

**Bembridge Neighbourhood Plan
Consultation Statement**



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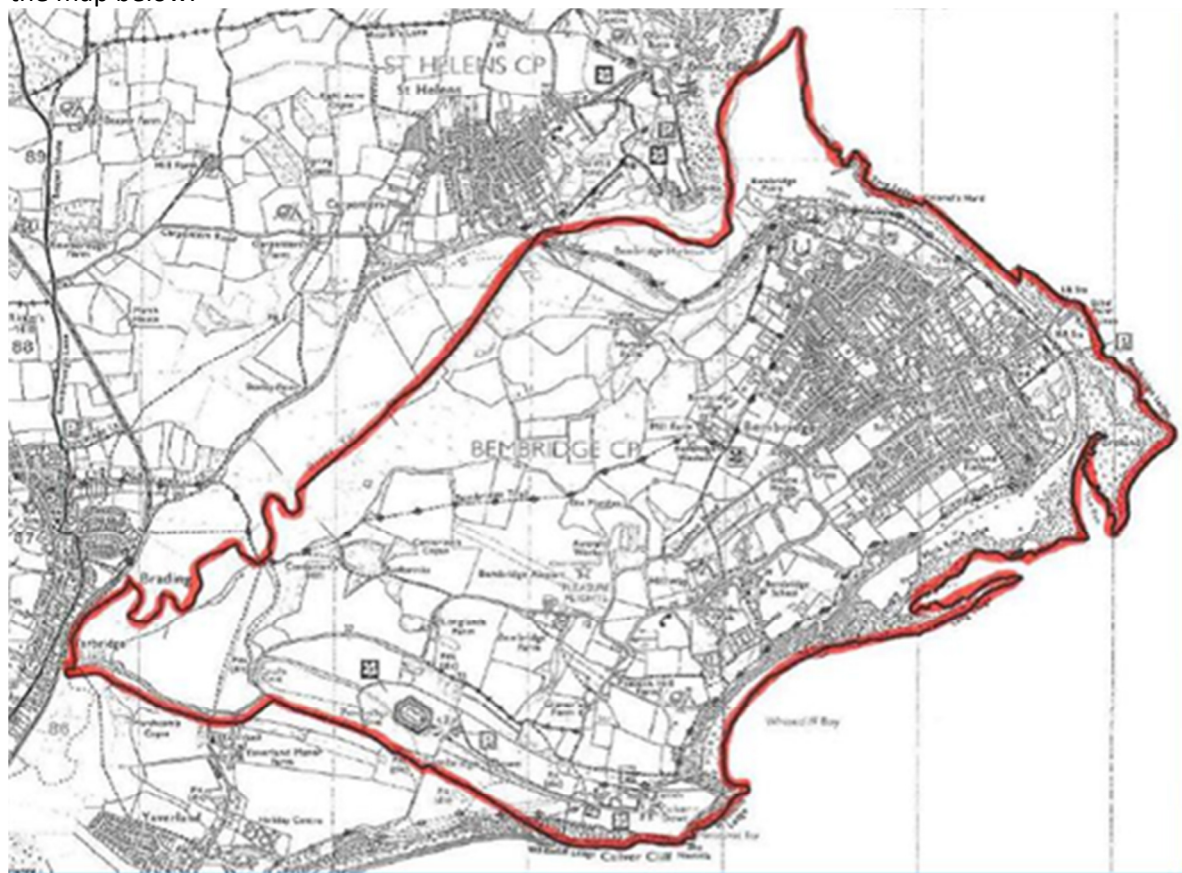
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The consultation statement relates to Bembridge Neighbourhood Plan and the plan area is shown on the map below:-



1. Introduction

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 part 5 s15 (2) sets out what a consultation statement should contain. This is as follows:-

- (a) details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan
- (b) an explanation of how they were consulted
- (c) a summary of the main issues and concerns raised by persons consulted; and
- (d) a description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan

The working group recognised very early on that the essence of a good Neighbourhood Plan is that it reflects the views of the local community to ensure that the final document meets this public consultation would form a key part of the process. One of the very first activities undertaken by the working group was to develop a communications plan.

2. Those contacted

Initially (February 2012) the Bembridge Village Partnership launched a working group of volunteers and Parish Councillors to produce the Neighbourhood Plan. The formation of the group and requests for any interested villagers to take part were recorded in Parish Council minutes, and the minutes placed on the Parish Council website.

Every house in the village has been contacted directly during the consultation period. This will have included those villagers that live in the village on a permanent basis and also those who own houses that are lived in on a casual basis. Bembridge Business Association has been involved in the consultations, as have all the estate agents within the village. Land owners that identified land for potential development in the SHLAA have been consulted.

3. Methods

1. The working group has sent out surveys and newsletters to every house in the village.
2. Public consultation meetings have been held. The last of these being a consultation on the set of plan documents that the group were planning to pass to the Local Authority for adoption.
3. Banners have been placed around the village advertising public meetings
4. Progress and information on forthcoming actions have been published in the Beacon (a local magazine delivered to every house in East Wight).
5. All meeting minutes and agendas together with updated information has been placed on the Parish Council website.
6. Working group meetings have been open and members of the public have had an open invitation to attend.
7. Working group members have attended presentations given by other towns/parishes that have embarked upon a Neighbourhood Plan, and reviewed many other websites.
8. The working group have worked closely with the Isle of Wight Council Planning Policy department in order to ensure that the output complies with both the processes laid down and also the Island Plan Core Strategy.

4. Issues raised

The key issues raised – which have been used to derive our vision and objectives are:

- Bembridge is a self-contained village
- There is no need for large scale development
- There is insufficient 'affordable' housing, particularly for younger members of the community who are unable to stay in the village due to unavailability of the appropriate housing
- To retain the settlement boundary

5. Actions taken

Every comment received from surveys, public consultations and meetings has been reviewed in detail by the working group and actions recorded and taken. In many cases the Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan and its associated documents have been modified. All review outcomes have been recorded in our evidence log.

6. Summary

The working group firmly believe that the actions taken, and outlined above, demonstrate that the issued documentation clearly represents the stated views of the clear majority of Bembridge community.



Consultation event held on 7th November 2013

Appendix 1 - Publicity and Community Events

The following publicity and community events were undertaken in drafting the Neighbourhood Plan and to comply with Part 5 s14 of the Regulations.

Method	Location	Date	Comments
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	March 12	See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	May 12	See Annex A
Newsletter	Delivered to every house	May 12	See Annex A
1 st Questionnaire	Delivered to every house	May 12	See Annex A
Main issues from 1 st questionnaire			See Annex A
Consultation Day Poster	Village Notice Boards Parish Website Local Shops Notice Boards IoW County Press Village Talk Beacon Article	May / June 12	See Annex A
Consultation Day 2 nd Questionnaire	Village Hall Bembridge Youth & Community Centre	14 th June 12 16 th June 12	See Annex A
Main issues from 2 nd questionnaire			See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	July 12	See Annex A
Newsletter	Delivered to every house	September 12	See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	September 12	
Public Meeting Poster	Village Notice Boards Parish Website Local Shops Notice Boards IoW County Press Village Talk Beacon Article	October 12	See Annex A
Public Meeting including power point presentation	Village Hall	30 th October 12 & 1 st November 12	See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	November 12	See Annex A
Housing Needs Survey	Delivered to every house	January 13	See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	January 13	See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	March 13	See Annex A
Parish Council Article	Beacon – delivered to every house in the village	June 13	See Annex A
Local Consultation Day Poster	Village Notice Boards Parish Website Local Shops Notice Boards IoW County Press Village Talk Parish News IOW County Press Official Notices	Oct 13	See Annex A
Local Consultation Day Banner	High Street and Steyne Road	Oct 13	See Annex A
Consultation days	Village Hall Bembridge Library	5 & 7 Nov 13 16 Nov 13	

Annex A – Publicity and community events material

Copies of publicity and consultation material used displayed in the order they are listed in the table above.

Appendix 2 - Record of comments received and action taken

Document 1 - Summary of comments made by various members of the public at the consultation events held on 14th and 16th June 2012.

Document 2 – Review of informal consultations with the Local Planning Authority July/August 2013 along with comments from the working group and actions taken.

Document 3 – Schedule of changes made to the plan April – October 2013.

Document 4 - Collated comments made by various members of the public on feedback forms submitted as part of the informal consultation held 1st – 30th November 2013.

Document 5 - Neighbourhood Plan Working Group minutes 19th December 2013 detailing amendments agreed to the informal consultation draft plan following the consultation.

Document 6 - Comments received from the Local Planning Authority along with comments from the working group and actions taken.

Document 7 - Comments received from Savills along with comments from the working group and actions taken.

Appendix 3 – Consultation log

Targeted consultation for relevant policies has taken place with specific local and community groups as listed on the consultation log.