

Environment Reg 19

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1. What type of respondent are you?

Member of the Public

2. What Environment policy you are commenting on

EV3 - Recreation Impact on the Solent Marine Sites

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**

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**
- **not justified**
- **not positively prepared**

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

I believe that the creation of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) and visitor engagement by Bird Aware Solent will not sufficiently alleviate increasing pressures on coastal wildfowl and waders during the winter in certain parts of the Island. I am not reassured by the wording in section 'EV3: Recreation impact on the Solent Marine Sites' and do not consider that the strategy is sound nor sustainable. I think that there needs to be greater dialogue between the Isle of Wight Council and conservation bodies when sensitive areas for wildlife need greater protection from increased levels of recreational use. Site-specific plans and the setting up of refuges where disturbance is much reduced need to be considered as measures to protect wildlife and our natural environment as the number of residential dwellings is increased. Such measures should put in place in a timely fashion before sites and their wildlife are detrimentally affected. Financial contributions from developers in accordance with the Bird Aware Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy could be used to set up, enhance and maintain these refuges. The following paragraphs explain the reasoning behind my suggestion using an example of a site where increased visitor pressure has been negatively impacting waterfowl and waders for many years and will increasingly continue to do so.

I include supporting evidence as attached files in Question 10.

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

No

10. If you wish to attach any documents please do so here

DOCX [Island Planning Strategy C Dudley letter.docx](#)
28.3KB

DOCX [Sanderlings at Ryde - a review.docx](#)
2.5MB

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