

Comments on the Island Planning Strategy – Richard Hollis

1. Housing Targets unrealistic and cannot be met. They should be strictly linked to the ability of services available to service them.
2. There is nothing about re-assessing or updating historic and Grade 2 buildings. Numerous buildings on the Island should be listed and are not.
3. The Solent Mitigation Strategy (SRMS) penalises anyone who wishes to make a building more relevant to demand.
4. Agricultural land should be protected to at least grade 4.
5. Agriculture is barely mentioned yet it is an important part of our Industry.
6. East Cowes Business Park was not given Planning Permission for Offices. It was a mitigation for the loss of valuable Marine industry land in East Cowes.
7. The importance of the Marine industry land is undervalued and barely given any protection.
8. On page 159 the protection Marine Waterside Fronts is contradicted by HA120. The planning permission for 500 unwanted flats must be extinct. Marine Industry and housing do not mix. It is ridiculous that this is still taken into consideration as a Housing Facility.
9. HA018 Green Gate Industrial Estate is valuable industrial land with Water Frontage. It is part of the Sam Whites Estate and is valuable for our Marine Industry which does not have enough land to serve what is now a growing, revived Industry in Cowes and East Cowes.