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By email only

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Dear James,

Island Planning Strategy (July 2024) - Portsmouth City Council Response.

Thank you for consulting us on the above document and also for the continuing discussions we are having between our respective authorities as we both prepare a new local plan. We have the following comments to make:

Duty To Cooperate

Portsmouth City Council (PCC) confirms our commitment to continue to discuss and work on cross boundary strategic planning matters with Isle of Wight Council (IoWC). The two authorities have recently worked together to produce a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) to support our respective local plans prior to submission which will help to provide clarity on key cross boundary topics where necessary. Having already met prior to and since our Regulation 19 consultations to discuss key issues, we would suggest a continuation of this dialogue at key stages of our plan preparation process in the run up to submission and examination of the two LPA's Local Plans.

This representation has been written since the publication of the Government's consultation on revising the National Planning Policy Framework and other planning matters on 30 July. We do understand that this will result in significant changes to the planning system and we will continue to work collaboratively with the IoWC after the national changes are finalised and secondary legislation enacted as necessary.

Housing

PCC agree with the position outlined in paragraph 2.31 of the Island Strategy: *'The Isle of Wight is recognised as a standalone housing market area by neighbouring authorities in the Partnership for South Hampshire (PFSH) and that there are no adjacent authorities sharing land boundaries where 'unmet need' could easily be distributed.'* This position is also set out in the SoCG ground between the two authorities dated 2nd July 2024. The SoCC also sets out that the two authorities are unable to accommodate each other's unmet housing needs due to land supply constraints.

Despite operating with a different Housing Market Area to IoWC, PCC remain committed to an ongoing dialogue relating to housing issues and are happy to engage further with IoWC on this matter.

Water Quality

PCC supports policy EV4 of the Island Strategy, the approach taken reflects that in the emerging Portsmouth Local Plan. PCC currently uses nutrient credits from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust site at Nunwell on the Isle of Wight to enable the delivery of development within Portsmouth. PCC will work closely with the IoWC and other partners to identify and bring forward further mitigation sites.

Recreation Impact

PCC supports policy EV3 of the Island Strategy, the approach taken reflects that in the emerging Portsmouth Local Plan. PCC will continue to work with the IoWC and other partners in the South Hampshire region to develop and enhance the strategies for recreational disturbance across the region.

Transport

PCC supports the recognition of the importance of cross-Solent Transport in the supporting text to policy T1 of the island strategy and supports the overall intention of the policy to deliver sustainable transport. PCC will continue to work with IoWC to improve cross-Solent sustainable transport links.

Yours sincerely



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