

# Housing Reg 19

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1. What type of respondent are you?

**Member of the Public**

2. What Housing policy you are commenting on

**KPS1 - Key Priority Site: Former Camp Hill**

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

**No.**

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?

**No**

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

- **No, Failure to comply to 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 no to question six is this because?

- **not justified**

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

**My initial concern is why the Isle of Wight Council have announced an intent to build AT LEAST 750 homes on land they do not even own, given it still belongs to the Ministry of Justice. This alone begs the question as to whether a deal has already been struck and which is being kept secret from taxpayers. Please explain the position as the Ministry of Justice have been asked this question by your own councillors and they have so far refused. We need the council to be open. In terms of the planned development itself, I am utterly appalled at the plans and question why it is needed at all? It would be interesting to know what the waiting list for social housing for Island people was 10 years ago compared with the list today, after the huge amounts of new developments that have been allowed during that time .**

**This area is the only open green space between Newport and Parkhurst Forest that is inhabited by a vast amount of species - some endangered - and also rare plants. I have walked these fields on a regular basis for over 35 years and have seen foxes, badgers, red squirrels, weasels, rabbits, bats, adders and grass snakes, voles, shrews, many varieties of mice, which may even be Dormice, as I know that an investigative team carried out a survey a few years back. As for bird species I've seen buzzards, kestrels, sparrow hawks, barn owls , bull finches, chaffinches, goldfinches, robins, herons ,during the winter, plus song and mistle thrush, many varieties of smaller warblers and other**

**species too numerous to mention, which all rely on the open spaces for survival.**

**Regarding the actual site, I have no objection to using the former prison buildings or the surrounding carparks but I should imagine that this would be the last to built on by any developer as the cost to either demolish or convert the buildings would seriously deplete their profits. The land at this site is subject to heavy shrinkage and expansion during the seasons where you can put your leg down into the cracks during the summer and then during the winter the actual ground floats as the ground is so waterlogged. Leading on from this, where is the surface water supposed to go after this land is built on because as far as I am aware, the only outlet for most of the land is a small ditch that flows at the bottom by the old farm site and that in turn runs out to the bottom of Horsebridge Hill - this ditch is at full flow after heavy rain now, let alone when the fields are not able to absorb the rain as they do now. This will lead to serious flooding of properties at the bottom of Horsebridge Hill and would see the main road to Cowes becoming impassable. There is also a water main that crosses the land that has been leaking for years!**

**Could you also explain where the sewage from this development is going to go, given that the sewage treatment works cannot already cope and is often discharged into the sea around our coastline and has Southern Water been approached for their view on this development ?**

**Again the Island's infrastructure is already stretched to the limit regarding the hospital and dentist situation and with this planned development adding to the pressures.**

**In addition to this the road network around this development would need serious improvement adding to the already crowded and busy area.**

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

**I would reiterate my objections above and further comment that the area outlined for development is too vast. If given the go ahead, I would expect all ancient woodland to be protected and respected.**

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?

**N/A**