

**ISLE OF WIGHT**  
**ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY EXAMINATION**  
**Matter 1: Legal Compliance & General Plan-Making**  
**HEARING AGENDA**

Tuesday 25 February 2025, starting at 10am

1. Inspectors' Opening announcement
2. Isle of Wight Council's opening statement
3. Matter 1: Issue 1 – Approach to plan-making
  - a) MIQ1.1 – Local Development Scheme – any anticipated updates following December 2024 National Planning Policy Framework?
  - b) MIQ1.3 – Equalities Impact Assessment – timing of any document/update
4. Matter 1: Issue 2 - Duty to Co-operate
  - a) Engagement with duty to cooperate bodies on strategic cross boundary issues, in respect of
    - i) Unmet development needs (Island and Mainland) (MIQs 1.7 & 1.8)
    - ii) Environmental designations
  - b) Timing of Statement of Common Ground with New Forest District Council – ED7 (MIQ1.9)
5. Matter 1: Issue 3 – Habitats Regulations
  - a) MIQ1.10 General compliance with the Regulations. (There will be a separate session under Matter 4 to look more closely on the policy approach and implementation of Policies EV2 & EV3.)
  - b) MIQ1.12 – Site Specific mitigatory measures and the approach of having Appendices to Policy H2 in the Plan
6. Matter 1: Issue 5 – Sustainability Appraisal
  - a) Compliance with the requirements for the systematic sustainability appraisal of reasonable options for the Plan's policies and proposals, including the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Whether reasonable options have been too narrowly scoped with regards to development requirements and site allocations. Whether there is a clear audit trail as to where unreasonable options have been discounted. [MIQs 1.21, 1.22, 1.23]

7. Matter 1: Issue 6 Strategic Policies
  - a) Council's response to MIQ 1.25

Ends.