

Economy Reg 19

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Southampton City Council

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Economy policy you are commenting on

E8 - Supporting High Quality Tourism

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

No

7. If you answered no to question six is this because?

- **not effective**

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

The importance of tourism to the economy of the Island is clear and it is justified to seek development that would support the sustainable, viable growth of the sector. However, Southampton City Council is concerned that the policy does not incorporate measures to mitigate the impact of increased tourism. Specifically, that in order for tourists to reach the Island they will need to travel via one of three ports, one of which is Southampton. The vehicle ferry terminal in Southampton can experience significant queuing at peak times which causes overspill to the adjacent main road causing substantial congestion in this part of the City Centre and impacting on air quality. Whilst work continues to move the ferry terminal to a less constrained location elsewhere in the City's port, Policy E8 should recognise these issues and seek to incorporate measures that would reduce the need for tourists to use cars to travel to the Island. This could include cross-referencing to the sustainable transport measures proposed in Policies T1 and T2 that would encourage tourists to travel around the Island without use of the car. Other more innovative options could also be explored such as the use of car clubs on the Island that are open to use by tourists. This approach would also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from tourism in line with the Isle of Wight Council's ambitions for achieving net zero as set out in Policy CC1.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA

Economy Reg 19

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Economy policy you are commenting on

E12 - Solent Freeport

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

Yes - effective

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

The Solent Freeport provides economic growth opportunities for local authorities in the Solent region and this policy takes a suitably flexible approach, given that the full scope of potential new development required is not yet fully understood, whilst retaining the ability to mitigate any negative impacts. Southampton City Council (SCC) will cooperate with Isle of Wight Council (IoWC) on commercial matters related to the Freeport as outlined in the SCC & IoWC Statement of Common Ground.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA

Environment Reg 19

Submitted by: Anonymous user

Submitted time: 19 Aug 2024, 14:49:43

Name/Organisation

Southampton City Council

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Environment policy you are commenting on

EV2 - Ecological Assets and Opportunities for Enhancement

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

Yes - effective

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

Southampton City Council (SCC) supports the policy's proposed approach to protecting and enhancing ecological assets. The requirement to deliver a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) of at least 10% may result in developers having to purchase off-site credits in other local authority areas so to assist this SCC and Isle of Wight Council (IoWC) have agreed to perform a monitoring role for BNG credit sites within their respective boundaries as per the SCC & IoWC Statement of Common Ground.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA

Environment Reg 19

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Environment policy you are commenting on

EV4 - Water Quality Impact on Solent Marine Sites (Nitrates)

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

Yes - effective

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

To successfully address the issue of water quality impacts on the Solent Marine Sites a consistent approach needs to be taken by all affected local authorities to ensure the Solent Marine Sites return to a favourable condition. Southampton City Council (SCC) supports this policy's proposed approach as a means of achieving this. As impacts and mitigation are considered on a catchment basis which cross local authority boundaries, SCC will work with Isle of Wight Council (IoWC) on the monitoring of strategic mitigation schemes on the Island that can provide offset credits for developments in either authority, as per the SCC & IoWC Statement of Common Ground. SCC will also work with IoWC on the coordination of new mitigation schemes alongside other local authority members of the Partnership for South Hampshire.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA

Environment Reg 19

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Environment policy you are commenting on

EV13 - Managing our Water Resources

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

Yes - effective

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

Southampton City Council supports this policy's proposed approach to increase water resilience on the Island by reducing water consumption and increasing rates of water recycling. This approach is justified given that the Island imports a significant amount of its potable water yet nearby mainland areas, including Southampton, are equally water stressed and this will likely be exacerbated in the future by the effects of climate change.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA

Housing Reg 19

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Housing policy you are commenting on

H1 - Planning for Housing Delivery

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

Yes - effective

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

It is acknowledged that the Island Planning Strategy includes a housing target below the level suggested when using the Government's current standard method to calculate objectively assessed housing need. This approach is justified for the reasons presented in the Strategy including a general ceiling on capacity to build new homes on the Island, along with environmental constraints limiting the amount of developable land. It is agreed in the Statement of Common Ground between Isle of Wight Council (IoWC) and Southampton City Council (SCC) that SCC is currently unable to meet its own needs in full and therefore would not be able to take on any unmet need from the Island further justifying the housing level proposed.

SCC acknowledges that the Government is currently consulting on proposed changes to the NPPF, including a change to the standard methodology for calculating housing need. The proposed changes, if formally adopted, would result in a significantly higher housing need figure for the Island and a slightly reduced annual need figure for Southampton. It should be noted that this new standard method proposal has not been factored into the SCC & IoWC Statement of Common Ground as the Government consultation commenced after this was finalised. However, given SCC and IoWC are in separate Housing Market Areas, there is unlikely to be any major change to the overall position if this new method is adopted.

To confirm, whilst the NPPF changes are subject to consultation nationally, and may therefore be subject to change, SCC accepts that the Island Planning Strategy should continue to use the current standard method until any Government instruction or transitional arrangements indicate otherwise. That said, regardless of any change to the way housing need is calculated, SCC will continue to work with IoWC on strategic issues, such as housing need and delivery, under the Duty to Cooperate. This may include review and update of the SCC & IoWC Statement of Common Ground, if required.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA

Transport Reg 19

Submitted by: Anonymous user

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Other Local Authorities

2. What Transport policy are you commenting on

T3 - Cross Solent Transport

3. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph(s)? if yes which paragraph does this relate to?

NA

4. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be legally compliant?

Yes

5. Please give details to support your answer to question 4

- **Yes - legally compliant**
- **Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate**

6. In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound?

Yes - effective

8. What modifications do you think are needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound?

Southampton City Council (SCC) supports this policy's intention to maintain and improve the choice of routes and methods of travelling between the Island and mainland. As Southampton is one of the ports that provides ferry connections to the Island, SCC will work with Isle of Wight Council (IoWC) on matters relating to cross-Solent travel and its implications for sub-regional transport planning as per the SCC & IoWC Statement of Common Ground.

9. Do you have any comments on the policies map?

NA

11. Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place?

No

12. Please outline why you would like to attend?

NA