

By email

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Our Ref: Island Planning Strategy (IPS)

Your Ref:

Contact: **Planning policy team**

Date: 8 June 2026

Subject: Draft Island Planning Strategy Main Modification Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Following the Council's consultation on proposed changes to the Draft Island Planning Strategy (IPS) in late 2025, the Inspectors held a further hearing session on 15 April 2026. The Planning Inspectors have now recommended a number of Main Modifications they consider are necessary to make the Draft IPS 'sound'. The tests of soundness definition can be found in our guidance notes.

Before the inspectors issue their final report, the Council must carry out a public consultation on these proposed Main Modifications. This is a normal and required part of the Local Plan examination process. A schedule of 'Additional modifications', which are generally typographical or factual updates, has also been published, although these are not related to the soundness of the plan.

Comments that raise new site proposals or that are on parts of the Draft IPS that are not subject to Main Modifications will not be considered by the Inspectors at this stage, as they have already been examined earlier in the process.

The public consultation will run for a period of six weeks **9am Monday 8 June 2026 until 5pm 20 July 2026**. Full details of the Main Modifications and other published documents can be found at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/article/1462/Island-Planning-Strategy>. We encourage you to submit comments using our easy to use forms which on the following web page.

Please note that any comments received will be forwarded for consideration by the Inspectors undertaking the examination. Comments received after the closing date will **not** be considered and comments received that **do not** relate specifically to this consultation will not be taken into consideration

To ensure your comments are processed efficiently, we would encourage representations to be submitted electronically using the online forms. Any comments made must be accompanied by a name and email address.

Any attachments to your submission should be submitted separately to policy.consultation@iow.gov.uk
Please make clear your contact name and details in case there are any queries.

Alternatively comments will be accepted via email to policy.consultation@iow.gov.uk using the comments form that can be found via the web page or completed forms can be posted to Planning Policy, Planning Services, Seaclose Office, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2QS.

Please note that we will be unable to provide individual responses to comments. If you do have a specific question regarding the process or how to access consultation information, please contact planning.policy@iow.gov.uk and we will respond as quickly as we can.

Yours sincerely

Planning Policy Team

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