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The Isle of Man Strategic Plan Review

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The Isle of Man Strategic Plan

...sets overarching planning policy





Aligning with Government's vision

The vision for building a sustainable future for the Island is set out in **Our Island Plan** (January 2023).

The new Strategic Plan will help to address the challenges and achieve the goals set out in Our Island Plan and will touch on many topic areas: housing, business and employment land, infrastructure, community facilities and transport.

The plan will protect the environment; responding to the impacts of climate change and supporting the delivery of quality spaces and thriving places where people and businesses want to be.





Starting the new Isle of Man Strategic Plan is the most fundamental review of national planning policy for over 20 years.

It will underpin future decision making on land use and development for the next 20 years or so, even allowing for updates and reviews.





A combination of plans make up the “Island Development Plan”

Area Plans need to be in general conformity with the Strategic Plan.

When it comes to assessing planning applications, the Island Development Plan is one of the factors taken into account.





What is the Strategic Plan?

- A written statement made up of high-level planning policies which aim to ensure the sustainable development of the Island.
- It sets out the strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of development and places.
- A framework to make sure development is located where we want it to be and that it is well connected, well designed and supported by the right infrastructure.
- It aims to make sufficient provision for different uses and protect and enhance the natural, built and historic environments.





An opportunity for positive change

- 'Preliminary Publicity' launched on 21st July 2023
- Consultation closes 29th September 2023
- It will set the scene for future Area Plans –
 - 'Area' Plans include Site Proposals and focus at the local level
- It will help realise the aims of Our Island Plan, align with the Climate Change Act and support the 'Building Great Communities' programme





The Strategic Plan spans across all of Government

Meaning, the Plan will...

- Embed climate change policies to help in the delivery of net zero goals
- Set out an Island Spatial Strategy for future development
- Set out a clear policy approach to future housing need
- Promote urban regeneration within our existing settlements
- Provide policy support and direction for employment, retail and leisure uses
- Align future development with necessary infrastructure, services and facilities





Engagement is important



If you live here...

- the SP will affect how much housing land we need, where housing is built and the provision of community facilities



If you work or want to do business here...

- the SP will affect how much employment land we need and where new employment premises should be located



If you want to have a holiday here...

- the SP will affect the options available for the location of holiday accommodation and future leisure and tourism facilities



If you want to ensure good transport links and choices...

- the SP will influence where and how we invest in future infrastructure



If you want to go shopping or dine out with friends...

- the SP will affect where you choose to shop and socialise

Community input into the development of this document is key and will ensure the development of a sustainable and equitable Draft Plan





It's all about BALANCE

- Our goal is to have a sustainable direction for growth. This inevitably involves comprehensive assessment of all the issues, seeking views on all of the options and making good decisions.
- It is vital to be able to demonstrate how those decisions have been made.
- Weighing up all of the issues - whether at Officer level or Political level - gives us that **BALANCE**.
- **E.g.** Greenfield or Brownfield? Focused growth or dispersed growth?
- In drafting a new plan, direction is often determined by balancing:

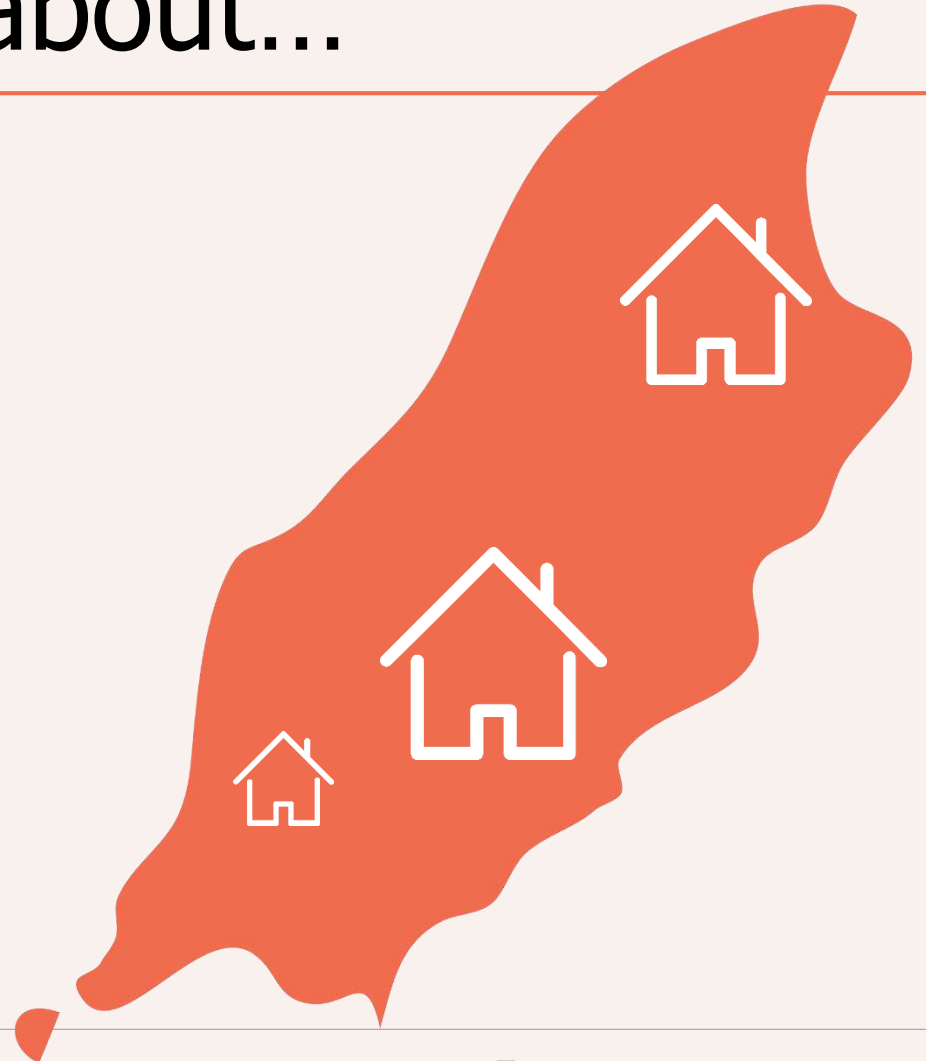
NEEDS vs IMPACTS





Some things to think about...

- How should our settlement pattern change? e.g. Do we plan for a new settlement?
- What exceptions should there be for building in the countryside?
- Are we right to follow the method used in England to calculate broad housing need?
- How are you going to get involved? What policy areas are important to you?





Strategic Plan Stages

What happens next?

- Draft Plan (spring/summer 2024)
- Public Inquiry (early autumn 2024)
- Inspector's Report received by Department
- Modifications
- Department Adoption
- Tynwald Approval (new year/spring 2025)





Questions

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