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C10 - Renewable Energy & low Carbon Technology
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We support this policy and would encourage policy makers and technology developers to engage with rural businesses and communities who may offer available sites for such schemes C10 Should be amended to include a policy to support energy production /low carbon tech for rural businesses and heritage assets rather than just for communities 9) Do you have any comments on the polices map? * (click here to go to the Regulation 19 Island Planning Strategy Map)

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E4 Supporting the rural economy
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The draft plan includes a specific policy on Supporting the Rural Economy, which we do not believe is sufficient or realistic. Our views are as follows: E4 b. Farm diversification, where farming remains the principle land use. Farm diversification, where farming premains the principle land use is too ambiguous. It is unclear this condition will be assessed. For example, is it done on a time basis, or profit basis or area basis? This is to intributed now we would suggest that the policy simply read, Farm Diversification will be supported. E4 c. The interediscation/soparation of existing rural industrial estates or employment sites. Again we support the intention of this policy but I could go further in achieven/design gray potential requirement for additional housing. Support should be given where this the case. In order to provide this support, reference should be made in subsequent housing policy extracts within the planning strategy that rural housing developments within proximity of intensified sites will be encouraged. E4 d. The conversion of existing redundant buildings to employment uses where this expansion change of use would not impact on the rural character of the area. National planning policy has made if abundantly clear that farm buildings can nove be converted into a number of ruse including engloyment, leisure, toursm, education and residential (including through Class O of the General Permitted Development Order). The above statements seeks to limit such conversion, which the CLA deems unnecessary and deep or the result of human conversion of usual buildings and the case of requirement for such advellage on as a first adaption as the conversion of usual buildings and the case of requirement for usual buildings are part of the la	

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E6 Future Proofing digital infrastructure
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The CLA has supports the universal coverage of digital connectivity. This means access
to all, including those who live and work in very hard to reach areas and where digital
access is minimal. Policy E6 must reflect the need to increase connectivity in rural
areas.
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Policies that are directed at very hard to reach areas need to meet
one overall objective: the provision of an effective and affordable broadband connection.
As long as the bandwidths are sufficient and the connection is reliable, many businesses
in very hard to reach areas may not actually require a fibre connection but can rely on
alternative technologies, such as satellite or fixed wireless. There are now suitable
digital products on the market that are both effective and far cheaper that the provision
of a fibre connection.
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E8 - Supporting High Quality Tourism
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The CLA support sany policy that will aid the rural economy, as it is in rural areas that significant tourism businesses are located. We would also point out that part of a successful tourism business is accommodation and therefore we see no reason why redundant farm buildings should not be converted for such enterprises. We suggest Policy E8 is amended to reflect this. This policy supports High Quality Tourism, however, mixed tourist offerings appealing to a wide cross section of visitors is vital for the island economy and should be supported within this policy. Whilst changes were made to permitted development rights associated with the temporary use of land for camping were made in 2023, these are not available in every scenario. Therefore, seasonal enterprises should be supported through the local planning process, regardless of their size. It should also be recognised that where there is a need for accommodation for familial members through ill health or to aid succession of a business, re-purposing tourist accommodation should be deemed acceptable and policy should reflect and enable this. 9) Do you have any comments on the polices map? * (click here to go to the Regulation 19 Island Planning Strategy Map)	

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E9 Short Term Holiday Let accommodation	
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We are aware that proposed changes to legislation following the general election and change of	
government will have a damaging effect on the furnished holiday let industry. Therefore policy E9 of the	
planning strategy needs to ensure there is adequate flexibility for businesses and individuals to willingly	
enter the market.	
The short-term rental and holiday let sector contributes billions to the wider economy, supporting local	
shops and restaurants and creating tens of thousands of jobs.	
By converting unused or underutilised properties, that may not be suitable as homes in the private rented	
sector, into high-quality holiday accommodations, property owners contribute to the local community's	
economic vitality. When considering this, locations outside the designated tourist accommodation areas should be supported and the impact on local shops, restaurants, and attractions on the island outside of	
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EV2 -Ecological Assets and opportunities for enhancement
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The strategy aims to set and define various buffers being; • 8m-wide buffers either side of main rivers (tidal). • 8m-wide buffers either side of ordinary watercourses for minor development. • 16m-wide buffers either side of ordinary watercourses for major development. Imposing further buffering requirements could lead to prohibitive conditions to affect development which is otherwise acceptable in built and ecological terms and does not comply with National Planning Policy.	
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EV3 Recreation impact on Solent and Marine
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Paragraph 4.42 refers to a SANG "generally agreed minimum size of 2.2Ha" but there is no evidence or reference to support this statement. There seems to be no specific minimum provision on the size of SANG, however The Land Trust indicate that SANG size "will depend on two factors: the minimum area within which a sensible circular footpath of at least 2.3km can be achieved, and/or, the total 'capacity' required within the SANG.
The capacity of a SANG is dependent on how many dwellings it can allocate. SANGs are generally provided at a ratio of 8 hectares per 1,000 new residents (Reference to Natural England Guidance). Therefore 1 hectare can allocate 125 residents; an average of 2.4 persons per dwelling is widely assumed for new developments, and so 1 hectare can allocate 52 dwellings."
Further reference and/or evidence is needed to justify the minimum size of 2.2ha at Paragraph 4.42 or an alternative should be provided.
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Section 4; Environment
Yes- Policy EV5 Trees Woodlands and Hedgerows
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National Planning policy and advisory services from Natural England and Forestry Commission already makes provision to protect ancient woodland. This specific request for buffering of 50m was presented to the House of Lords on 21st October 2021 and was voted down. The NPPF protects Ancient woodland Para 186. c) "development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists;" Imposing a 50m buffer on ancient woodland may ultimately lead to a significant reduction in housing delivery for the island especially those delivering affordable and starter homes. This would impact previously allocated sites at Pennyfeathers, Camphill, Wyatts Lane and may jeopardise the overall scheme and as such the existing National Policy supporting 15m buffers should remain. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-ancient-trees-and-veteran-trees-advice-for-making-planning-decisions 9) Do you have any comments on the polices map? * (click here to go to the Regulation 19 Island Planning Strategy Map)	

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EV8 Protecting high grade agricultural land
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While food security is important, best and most versatile land is already protected from development through the Environmental Improvement Plan, and the NPPF. Additionally, where indicative maps are insufficient then assessments are often required at field level. As agricultural practices modernise, with better technology, vertical farming and modern horticulture, the existing land ratings may not be an appropriate method of assessment in the future.
Additionally, there are vast swathes of rural areas where most land has a land classification of grade 1, 2 and 3a (Best and most versatile) for agricultural value. The island is predominantly grade 3. If this land was given greater protection from development, there are rural areas which may never see any more development and any opportunities for brownfield development is usually limited to towns and cities. These rural areas must not be left behind. It is also worth noting that some of the food production which the government seeks to protect depends on staff, who need to be housed, as well as on the availability of suitable commercial premises for storage and processing. Both of these requirements could be jeopardised by additional restrictions.
In conclusion, valuable agricultural land has sufficient protection in the Framework as currently drafted, so it should not be given additional protection. Agricultural businesses must also be able to expand and diversify in order to continue farming sustainably.
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EV10 - Preserving Settlement Identity
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Green space and the farmed landscape are incredibly important should be cherished. We should however not forget that the current landscape is as a direct result of previous development which has enabled those farming and rural businesses to adapt and develop where sensible and appropriate, and to grow and maintain their productive and profitable businesses. It is imperative that this must be allowed to continue whilst looking after the landscape	
Policy EV10 states it will support development within settlement gaps where there is no impact on the physical or perceived separation between the settlements. This is positive but the policy as a whole cannot prevent sensible development that would be beneficial to the rural economy or rural communities. There is a need to avoid the unintended negative consequence of restricting all development (including sensible small-scale opportunities)in these locations, which could result in causing a barrier to growth and profitability within the rural economy.	
Whilst the principle of protecting the open countryside is in itself positive, it must not prevent small scale settlement extensions, new services and facilities or any development to enable growth in the rural economy. Development that would adjoin built up area boundaries and is well related to the existing pattern of development should be allowed and settlement gaps must not be drawn tightly to settlement boundaries to prevent this. The wording of Policy EV10 must reflect this.	
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EV19 Managing ground instability in new Development
paragraph does this relate to? * You are able to submit a separate form for each policy / paragraph you wish to comment on. If your answer to this question (no 3) is No please put NA in the text box below. N/A
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?* (a plan is legally compliant if it is consistent with <u>national planning policy</u> and the council have complied with the <u>Duty to Co-operate</u>) Yes ■ No □
5) Please give details to support your answer to question 4 *
Yes, consistent with national policy □ Yes, complies with Duty to cooperate □ No, Failure to comply to Duty to cooperate □ No, not consistent with national policy □

6) In relation to the policy or paragraph you are commenting on, do you consider the Island Planning Strategy for submission to be sound? * There are four 'tests of soundness' set out in paragraph 35 of the NPPF − (a) positively prepared, (b) justified, (c) effective and (d) consistent with national policy Yes − Positively prepared Yes − Justified Yes − Effective Yes − Consistent with national policy No □
7) If you answered no to question six is this because? * Not, Consistent with national policy Not, Effective Not, Justified Not, Positively prepared
8) What modifications do you think is needed to make the Island Planning Strategy legally compliant and/or sound? * Please note in your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You car attach any files or documents with this submission. You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions. After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.
Policy EV19 aims to prevent risk from land instability in new development, however throughout the strategy, there is no commitment to improve or support development to mitigate issues for infrastructure that has already been impacted through instability. Policy G1 makes reference to improvements to the existing highways network but doesn't mention the severely affected A3055 at Ventnor, St Lawrence and Brook. The Local Transport plan (addressing climate change) and draft planning strategy should be seeking to address these issues as a matter of urgency to support the communities and rural businesses affected.
9) Do you have any comments on the polices map? * (click here to go to the Regulation 19 Island Planning Strategy Map)

10) Do you wish to request to appear at the hearing sessions that will take place? *				
Yes □				
No 🗆				
11) Please outline why you would like to attend? *				
If you have answered No to Question 10 please put NA in the text box below				

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