



Freshwater Parish

# Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Strategy

## 1. Introduction

The Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan has been produced as a response to the Localism Act of 2011 as detailed in the Neighbourhood Planning Legislation (April 2012) and the Referendum Stage of Neighbourhood Planning (with effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012). The details of neighbourhood planning follows the S.I. 2012 No 637, Town and Country Planning, England, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The aim of these powers was to ensure that the decision making process for local planning applications would be passed down to a more local level. The production of a neighbourhood plan would ensure that the local values and needs are addressed within a document that, if approved by referendum, becomes one of the primary planning documents for that area.

Compliance of the Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan was regularly checked against the Isle of Wight Core Strategy (Island Plan), adopted March 2012 to ensure that there was no conflict. The plan was also checked for compliance with applicable European Regulations as well as the National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012 and other documents referred to on the compliance list.

## 2. Monitoring

The Isle of Wight Core Strategy (Island Plan) has a life expectancy of 15 years, with a provisional replacement date of 2027. The Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan is expected to follow this time period with regular reviews taking place either at a minimum of five year periods or when planning rules/guidance changes. It is expected that these reviews will be undertaken by the Freshwater Parish Council under the guidance of the Isle of Wight Planning Department.

The Freshwater Parish Council will ensure that the local community are consulted about any changes or amendments to the plan using local publicity mediums as well as their own newsletter, parish website and parish minutes.

## 3. Delivery

Freshwater Parish is large and consists of two political wards, with the neighbouring parishes being restricted in their ability to expand significantly due to size and environmental protections. It is expected that the bulk of future developments will therefore take place within Freshwater Parish. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure that such expansion does not place an undue strain on the current infrastructure and where necessary, that the infrastructure is in place to support the development prior to it taking place. This will require a tight monitoring of future plans and the effective use of monies received via the Section 106 agreements or the CIL monies, if that system is adopted by the Isle of Wight Council.

Freshwater Parish produces an annual Parish Plan and the above information, if known at the time of publication, will be included within it. Publicity of infrastructure

changes within the parish, to ensure that developments can take place will also be publicised locally as well as on the parish web site, newsletter and parish minutes. The Parish Council will ensure that all relevant bodies are consulted and work with them to produce the best result for the community that the parish represents.