have delivered their requirement, and there are not enough large sites in the pipeline to deliver affordable units. This, coupled with

⁷ Defined as the number of households that will form as a result of current and future demographic changes, housing market and employment trends and migration over the plan period.

⁸ Defined as the number of households who lack their own housing or who live in housing that does not meet their requirements and that requirement cannot be met within the local marketplace.

changing approaches from Government on when financial contributions towards affordable housing can be sought, has meant an insufficient development pipeline for affordable units.

With the council’s approach to financial contributions introduced in 2017, coming to fruition and bringing in financial contributions to put towards the delivery of affordable units, and an increasing number of developments bringing forward affordable units being permitted or being proposed, the supply situation does however look more promising.

The council and partner agencies will need to ensure that the potential of an increased supply is matched with a commitment to delivery, and ensure that developments are brought forward to meet need in a timely fashion.

In light of these issues, the planning and delivery of an appropriate mix of housing will be critical to ensuring that the needs of Island residents are met and this action is confirmed as one of the key objectives of the Core Strategy. The key areas that the council needs to help facilitate are:

- the right type of housing is delivered to meet population increase;
- the delivery of affordable housing to meet the needs of Island residents, particularly given the affordability ratio;
- the delivery of properties suitable to meet the needs of older people; and
- the delivery of specialist accommodation needed by the community.

Self and Custom Build Housing

The council introduced its Self and Custom Build Register within the 16/17 monitoring year. At the 31 March 2020 there were 170 individuals on the register, which is an increase of 29 from the previous year. The council must have regard to the content of the register and is informing how it undertakes its planning, housing, land disposal and regeneration functions and is seeking to be more pro-active over this issue. The register is publicised on the council’s website at www.iwight.com/selfbuildhousing, and it is investigating how it incorporates the information in the register into local planning policy.

In the monitoring year 1 application was given permission that included Self-Build and Custom Housing.

[P/01218/16](#) Outline permission was granted for the proposed development of 140 dwellings, and of these 25 self-build plots at Rosemary Vineyard, Smallbrook Lane, Ryde. The officer’s written justification noted that the “current proposal seeks a range of unit types and delivery models including affordable housing (to be managed by a housing association), self-build plots, open market housing and local builder plots”.

Number of new homes – SP2

Target	520 dwellings built per annum over the plan period
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Indicator	Net annual dwellings provided		
Outcome	253 dwellings were provided		
Target met	N	Trend	↓

Trend information

Table 5: Completions by year

Year	Small	Large	Total
2019/20	81	172	253
2018/19	140	210	350
2017/18	146	214	360
2016/17	135	186	321
2015/16	159	258	417
2014/15	138	258	396
2013/14	150	260	410
2012/13	204	205	409
2011/12	126	292	418
Total	1279	2055	3334

Table 5 above breaks down completions into small and large sites⁹. The consistency in annual totals seems to suggest that there is a ceiling in the delivery of housing on the Isle of Wight. The reasons for such a ceiling are difficult to confirm, but are likely to be linked to lack of availability of skilled tradespeople and housebuilders; increased material costs (due to non-indigenous materials being required and the extra cost of transporting goods to the island); difficulty in accessing finances (to both build and purchase), and the Island's house price to income ratio.

The trend since 2011/12 had been for around 400 completions per year, however with 253 completions in 2019/20, the 9-year average has reduced to 370 per year. The 253 completions equate to 49 percent of development that was planned for in 2019/20..

The number of completions from 'small sites' dropped below 100 for the first time in the 9-year period shown in Table 5. A significant contributing factor is likely to have been the periods of lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic where the construction industry had periods of inactivity, especially for smaller housebuilders. The number of permissions also reduced significantly from 540 to 320. Whilst the % of overall permissions that were on small sites (53%) reduced from the level in 2018/19 (62%), it was above levels in both 2017/18 (19%) and 2016/17 (42%) suggesting there is no inherent issue.

The council, with partner organisations and housebuilders, will continue to work together to try and speed up the delivery of housing.

⁹ Small sites are those where the number of dwellings to be constructed is 1-9 and large sites are 10+

Location of new homes – SP1, SP2

Target	4,140 new dwellings permitted within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries within the key regeneration area (KRAs), smaller regeneration areas (SRAs) over the plan period¹⁰
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Indicator	Number of new dwellings permitted and completed within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries of KRAs per annum
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Outcome	239 additional units were permitted and 208 units were completed within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries of the KRAs
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Target met	-	Trend	
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Indicator	Number of dwellings permitted and completed within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries of the SRAs per annum
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Outcome	21 units were permitted and 8 units completed within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries of the SRAs
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Target met	-	Trend	
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The key principle behind these targets is to ensure that the residential development that is permitted and built is provided in sustainable locations, based around a settlement hierarchy within policy SP1, and the provisions set out in policy SP2.

Location of completions

The policy approach of the core strategy establishes that the majority of new development will be located on appropriate land within or immediately adjacent to the defined settlement boundaries of the KRAs, SRAs and rural service centres (RSCs). The rest of the Island is collectively described as the wider rural area (WRA). Completions for the 2019/20 financial year by the settlement hierarchy set out in Policy SP1 were as follows:

Table 6: Completions by SP1 location and type of site

Area	Small	Large	Total	%
KRAs	39	169	208	82%
SRAs	7	1	8	3%
RSCs	25	0	25	10%
WRA	10	2	12	5%
Total	81	172	253	

Table 7 shows completions are occurring in the preferred locations. The total figures for the KRAs shown in Table 7 are further broken down in Table 8.

¹⁰ This relates to ‘new’ permissions, not the 520 figure for the plan period.

Table 7: Completions by SP1 location

	Key regeneration areas	Total	%
Medina Valley	Newport	101	80%
	Cowes	13	
	East Cowes	50	
Ryde	Ryde	17	8%
The Bay	Sandown	24	13%
	Shanklin	3	
	Lake	0	
Total		208	100%

Permissions granted

A total of 320 dwellings were granted permission in 2019/20. Table 8 breaks this figure down by settlement type, and shows that of the 320 dwellings permitted, 239 (or 75 per cent) were permitted within KRAs.


Table 8: Permissions granted by SP1 location

Area	Small	Large	Total
KRAs	87	152	239
SRAs	21	0	21
RSCs	14	0	14
WRA	46	0	46
Total	168	153	320

In relation to new permissions for the monitoring period, Table 9 shows the split between the settlements of the KRAs.

Table 9: new permissions granted by SP1 Location

	Key regeneration areas	Total	%
Medina Valley	Newport	23	18
	Cowes	19	
	East Cowes	0	
Ryde	Ryde	152	63
The Bay	Sandown	24	19
	Shanklin	21	
	Lake	0	
Total		239	

Target	980 new permissions over the plan period within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries within RSCs and the wider rural area		
Indicator	Number of dwellings permitted and completed within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries within RSCs and the number of dwellings built within the wider rural area		
Outcome	60 dwellings permitted and 37 dwellings completed within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundaries within RSCs and within the wider rural area		
Target met	-	Trend	

If the 980 figure from policy SP2 was to be considered as an annualised target, it would result in a requirement of 65.3 new dwellings permitted per year. Within the monitoring year there were 16 completions either within or immediately adjacent to the settlement boundary of a RSC, and 16 relating to the WRA. This figure is broken down by settlement in the following tables.

Table 10: Completions within the rural service centres and the wider rural area


Rural service centres	Total	Rural service centres	Total
Arreton	0	St Helens	0
Bembridge	3	Wootton	1
Brading	0	Wroxall	0
Brighstone	2	Yarmouth	4
Godshill	9	Wider Rural Area	12
Niton	5	Total	37
Rookley	1		

In terms of planning permissions granted within the monitoring year in these specific locations, there were 60 dwellings permitted in the rural service centres and the wider rural area, as shown in table 11.

Table 11: Permissions granted in rural service centres and the wider rural area by type of site

Rural service centres	Large sites	Small sites	Total
Arreton	0	0	0
Bembridge	0	1	1
Brading	0	0	0
Brighstone	0	1	1
Godshill	0	0	0
Niton	0	1	1
Rookley	0	0	0
St Helens	0	0	0
Wootton	0	10	10
Wroxall	0	1	1
Yarmouth	0	0	0
Wider Rural Area		46	46
Total	0	60	60

Type of development land – SP2

Target	At least 60 per cent of housing development on brownfield land per annum for the first five years of the plan period		
Indicator	Amount of housing development built on brownfield land per annum		
Outcome	29 per cent of completions in 2019/20 were on brownfield land		
Target met	N	Trend	

The core strategy sets out that the council will prioritise the redevelopment of previously developed (or brownfield) land where such land is available, suitable and viable for the development proposed (policy SP1).

Table 12: Number of units granted by type of land

Area	Brownfield	Greenfield	% Brownfield
KRA	84	155	60.00%
SRA	21	0	15.00%
RSC	9	5	6.43%
WRA	26	20	18.57%
Total	140	180	

A total of 140 dwellings were permitted on brownfield land in 2019/20. Table 12 breaks this figure down further by settlement type, and shows that of the 140 dwellings permitted on brownfield land, 84 (or 60 percent) were permitted on brownfield land in KRAs.

In terms of the number of overall permissions granted; of the 320 dwellings permitted, 43 percent were permitted on brownfield land.

This represents a reduction from the 2018/19 figure of 58% being on brownfield and is possibly reflective of the relative success of national and local policy prioritising brownfield land, meaning available sites are reducing in number and those that remain are becoming more challenging to deliver on.

Type and size of new homes – DM3

Target	Appropriate target by SHMA area		
Indicator	Number of dwellings permitted by number of bedrooms per annum		
Outcome	The number of dwellings permitted by number of bedrooms is broadly in accordance with the percentage splits identified in the SHMA		
Target met	Y	Trend	-

Table 13: Completions by bedroom numbers per dwelling and SP1 location

	Bedroom no.	1	2	3	4+
KRAS	Newport	1	51	45	4
	Cowes	2	3	7	2
	East Cowes	1	30	19	0
	Ryde	4	7	5	0
	Sandown	4	15	5	0
	Shanklin	0	1	2	0
	Lake	0	0	0	0
	Total	12	107	83	6

SRAS	Ventnor	0	0	0	0
	West Wight	0	0	3	5
	Total	0	0	3	5
RSCs	Bedroom no.	1	2	3	4+
	Arreton	0	0	0	0
	Bembridge	0	1	1	1
	Brading	0	0	0	0
	Brighstone	0	1	1	0
	Godshill	0	3	2	4
	Niton	0	4	1	0
	Rookley	0	0	0	1
	St Helens	0	0	0	0
	Wootton	0	1	0	0
	Wroxall	0	0	0	0
	Yarmouth	0	1	3	0
	Total	0	11	8	6
	WRA	WRA	0	8	3
TOTAL		12	126	97	18

It is important that the Island community is supplied with the size of dwellings required to meet its needs and demands. Therefore this information is key to ensuring that constructive dialogue is held with developers of new housing to ensure that what is being proposed will meet the population’s needs. Table 13 provides a breakdown of completions per bedroom size by KRA, SRA, RSC and WRA, and Table 14 sets out permissions granted per bedroom size in 2019/20:

Table 14: Permissions granted by bedroom size and SP1 location

Bedroom numbers	1	2	3	4+
KRAs	43	91	81	24
SRAs	6	4	7	4
RSCs	1	3	4	6
WRA	3	13	19	11
Total	53	111	111	45
%	16%	35%	35%	14%

In 2018 the council published an Island Wide Housing Need Assessment which sets out the most up to date objectively assessed requirements. In providing housing to create and maintain sustainable communities, it is important that a wide choice of housing types and sizes are delivered during the plan period to meet community needs. It will not be possible to match house types exactly to population statistics as individuals and families choose to live in particular types of accommodation. But the aim for the Council is to supply the right mix of dwellings to meet the general needs of the Island – an island wide Housing Needs Survey was initiated in 2019/20 and the results of this will help inform future housing mix policy.

Table 15: The 2018 Housing Need assessment recommended mix of dwelling size


	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed
Affordable rented housing	30%	40%	25%	5%
Low-cost home ownership housing	25%	45%	25%	5%
Market housing	5%	35%	40%	20%

Affordability of new homes DM4

Target	Deliver 35 per cent of new dwellings as affordable housing units over the plan period
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Target	70 per cent of affordable housing to be social/affordable rented
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Target	30 per cent of affordable housing to be intermediate tenures
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Indicator	Number of affordable housing units delivered per annum		
Outcome	6 dwellings out of 253 completions		
Target met	N	Trend	

Indicator	Number of social/affordable rented affordable housing units delivered		
Outcome	0 dwellings		
Target met	N	Trend	-

Indicator	Number of intermediate tenures affordable housing units delivered		
Outcome	6 dwellings		
Target met	N	Trend	

Affordable housing is defined within the NPPF as being social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible household whose needs are not met by the market.

Affordable housing is delivered through three main ways:

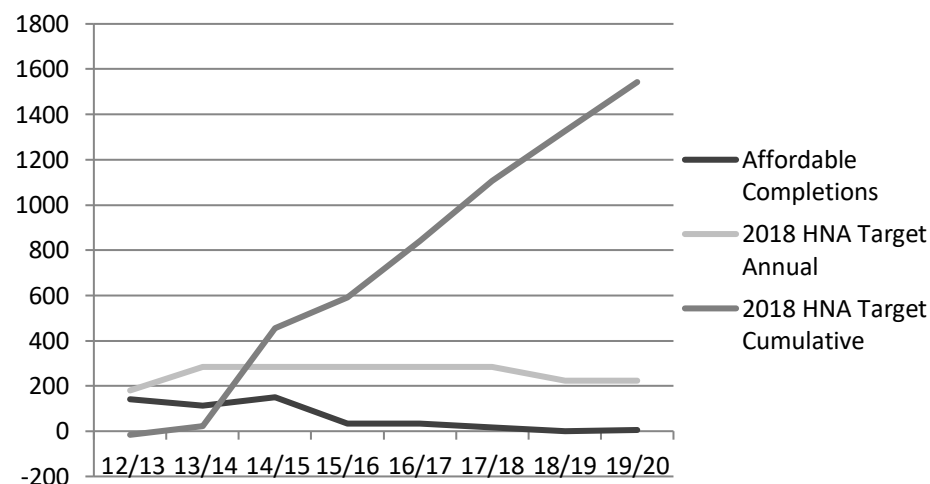
1. Conversion of existing accommodation into affordable housing.
2. Purchase of existing open market housing as affordable housing.
3. New build affordable housing.

The HNA indicates that to meet the affordable housing need, an annual figure of 222 dwellings should be provided although the assessment does highlight a number of issues that need to be remembered in interpreting the housing needs analysis. The figure is slightly lower than the previously identified target of 284 units¹¹ (this is shown in Graph 5), however despite a lower level, it is still clear that the provision of new affordable housing is an important issue for the council.

Six affordable housing dwellings being delivered in the monitoring year, means that the indicative split set out in policy DM4 has not been achieved.

There has been a significant decrease in the number of affordable housing completions from previous years.

Graph 5: Affordable housing delivery since 2012/13



¹¹ 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment

Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople – DM6

Target	Delivery of 27 pitches by 2021
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Indicator	<i>Number of pitches delivered per annum</i>		
Outcome	None within the monitoring year.		
Target met	-	Trend	

The Island Plan sets out that the council will meet the identified need for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople pitches by allocating sufficient sites within subsequent DPDs.

The council’s most recent [assessment](#) was undertaken in 2018. No applications have been received for gypsy or traveller sites during the 2019/20 monitoring year, or indeed the preceding two years.

Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople key facts/issues:

- There are **no** authorised gypsy and traveller sites on the Island.
- There have been **no** planning applications for gypsy and traveller sites on the Island over the last three monitoring years.

4. Economy and tourism

Relevant Core Strategy objectives

1)	To support sustainable and thriving communities that enable people to enjoy a quality of life without compromising the quality of the environment.
2)	To ensure that all development supports the principles of sustainable development.
3)	To ensure that housing is provided to meet the needs of Island residents.
6)	To provide opportunities to diversity and strengthen the local economy and increasing the range of higher skilled jobs available.
7)	To support a diverse tourism offer on the Island, particularly focussing upon sustainable eco-tourism.

The council aims to accommodate sustainable economic growth and regeneration by ensuring sustainable patterns of employment development, providing opportunities to diversify and strengthen the local economy and increasing the range of skilled jobs available¹².

Whilst, due to the economic climate, this may be difficult to achieve in the short-term, the Core Strategy is looking to 2027 and therefore it supports opportunities for growth and employment provision as they arise and is not just limited to considering the short-term context.

A number of economic issues were identified in the Core Strategy¹³, which its policies are seeking to address. They are:

- the need to create jobs to address current unemployment and to push forward the economic regeneration of the Island;
- to maintain a diverse economy, where high quality tourism and supporting the expanding research and design and servicing of renewable energy technologies;
- to sustain a rural economy that brings benefits to the whole Island; and
- to increase the skills of the Island's workforce to ensure the wider economic aspirations of the Island can be realised.

¹² See paragraphs 5.71-3 of the Island Plan Core Strategy

¹³ Page 10

To contribute to achieving this policy SP3 includes a number of headline targets relating to economic development for the Island over the plan period. These are:


- circa 7,550 new jobs;
- at least 42 hectares of new economic development land; and
- no more than 75,159m² of net retail floorspace.

Within the monitoring year, the permitted employment uses have generally tended to be smaller in scale and changes of use to existing business with the exception of a small number of larger retail stores. Examples of these include:

- Proposed change of use from two retail units to restaurant/takeaway/drive thru, gymnasium with flexible use spaces for commercial enterprise at Coppins Bridge Retail and Leisure Park, Newport, with the potential creation of 21 full-time and 35 part-time jobs.
- Proposed retail park including restaurant/takeaway/drive thru and leisure uses at Newport Football Club, St Georges Way, Newport, with the potential creation of up to two hundred jobs.

The core strategy builds in a level of contingency planning relating to a number of issues, and the provision of employment land is one of them. Monitoring reports over the forthcoming years will therefore play a critical role in understanding whether there will be the need to instigate any contingency planning in relation to employment land delivery and supply.

Jobs – SP3

Target	Creation of 7,550 new jobs over the plan period		
Indicator	Number of new jobs created by employment type per annum		
Outcome	Potential for 292 additional jobs		
Target met	-	Trend	

It is calculated that the granting of planning permissions has resulted in the potential for an additional direct 292 jobs on the Island (a decrease from 435 on the previous monitoring year), with 123 being full-time (263 in 18/19) and 169 part-time (172 in 18/19). These figures are based on the expected job creation figures supplied by the applicants on planning application forms. Further employment opportunities may have been created but were not included within the planning application information (for example where it was a speculative employment development without specific end-users identified) or indirect supply-chain jobs.

Table 18 shows the breakdown of these 292 potential jobs by use class and full/part-time and it highlights two features: firstly over forty percent of the full and part-time jobs were in A1 uses (which are classified as shops, post offices and funeral directors amongst others), and; of these two fifths were classified as full-time jobs.

23 full-time and 45 part-time jobs were created in A3 (restaurants and cafes), (a decrease from 70 full-time and 59 part-time jobs on the previous monitoring year). Furthermore, 15 full-time and 35 part-time jobs were created in A5 (hot food takeaways). This perhaps reflects the more flexible nature of shift work within these types of uses and the increasing prominence of the hospitality sector and its link to tourism.

Table 16: Potential jobs by use class and type

	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
A1	FT 82 PT 4	FT 190 PT 380	FT 46 PT 76	FT 6 PT 3	FT 4 PT 3	FT 25 PT 36	FT 50 PT 70
A2	FT 2 PT 1	FT 0 PT 4	FT 8 PT 2	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 5 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0
A3	FT 15 PT 18	FT 7 PT 23	FT 34 PT 23	FT 18 PT 5	FT 19 PT 18	FT 70 PT 59	FT 23 PT 45
A4	FT 2 PT 1	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 30 PT 40	FT 2 PT 2
A5	FT 7 PT 1	FT 0 PT 0	FT 2 PT 2	FT 3 PT 2	FT 4 PT 6	FT 4 PT 8	FT 15 PT 35
B1	FT 23 PT 14	FT 14 PT 3	FT 25 PT 0	FT 20 PT 22	FT 6 PT 6	FT 38 PT 17	FT 0 PT 0
B2	FT 3 PT 0	FT 30 PT 4	FT 2 PT 0	FT 7 PT 0	FT 17 PT 2	FT 20 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0
B8	FT 8 PT 3	FT 8 PT 4	FT 6 PT 0	FT 4 PT 0	FT 13 PT 0	FT 10 PT 0	FT 2 PT 0
C1	FT 7 PT 8	FT 0 PT 0	FT 18 PT 12	FT 75 PT 41	FT 1 PT 1	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0
C2	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 29 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 4 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0
C3	FT 6 PT 6	FT 0 PT 0	FT 2 PT 2	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 1 PT 1
D1	FT 17 PT 0	FT 16 PT 0	FT 21 PT 12	FT 8 PT 0	FT 0 PT 0	FT 19 PT 0	FT 4 PT 1
D2	FT 0 PT 3	FT 27 PT 4	FT 0 PT 0	FT 1 PT 3	FT 0 PT 0	FT 17 PT 10	FT 22 PT 12
SG ¹⁴	FT 46 PT 11	FT 46 PT 11	FT 10 PT 7	FT 39 PT 39	FT 33 PT 33	FT 25 PT 2	FT 4 PT 3

The figure of 7,550 new jobs is over the plan period (to 2027), which equates to an annualised figure of 503. The figure of 292 potential jobs is short of this annualised target so the situation will continue to be monitored to get a longer term picture in light of the national economy.

Jobs key facts/issues:

- Permission was granted that supported the potential for an additional **292 jobs on the Island**.
- Of these **123 were full-time** and **169 part-time**.
- **41 per cent (120)** of full and part-time jobs were in A1 uses.
- **40 per cent (50)** of full -time jobs were in A1
- **23 percent (68)** of full and part-time jobs were in A3
- **20 percent (35)** of part-time jobs were in A5

¹⁴ See Use Class Order for further details of use class

Delivering employment land – SP1, SP3, SP3(a-d)

Target	At least 42 hectares of employment development to be delivered within the key regeneration areas of the Medina Valley and Ryde over the plan period
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Indicator	Amount of employment land delivered per annum per type		
Outcome	A net gain of less than one hectare (1,096m ²) of employment provision		
Target met	-	Trend	

This target and indicator relate to the provision of B class uses over the plan period. The Core Strategy identifies that the following minimum level of provision should be planned for:

- at least nine hectares of B1b, B1c and B2 uses;
- around 13 hectares of B8 uses; and
- around 20 hectares of B1a uses.

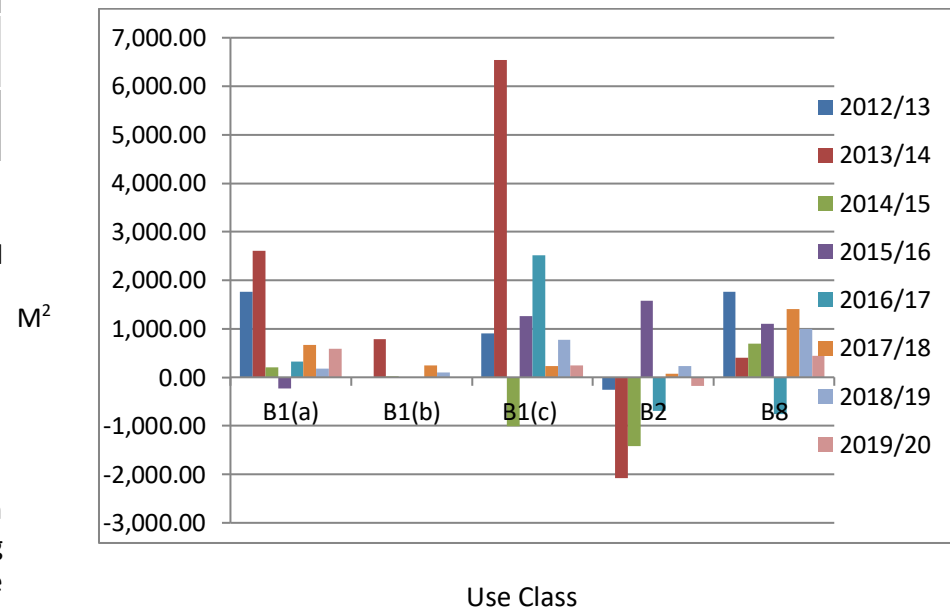
Four allocations for employment land are made in the Core Strategy, with three being in the Medina Valley and one in Ryde. These allocations, along with the intention to seek additional employment development elsewhere on the Island, for example the locally sustainable employment opportunities referred to in policy SP3’s first paragraph, will contribute to delivering at least 42 hectares, as set out in SP3 and the breakdown of the B uses set out above.

Prior to these allocations being delivered, and in order to support economic-led regeneration across the Island, the council will continue to

consider planning applications for B class uses on their merits against the jobs target and other policies of the core strategy.

The breakdown of the B uses by hectare is set out below. The amount of employment land monitored through permissions is measured by m² (1m² equals 0.0001 hectare).

Graph 6: Net gain/loss of permitted employment land 2012/13- 2019/20



The permissions granted in 2019/20 resulted in a net gain of 1,096m², which is a decrease on the net gain permitted in 2018/19 (2,282.75m²). The 2019/20 figure was underpinned by permissions for a gain of 587m² of B1(a), 245m² of B1(c), 440m² of B8. B2 experienced a net loss of 176 m².

A single permission was granted that resulted in the net gain of 188 m² of

B8 (Storage and Distribution) use. The permission was for a proposed storage building, Farm Forest Road, Newport.

When considering the changes to employment land provision spatially (as set out in the following table), as opposed to by B use class (in Graph 6 above), we already know that the KRAs particularly the Medina Valley, are often the preferred locations for employers.

Table 19 below also demonstrates a net gain in the employment floorspace in the wider rural area. The provision indicates support for existing and new businesses in rural areas (that have demonstrated a need to be in that particular location).

Table 17: Changes to employment land by SP1 location


	Gained	Lost	Net total
KRAs	923m ²	457m ²	466m ²
SRAs	186m ²	248	-62m ²
RSCs	-	-	-
WRA	692m ²	-	692m ²
Total	1801m ²	705m ²	1096m ²

It is interesting to note that there was no net gain and only a small loss in employment floorspace in the Smaller Regeneration Areas. This was primarily due to the loss of B8 floorspace in Ventnor. A single permission was granted that resulted in the loss of 248m² of B8 floorspace and a gain of 186m² of additional B8 floorspace. Based on the submitted information there were no applications relating to a gain or loss of B use class employment uses in RSCs.

Delivering employment land key facts/issues:

- There was a net gain of **1,096m²** of employment provision.
- There were net gains for **B1(a) (587m²)**, **(B1(c) (245m²))** and **B8 (440m²)**.
- A **single permission** was granted that resulted in the gain of **188m²** of a B8 use.
- **Net gain** in employment floorspace in Key Regeneration Areas and the Wider Rural Area.

Protecting employment land – SP3, DM8

Target	No net loss of employment sites of one hectare or above, where they are important to sustaining the local economy		
Indicator	Number of employment sites of one hectare or above lost per annum		
Outcome	There was no employment site of one hectare or above lost		
Target met	Y	Trend	

No planning permissions were granted for the loss of employment sites of one hectare or above in the period 2019/20.

Five permissions were granted for the loss of B class uses, although there was a net gain (1096m²) in terms of floorspace provision.


The section relating to jobs (see pages 25/6) also establishes that permission was granted for planning applications supporting the creation of the potential for an additional 292 jobs on the Island.

Where the loss of, or the change to, alternative B class uses were permitted, at least four of them retained and/or introduced employment provision (in various use classes). Two of these applications related to building/sites that were vacant at the time of the application and two of the permissions granted for the loss of B class uses, involved the complete loss of that employment use to residential development.

Protecting employment land key facts/issues:

- **No** planning permissions were granted for the loss of employment sites of one hectare or above in the period 2019/20.
- **5** permissions were granted for the loss of B class uses although there was a **net gain (1096m²)**, in terms of floorspace provision.
- At least **4** of these retained or created some form of employment provision on the site.
- **2** of these applications related to buildings that were **vacant** at the time of the application.
- **2** of the permissions granted for the loss of B class uses involved the complete loss of that employment use to residential development.

Delivering retail floorspace - SP3, DM9, DM10

Target	75,159m² of net retail floorspace to be delivered over the plan period		
Indicator	Amount of net retail floorspace delivered per annum		
Outcome	5,911m² net gain of retail floorspace permitted		
Target met	-	Trend	

Retail is defined by the A1 uses of the use class order. Within the submitted information supporting applications, there were a number where information relating to the change in floorspace was not provided. Given such omission in information, the figures quoted in this section refer to ‘at least’ before any floorspace figures.

Over the monitoring period the LPA granted three permissions for the loss of at least 2,318m² of A1 floorspace (an increase on the previous year’s figure of 1,665.98m²). This loss was mainly focused around the larger retail areas of Newport and Ryde. Notably 95 per cent of the loss was the result of a single permission granted for alterations and the change of use of two retail units to a restaurant/drive thru and gymnasium, along with additional flexible use spaces. Although this resulted in the loss of A1 floorspace, the change of use has the potential to create 21 additional full-time jobs and up to 35 part-time jobs.


Where an A1 use was lost, two were instances of the shop being vacant at the time of the application and three potentially created 24 full-time and 38 part-time jobs (either new or replacement). One application was permitted that resulted in the loss of any form of employment provision to residential.

There has been an overall net gain of 5,911m² of retail floorspace (a significant increase from the previous year’s net gain total of 692.12m²) located in Newport and Ryde. An example of the increase includes a proposed retail park including restaurant/takeaway/drive thru and leisure uses at Newport Football Club, St Georges Way, Newport with the gain of 7,589m² of A1 retail floorspace.

Delivering retail floorspace key facts/issues:

- **3** applications relating to the change of use of retail floorspace (where the information was provided).
- **3** permissions were granted for the loss of at least **2,318m²** of A1 floorspace.
- **2** of these were vacant at the time and **3** retained or created jobs on the premises.
- **3** applications were permitted for a change of use from A1 and A2 retail uses to A3 and A5 retail uses.
- The result has been a net gain of **5,911m²** of retail floorspace within the monitoring period.

Town centres – DM9

Target	No net loss of A1 use within primary retail frontage		
Indicator	Number of A1 uses approved in primary retail frontages		
Outcome	0 units approved		
Target met	-	Trend	-
Indicator	Number of A1 uses lost in primary retail frontage		
Outcome	1 unit was lost		
Target met	N	Trend	

Records indicate that within the monitoring year there was at least¹⁶ one application relating to A1 uses within the eight primary retail frontages (PRFs) across the Island (a decrease of one on the previous year). The application related to the loss of an A1 unit within a PRF and was permitted.

Whilst the monitoring target is for no net loss, the relevant policy in the Core Strategy, DM9, does facilitate the loss of A1 units within PRFs when it is demonstrated that “either individually or cumulatively, the development would have no significant adverse impacts on the retail function, character and the viability of the town centre”. The loss of the A1 floorspace was within Ryde primary retail frontage seeing a loss of 70m².

¹⁵ sui generis uses

Table 18: Floorspace gained by use class

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
A1	-457.9m ²	+8,342.49m ²	-1,046.74m ²	-622.7m ²	-396m ²	-215.98m ²	+5911m ²
A2	+32.7m ²	+40.0m ²	-105.5m ²	-	-876m ²	-331.25m ²	-
A3	+304.3m ²	+1,391.5m ²	+1,339.72m ²	+1,193.45m ²	+713m ²	+1233.55m ²	+467m ²
A4	+872m ²	-601m ²	-90m ²	-70m ²	-	-198m ²	-126m ²
A5	+204.5m ²	-106m ²	+69.5m ²	+80m ²	+116m ²	+203.8m ²	+503m ²
B1(a)	+40m ²	+14.71m ²	-226m ²	+330m ²	+673m ²	+183.5m ²	+587m ²
B1(b)	+325m ²	-	-	-	+250m ²	+100m ²	-
B1(c)	-	-	+1,255m ²	+2,512m ²	+229m ²	+767.25m ²	+245m ²
B2	-	-2,322m ²	+1,573m ²	-691m ²	+73m ²	+234m ²	-176m ²
B8	+171.6m ²	-	+1,098.68m ²	-755m ²	+1,403m ²	+998m ²	+440m ²
D1	-41m ²	-	+3,364m ²	+145m ²	+300m ²	+1,009.7m ²	-8721m ²
D2	+254m ²	-168m ²	+80m ²	+381m ²	+531m ²	+1,425.2m ²	+2678m ²
SG ¹⁵	-704.5m ²	-716.5m ²	-471.3m ²	+2,249.70m ²	+306m ²	-1,019.6m ²	-654m ²

Table 18 shows the breakdown of floorspace gained by use class and highlights two features: firstly, a significant increase in A1 and A5 floorspace against the previous year; and secondly, a decrease in the amount of A3 floorspace gain against the previous year. This change in A5 perhaps reflects the increasing prominence of the hospitality sector and its link to tourism.

¹⁶ Within a number of planning applications certain information was missing or incomplete, and therefore the figures contained in this section are based on applications where complete information was provided.

Town centres key facts/issues:

One application relating to the change of use from A1 within PRF received in 2019/20. **One** application maintained other A uses within the PRF.

Rural service centres and wider rural area – DM10

Target	No net loss of A1 uses and public houses in the Rural Service Centres		
Indicator	Number of A1 uses and public houses approved in Rural Service Centres		
Outcome	No gain of A1 uses or public houses were approved in RSCs		
Target met	-	Trend	-

Indicator	Number of A1 uses and public houses lost in Rural Service Centres		
Outcome	No loss of A1 uses or public houses permitted in RSC's		

Target met	Y	Trend	-
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There was limited activity in applications relevant to this target within the monitoring year, which is not surprising considering the number and scale of rural service centres (RSC) and the specific uses the target considers.

Looking first at the A1 element of the monitoring target, there were no applications within or nearby to RSCs within the monitoring year.

In relation to public houses, there were no applications within or nearby to RSCs within the monitoring year. The only application for the loss of a public house was outside the settlement area of Brighstone and within the wider rural area. Although the application involved the loss of a vacant A4 use (456m2) to residential, it was not considered that the loss would be of detriment to the amenity and viability of the local community. Furthermore, the principle of the loss of the public house and use of the site as a single residential unit has already been accepted under planning permission.


In the terms of this monitoring report, the loss of a public house refers to a change of use of the existing building or its demolition. It does not include public houses closing down and being vacant whilst their future is established.


Rural service centres and wider rural area key facts/issues:

- **No applications** relating to the provision of A1 uses in RSCs.
- **No applications** relating to public houses in and nearby to RSCs.

Tourism – SP4

Target	Improve and maintain the quality of existing tourism destinations by managing the number of bedrooms		
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Indicator	Number of tourism bedrooms consented per annum		
Outcome	43 (plus 6 shepherd huts).		
Target met	-	Trend	

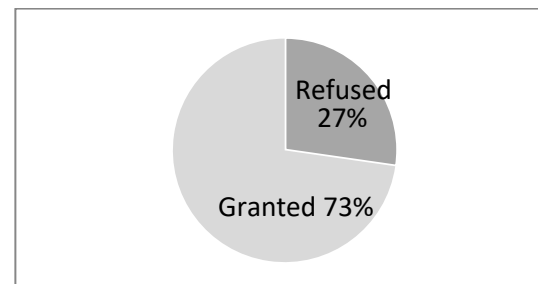
Indicator	Number of tourism bedrooms lost per annum		
Outcome	52		
Target met	-	Trend	

Policy SP4 sets out that the council will “support sustainable growth in high quality tourism and proposals that increase the quality of the existing tourism destinations and accommodation across the Island”. Whilst a target of the policy is to improve and maintain the quality of existing tourism destinations and accommodation, a loss of bedrooms through redevelopment or conversion to other uses will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the use is no longer viable and that the premises/site has been marketed for at least 12 months at an appropriate market price.

2019/20 saw 33 applications being determined against SP4 (a decrease of 23 from the previous year). Of the 33 applications, 24 (73%) were granted and 9 (27%) were refused. The number of applications determined and those permitted represented a decrease from 2018/19.

Within this monitoring year, the LPA permitted the loss of at least 52 bedrooms (an increase of 13 from the previous year) and creation of 43 bedrooms (a decrease of 75 from the previous monitoring year), along with the creation of 6 shepherds huts.

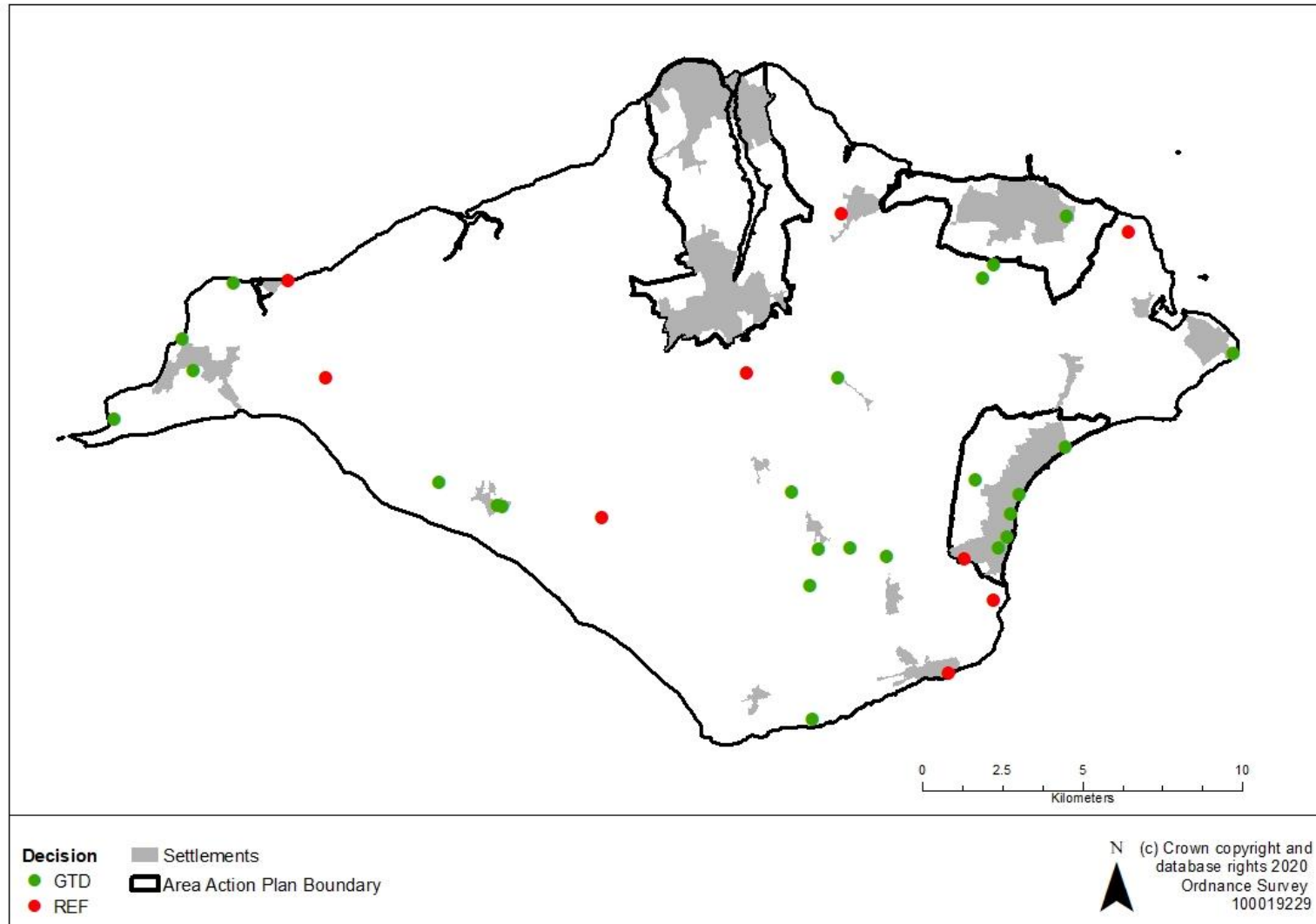
Graph 7: Applications relating to Tourism Development



The map below shows the relatively even geographical distribution of tourism-related applications across the Island, with a sizeable cluster of permissions granted in The Bay area and a small number of tourism-related applications in the West Wight small regeneration area. However, this does seem to reflect the wider spatial support for tourism facilities set out in policies SP1 and SP4.

Policy SP4 also considers, as much as is appropriate in a strategic-level policy, the quality of existing provision and establishes the marketing criteria through which the loss of accommodation would be acceptable. Where the loss of accommodation has been permitted, the average number of bedrooms lost per application was 17 but, where tourism accommodation was permitted, it was three. This suggests a re-balancing of the tourism accommodation offer on the Island away from large and medium-sized guest houses/hotels towards smaller boutique hotels, self-catering and bed and breakfast type facilities (quite often as a result of the conversion of farm and outbuildings).

Map 1: Permissions / refusals based on policy SP4



A key issue for accommodation providers is the upgrading of existing stock (often large converted Victorian, Edwardian residential properties or more recent purpose built hotels) to modern standards. This generally means improvements being made by increasing the room size and providing improved en suite facilities. Often, due to a limited amount of space and invariably the costs involved of extending, this can only be achieved by reducing the number of rooms available at the premises. In some instances, it is recognised that the only viable option (following a period of marketing the property) is to convert part or all of the premises to other types of tourism accommodation (often self-catered holiday apartments) or apply for a change to another use (often to residential) when the cost of maintaining the tourism offer is not viable for the business.

These kinds of issues can be seen through a number of applications that were determined through the monitoring year (and include applications for niche tourism accommodation) along with tourism and leisure facilities/attractions.

[19/00418/FUL](#) Permission was granted for the demolition of hotel to a single dwelling and proposed conversion to form three holiday units, of the former Old Park Hotel, Old Park Road, St Lawrence, Ventnor. The officer's written justification noted that the "proposals would include the closure of all of the hotel accommodation on site with demolition of the modern hotel wing and conversion of the historic house back to a single dwelling house. The proposals do however include the retention of some tourism accommodation on site, in the form of three high quality self-catering apartments with a total of 5 bedrooms". With the retention of some tourism accommodation on the site it is concluded that the "proposals provide a balance between the requirements of Policy SP4 (Tourism) and DM11 (Historic and Built Environment)" of the Core Strategy.

[19/01575/FUL](#) Planning permission was granted for conversion and alterations of eight holiday apartments to form nine self-contained specialised supported housing apartments. The permission resulted in the loss of 14 bedrooms and the creation of nine residential units, thus altering the current use of the site from one that was principally tourism related to one that comprised residential. The officer's written justification concluded that the existing use is not viable and the loss of these holiday apartments would not harm the Island's tourism economy".

[19/00245/FUL](#) One application at Sandham Gardens, Sandown, was granted permission for the installation of a 4 x net arrangement 'Net Palace' tourism attraction for children, within the plot of land within Sandham Gardens. The officer's written justification noted that the "proposed net place course would form part of a comprehensive regeneration scheme for Sandham Gardens" and the "addition of such an attraction/facility to this site would complement the existing array of leisure and tourism activities within the site itself and the surrounding area". In conclusion "the proposal would serve to improve on the existing leisure offer of the site and contribute to improving the economic benefits and regeneration of Sandown".

Tourism key facts/issues:

- **33** applications relating to tourist accommodation were determined in 2019/20.
- Of these **73 per cent** were permitted resulting in the loss of **52** bedrooms and the gain of **43** bedrooms 2 shepherd huts.
- **2** applications related to hotels¹⁷ and of these **1** permitted the loss of hotels and **1** permitted new or improved provision.
- The average number of bedrooms lost per permitted application was **17**, but where tourism accommodation was permitted it was **3**.
- The granting of planning permission has resulted in the potential for an additional **13** full-time jobs and **6** part-time jobs, in the Island's tourism industry.

¹⁷ (where the word hotel or guesthouse featured in the description of the proposal or its address)

5. Minerals

Relevant Core Strategy objectives

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| 1) | To support sustainable and thriving communities that enable people to enjoy a quality of life without compromising the quality of the environment. |
| 2) | To ensure that all development supports the principles of sustainable development. |
| 12) | To manage the Island’s mineral supply in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner. |

Development on the Island is dependent on a supply of minerals, such as sand and gravel. These resources, by the nature of being deposits in the ground, can only be extracted where they are found. Whilst the Island is fortunate to have deposits that could be extracted, there are other considerations that will limit the available supply and there are inherent tensions in the performance of certain core strategy policies with providing an adequate supply of indigenous land-won minerals on the Island.

As well as reporting on the minerals policies of the Island Plan Core Strategy, the council (as the Mineral Planning Authority or MPA), is required to produce a Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA).

The 2020 LAA Dashboard Summary is the most recent information on minerals on the Island and includes the returns from the annual aggregates monitoring survey. This is undertaken by MPAs each year to provide data to the mineral industry, MPAs and government and is focused on primary aggregates, but also seeks to cover secondary and recycled materials at

fixed sites. The most recent survey for which there are return figures cover the calendar year 2019 and these figures have been used in this monitoring report to provide the most up-to-date picture as well as being the basis for the LAA 2020.

Land-won Aggregate

The geology on the Isle of Wight gives rise to sharp sand and gravel and soft sand. Aggregates are sourced from land-won resources, recycled aggregate and imports via wharves. There were four active sand and gravel quarries in 2019 all focused in the central area of the Island. Soft sand resources are limited, with only two sites providing this more specialised aggregate on the Island. Total sales of sand and gravel increased in 2019. The overall trajectory since 2010 is variable, with two distinct peaks in sales in 2015 and 2019. Sand and Gravel sales have increased for the second year in a row, but the sales for 2019 at 135,612t were a significant increase on both 2018 (76,625t) and the 10 year (81,547mt) and 3 year (94,222t) average.

Recycled & Secondary Aggregate

There are no secondary aggregate sites. Recycled aggregates saw a significant decrease in sales from 2018 to 2019 (from 94,000t to 68,639t) resulting in slight decreases for both the 10- and 3-year sales trend. The total capacity for recycled aggregate processing is estimated to be around 180,000 tonnes per annum.

Marine Sand and Gravel

Due to the Island having just 2 aggregate wharves, marine sand and gravel sales are now confidential, but were marginally less (under 5%) in 2019 than in 2018. The closure highlights the potential for a lack of capacity to serve an increase in future demand. Work is ongoing by the council in partnership with the relevant parties to safeguard the existing infrastructure.

Crushed Rock

The Isle of Wight relies on imports of crushed rock, with sales now confidential due to the closure of Kingston wharf. There is a relatively sizeable reserve of Limestone present on the Island at the inactive site, Prospect Quarry, although this material is only suitable for constructional fill and therefore does not meet all the Island's crushed rock needs.

Future Aggregate Supply

There are a number of housing and transport projects either ongoing or planned on the Island. There is a significant amount of uncertainty in terms of future housing provision within the authority area. This is due in part to Government's White Paper on planning reforms and local evidence on the constrained nature of both the ability to deliver housing and the local, self-contained housing market. This provides a potential variation in annual

housing targets of anywhere from around 400 units per annum to over 1000. This current uncertainty makes it difficult to predict what likely demand will be for aggregates in the medium to long term. This should be resolved as first the local plan (currently known as the Island Planning Strategy) and then the Island's Minerals & Waste Plan are developed and adopted over the next five years.

Based on current plan provision, permitted reserves total 435,417 tonnes with a landbank of 5.5 years in 2019. The declining landbank is to be expected given the current local mineral plan was adopted in 2012 and is programmed for replacement in the next 5 years.

Permissions

No permissions were granted that resulted in either additional provision (mineral deposits) or capacity (infrastructure associated with the production of aggregates) of minerals on the Island.

Conclusions

It is considered that the Isle of Wight's local aggregate provision will not impact the wider South East region as a whole. Whilst it is recognised that the Isle of Wight is not meeting the required landbank based on its local requirement, this is due for review in the near future and the Island benefits from a variety of sources, including significant spare capacity from alternative sources (primarily marine-won) that can contribute to security in supply.

Summary key points

- The overall sales of aggregate on the Isle of Wight have shown a significant increase (14%) over that of 2018. This increase is primarily from land-won sales of sand and gravel, with imported crushed rock also showing some increase.
- Sales of both marine-won sand and gravel and recycled aggregates have decreased, with the later show the more significant decline, reflecting the volatility of supply from recycled aggregates on the Island.
- However, even when taking into account this increase in sales, the data collected as part of the aggregates survey shows that there is still substantial capacity for aggregate sales on the Island.
- The existing wharf capacity is critical to security of supply for all aggregates, but particularly crushed rock, currently being the sole source. The significance of this infrastructure makes future supply of aggregates on the Island vulnerable to any changes in the status of the two remaining aggregate wharves.

6. Waste

Relevant Core Strategy objectives

1)	To support sustainable and thriving communities that enable people to enjoy a quality of life without compromising the quality of the environment.
2)	To ensure that all development supports the principles of sustainable development.
11)	To manage the Island's waste in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner.

National guidance¹⁸ sets out that as minimum, waste planning authorities should monitor the following (and each of these is considered below):

- Land allocations
- Annual waste arisings
- Changes to waste management capacities and the need for additional waste infrastructure

Land allocations

The core strategy makes one allocation in relation to waste, being (policy SP8 Waste) Standen Heath Extension Allocation as the Island's strategic landfill capacity. At the time of adoption the Island's only operational, non-inert landfill site (at Standen Heath) was expected to be full by 2015. The potential landfill extension provided by the allocation was forecast with a maximum capacity of 770,000m³ of net void space.

¹⁸ Paragraph: 054 Reference ID: 28-054-20141016, National Planning Practice Guidance

The most recent waste capacity modelling¹⁹ concludes that;

"The landfill allocation for active wastes is still appropriate because in the worst case scenario of recovery and recycling targets not being met (due to facilities not being built or alternative arrangements not being available) additional waste would need to be sent to landfill as the last resort. However the updated modelling shows that any new landfill may last longer than originally thought."

Current estimates of circa 30-40,000 tonnes per annum of waste is being sent to landfill, but industry has suggested that once the waste management facilities associated with the new contract have been built, the existing landfill site is unlikely to be commercially viable to continue to operate as it currently does. Therefore the need for additional permitted capacity is no longer likely to be an issue (the new waste contract aims to

¹⁹ Isle of Wight Council Evidence Base Update, Review and Update of Waste Need Modelling, 2015, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure UK Ltd.

deliver just over 92 per cent diversion from landfill with no reliance on landfill capacity on the Island).

Waste – SP8, DM19

Target	To deliver up to 9.7 hectares by 2027 of a range of waste management treatments, diverting waste from landfill, so that zero non-essential waste to landfill is achieved by 2015		
Indicator	Number of hectares of consented waste development per annum by: capacity, and; treatment/facility		
Outcome	There were no permissions that contributed to significant new waste management facilities, that could be recorded as part of this monitoring report		
Target met	-	Trend	-

Interrogating the current monitoring system for planning consents, 2 applications were granted where either or both waste policies SP8 and DM19 have been identified as being a policy consideration. For one of these granted applications policy DM19 was a consideration, both applications also identifying SP8 as a policy consideration. Of these 2 permissions neither was granted where waste management was associated with the intended primary use of the permission.

²⁰ Significant new waste management facilities is defined here as meeting part of the identified waste management capacity requirements as set out in Table 5.6 Waste management capacity to be provided over the plan period, in the core strategy.

Looking at performance against the policy indicators, there has been a neutral contribution to significant new waste management facilities²⁰, when considering that there has been no new area/capacity associated with waste management, but neither has there been any loss. This neutral recording is further supported by the following key facts:

1. Given the specialist and limited nature of waste management treatment and the overall requirement over the plan period; and
2. Waste management facilities/capacity associated with new waste management contract.

Considering point 1, the expectation is that waste management development will come at certain set points in time, likely to be determined by both need (declining capacity) and commercial viability. Therefore due to the size of the Island and the amount and types of waste generated, permitted waste development will not occur every year, but sporadically, both in anticipation of and in reaction to demand.

Waste key facts/issues:

- There were no applications granted where waste management capacity (either additional or loss) was associated with the intended primary use.