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Dear Mr Boulter

Re: Draft Island Planning Strategy Development Plan Consultation

At an extraordinary meeting of Newport and Carisbrooke Parish Council held on 9th January 2019 it was resolved to submit the following the following representations in respect of the Island Planning Strategy Review consultation.

1. Division of the Island for the purposes of the plan (Page 23)

The Parish Council OBJECTS to Newport and Carisbrooke being superimposed on the East and West Medina areas. Newport and Carisbrooke should be treated as a district area in its own right for the purposes of the plan but also having a broader relationship with the remainder of the Medina Valley.

2. Housing (Pages 41 – 63 and 174 – 182)

- 2.1** The Parish Council considers 38% of the Island's additional housing stock is too large a proportion for Newport and Carisbrooke to be expected to take given that the population of Newport amounts to approximately 18% of the Island's current population.
- 2.2** The Parish Council wishes to see a buffer zone protected between HA039 Former HMP Camphill housing development and Parkhurst Forest.
- 2.3** The Parish Council wishes to see HA040 Land adjacent and including land at New Fairlee Farm removed as a housing allocation site. Lessons need to be learned from the debacle at Pan Meadows.
- 2.4** The Parish Council wishes to see HA044 Newport Harbour scaled back to ensure the availability of land there for maritime employment use.
- 2.5** The Parish Council wishes to see HA037 Former Library HQ, Land adjacent to St Mary's Hospital scaled back to allow employment use of the site.
- 2.6** The Parish Council wishes to see HA041 Barton School site removed as a housing allocation and the former school used for employment/educational purposes.
- 2.7** The Parish Council wishes to see HA110 Land at Moreys, Trafalgar Road scaled back to allow some employment use of the site.
- 2.8** The Parish Council wishes to see HA031 Land to east of Gunville scaled back to allow some employment use of the site.
- 2.9** The Parish Council wishes development immediately adjacent to settlement cease as this is often abused by developers.

3. Employment and Economy (Pages 64 – 81)

- 3.1** The Parish Council wishes to see the loss of all employment sites resisted, not just those over 0.1 hectares.
- 3.2** The Parish Council is very concerned that less than 10% of employment land allocation is in Newport and Carisbrooke.
- 3.3** The Parish Council wishes to see any council-owned land at Stag Lane allocated for employment use.
- 3.4** The Parish Council wishes to see land at Newport Harbour allocated for maritime employment use (see 2.4 above).
- 3.5** The Parish Council wishes to see some of the land at the former Library HQ site adjacent to St Mary's Hospital allocated for employment use (see 2.5 above).
- 3.6** The Parish Council wishes to see the Barton School retained for employment/educational use (see 2.6 above).
- 3.7** The Parish Council wishes to see some of the land at Moreys, Trafalgar Road allocated for employment use.
- 3.8** The Parish Council wishes to see some of the land east of Gunville allocated for employment use (see 2.8 above).

4. Town and Village Centres (Pages 81 – 84).

- 4.1** The Parish Council strongly objects to the statement in paragraph 6.93 that Cowes appears currently to be the most attractive town centre for new retailers to locate to on the Island. The Parish Council has seen no evidence to support this assertion and is confident that Newport remains the Island's premier shopping centre. It is requested therefore that this paragraph is deleted.
- 4.2** The Parish Council is of the view that the current Newport Town Centre boundary is out of date and needs to be redrawn. A tighter boundary recognising the reduced demand for town centre retail outlets is appropriate and a revised boundary in line with that shown on the enclosed map is recommended.
- 4.3** The Parish Council is of the view that the evening economy extends beyond 8pm, and in accordance with existing parish council policy would oppose any extension of car parking charges which would weaken the evening economy.
- 4.4** The Parish Council notes that Carisbrooke, with its vibrant High Street and history is not designated as a village centre (paragraph 6.89 refers). Carisbrooke is a centre in its own right, acting as a service centre for the rural communities to the south and west and it is requested that it be added to the list of village centres.

5. Transport (Pages 89 – 97)

- 5.1** The Parish Council is disappointed that the list of highway improvements does not include provision for a bridge over the River Medina, possibly in the Stag Lane area which would undoubtedly improve traffic flows through Newport.
- 5.2** The Parish Council welcomes the proposal to increase the electric vehicle charging points by at least 5% of car parking space, but takes the view that this will be inadequate going forward. The Parish Council wishes to see at least a further 5% increase in every 5 year review period during the life of the plan.
- 5.3** The Parish Council wishes to remind the Isle of Wight Council of its own pedestrian audit and of its support for Cycle Wight's Newport Cycle Permeability study.

6. Improving our Health and Wellbeing (Pages 98 – 107)

6.1 The Parish Council positively supports the provision of extra-care housing.

6.2 The parish council would support the provision of a children's home on the Island to avoid the need for children in care to be moved to the mainland.

7. Supporting Renewable Energies and Low Carbon Technologies (pages 108 – 114)

7.1 The Parish Council opposes the use of district heating systems as previous experience at Pan Meadows has shown that such systems do not work effectively.

7.2 The Parish Council wishes to see a condition placed on planning applications for new industrial units requiring solar panels to be installed.

8. Heritage Assets (Pages 121 – 123)

The Parish Council wishes to see the grading system for heritage assets reviewed as there are many assets not included or incorrectly classified.

9. Green and Open Spaces (Pages 127 – 130)

The Parish Council wishes to see additional green open spaces designated within the Newport key regeneration area.

10. Preserving Settlement Identity (Pages 132 – 133)

In order to preserve the separate identities of settlement the Parish Council wishes to see the gap between Newport and Whippingham/Wootton included in Policy HQE 7 (Preserving Settlement identity).

I trust that these comments will be given due consideration as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

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