

**Minutes & Information resulting from – Meeting 64
St Johns Church Hall, Drake Road, Newport
Thursday 6th December 2018**

Present at the meeting

Forum Members:	Others & Observers:
Mark Earp - Chairman	Jennine Gardiner - IWC PROW (LAF Secretary)
Alec Lawson	David Howarth – Observer / IWRA
Steve Darch	Helena Hewston – Observer / Shalfleet P/C
Cllr Paul Fuller	Michael Paler – East Cowes T/C
John Gurney-Champion	Chris Asham – IWC Regeneration Team
Tricia Merrifield	Diana Jung – Bus User Group
Cllr John Hobart	Mick Lyons – Observer / Havenstreet & Ashley PC
Iain MacLennan	Geoff Brodie – Observer
John Heather	Clare Bennett - CLA
Mike Slater	Jan Brooks – Observer / Isle Access
Penny Edwards	Julie Hoskins - Observer
Stephen Cockett	

1. Apologies Received, Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meeting, declarations of interest & introductions.

Apologies: Jo Nash – LAF, Stewart Chandler - Contract Officer Transport IWC, Diana Conyers - Ryde T/C, Justin Rylands – Forestry Commission, Darrel Clarke - IWC PROW
Confirmation – Done & minutes signed as a true copy
Decelerations - None

2. Updates to tasks / matters arising from meeting 6 September 2018



Letter sent to MP and acknowledgment received, we are now awaiting a date for a meeting

- **Quiet Lanes / Roads** – List of suggested routes compiled. ME feels the DfT circular 02/2006 “The Quiet Lanes & Home Zones Regulations 2006” section 7 which recommends that quiet lanes should not have more than 1000 motor vehicles per day is open to debate.

List of roads received so far:

Berry Lane	Chillerton
Burnt House Lane	Newport / Arreton
Clatterford Shute	Carisbrooke
Cridmore Lane	Gatcombe
Froglands Lane	Carisbrooke
Kingates Lane	Niton
Lessland Lane	Godshill
Loverstone Lane	Chillerton
Marvel Lane	Newport
Millers Lane	Carisbrooke
Nettlecombe Lane	Whitwell
Newnham Lane	Binstead
Nunnery Lane	Carisbrooke
Palmers Lane / Skinners Hill	Newchurch
Pound Lane	Calbourne
Quay Lane	Brading
Redhill Lane	Wroxall
Rill Lane	Chillerton
Roslin Lane	Chillerton
Rowlands Lane	Ryde
Sandy Lane	Newport
Strawberry Lane	Brighstone
Undercliff Drive	Niton / Ventnor
Wellow Top Road	Wellow / Shalfleet
Warlands Lane	Shalfleet

3. [Regeneration Team](#) – Chris Ashman

Chris gave the group an update of the regeneration team’s programme. The LAF have a few issues regarding the possible loss of open space and ability to access outdoor recreation. The Regen team continue to evolve and develop as they redefine their priorities and quantify what is being achieved. They are balancing their books, identify efficiencies and try and generate income. They have identified over 18 quality of life aspirations (which are not just financially based) and they continue to try and understand the needs and priorities of the local communities. Transport constraints, public transport and an engagement programme are all being pursued. They plan to design in accessibility and will split into localities.

Chris is keen to keep conversations going with user & stakeholder groups for the long term. Either written or verbal submission will be gratefully received.

Accessibility – Members of the group raised concerns about accessibility and need for planning for the less mobile. The group feel there should be plans for access to and along beaches e.g. a firm surface along the sand to allow wheelchairs and pushchairs to easily move along. Also the need for more accessible public toilets / changing places with benches and hoist. Accessible bus stops and housing.

East Cowes Public Landing Stage – ME made Chris aware of the Bells Public Landing stage which had been comprised due to a previous planning application, however this application is apparently no longer proceeding. ME wants the Regen team to recognise Bells Landing Stage and this needs to be kept as a public asset.

30 High Street, Newport - is a space where the public can visit and find out more from the Regeneration Team.

4. **Unsafe rural Bus Stops** – Dina Jung – Bus & Rail Users Group

Dina moved to the Island a few years ago and doesn’t own a car; she is keen to have a zero carbon footprint and travels by bus. However, she has found that there are many very unsafe rural

bus stop locations leaving the passenger waiting in busy live traffic with nowhere to stand off the road feeling unsafe and vulnerable. Dina had prepared the following report which was presented to the group.

REPORT ON HAZARDOUS BUS STOPS THAT ARE UNSAFE TO STAND AT WHILST WAITING FOR A BUS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Below is a short list of some of the Island's bus stops that are unsafe to stand at whilst waiting for a bus. I was unable to get off buses to photograph some of these stops as it would have been too dangerous to wait there before the next bus arrived but luckily a friend volunteered to drive me in his car to identify and photograph some of the stops listed below. Other stops have been identified by members of the public. I have not checked all the stops on the full length of the routes below or checked the other routes available on the Island.

Bus route number, frequency and location of unsafe bus stops

Route 2 (every 30 mins)

- Ryde to Brading. First stop after Tesco
- Stop opposite Topline windows when going to Newport (bramble hedge forces people to stand in road within millimetres of speeding lorries. One of the scariest occasions I have experienced on the Island.

Route 3 (every 30 mins)

- Whitely Bank (both directions)

Route 7 (every 30 mins)

- Newport to Yarmouth. Just past Sydenhams on left. Ditch close to bus stop
- Bartons Corner (photo)
- Yarmouth to Newport. Stop after Horse & Groom pub
- Redgates stop
- Golf course. Stop obscured by hedge

Route 8 (every 60 mins)

- Thornton Cross (persistent flooding)
- Newport to Ryde. One stop before Robin Hill (on right)
- Forest Road (just before hair pin bend) on right
- 5 Pins stop (not sure this is correct name) before Newport Road junction

Route 12 (65 mins to 160 mins between buses)

- Newport to Badger Lane, have to stand in road (photo)
- Mottistone Estate
- Commoners Hill, bus stops on both sides of the road
- Barton Manor Brighstone
- Yafford Mill bus stops both sides. Steep bank so have to stand in road
- After the "tree tunnel" just outside Shorwell when going to Newport. No bus stop
- on left when coming from Newport.
- Idlecombe Farm plus 2nd 3rd and 4th stops when going to Newport
- Plaish Lane when going to Newport
- Newnham Road Just outside Havenstreet

Bearing in mind that passengers are recommended to arrive at a bus stop before the timetabled arrival time in case it turns up early, say 5-10 mins, and that there could be further waiting time of sometimes up to 10 minutes in addition to this time if the bus is late, this would mean passengers being exposed to traffic in an unsafe place for maybe 20 minutes which is unacceptable and more than sufficient reason to deter people from using the buses.

I would suggest that the very minimum of facilities provided at all bus stop should be a hard level standing area of at least 2 metres square to allow for adults, children and pushchairs, etc., to be able to stand safely with a small shelter to protect people from passing cars and weather. This would also highlight the fact that there was actually a bus stop there as some of the stops are obscured by plant growth or poor positioning and not easily seen. It would give opportunity to advertise tourist attractions, bus trips, etc., gain extra revenue and increase tourism to the Island. More importantly it would give credibility to the Island's claim of being "Green" by giving buses

greater importance.

I think this issue is important enough to make it normal policy that all bus stops are inspected and maintained on a frequent regular basis to ensure that they are of a good Health and Safety standard and that they do not put bus passengers at risk. This should not be reliant on occasional reporting by members of the public.

The LAF members then discussed this matter. Local Councillors present at the meeting highlighted that it was extremely costly to undertake remedial and accessible improvement to bus stops / shelters. Examples of costs were given as £20,000 for a bus stop in the Gunville area that the local councillor was currently trying to pursue and £18,000 for a bus stop and shelter for a recently complete scheme in Shide (these costing include the accrual costs which run for the remaining lifetime of the Island Roads contract).

The bus stop located opposite Owl & Monkey Haven (popular tourist attraction) along Staplers Road was a site that is currently being looked into as this has been identified as unsafe (nowhere to stand).

Bus stops, who is responsible for what?

- The Council is responsible for existing bus stop posts
- Southern Vectis is responsible for bus stop flags
- Island Roads are responsible for existing bus stop shelters
- There is no routine safety audit to check existing sites are safe and accessible under the rules and regulations for current standards such as in the manual for streets. The rural bus stop network is historical and sites would only be inspected as and when they are brought to Island Roads / IWC highways teams attention.

It was felt there were no excuses for inaccessibility especially as the Island has committed to an accessible tourist strategy.



Action – Invite the Chief Executive for Southern Vectis to come along to a LAF meeting to discuss this matter further.

Example of bus stop with limited standing off the highway (remember the wait can sometimes be extremely lengthy); this would be inaccessible or very intimidating for those in wheelchairs

5. Coast Path – John Taylor (Natural England) written update

We now have 85% or 68 miles of the Isle of Wight Stretch drafted.

Draft Route / Second Letters

These “second letters” outline a mapped draft proposal for alignment of the route where we have it. The second letters are sent out to for specific sections or Chapters as and when we have completed our draft route. Please see the attached document which shows the Chapters for the Isle of Wight:

- 1 East Cowes Ferry Terminal to Wootton
- 2 Wootton to Ventnor
- 3 Ventnor to Freshwater Bay
- 4 Freshwater to Newtown
- 5 Newtown to Thorness Bay

- 6 Thorness Bay to Gurnard Luck
- 7 Gurnard Luck to East Cowes Ferry Terminal
- 8 Medina Estuary

The map will outline the route and coastal margin. The map is an overview and does not go into specific detail such as infrastructure (e.g. signs, boardwalks, screens, etc) or surface upgrades.

We will be sending out draft proposals for the majority of these chapters in December and January.

Sections which will not be sent these draft proposals include East Cowes to King's Quay (1) and Newtown (5), as due to the complexity of these areas, the routes are still being investigated.

These second letters outline a draft route, which we have reached due to the involvement of landowners, local communities and members of the LAF. It is worth emphasising though that this is a draft route and as part of the ongoing consultation we are keen to know of any improvements or local information that could help us in finalising our alignment for our full submission of the final route.



Site Visits

We have now visited almost all landowners where we might conceivably improve on the existing coastal path.

We have been on various site visits with the Rights of Way team to look into improving the surface conditions of footpaths and infrastructure.

These include: Priory Wood, Binnel Bay, Bembridge, Bouldnor, East Cowes, Porchfield, St Catherines, Black Gang and Whale Chine.

The LAF members then discussed the ECP. A reminder was given that NOT all land is available for the ECP to run over (unless the landowner decides to dedicate a route though or by way of an access strip) this type of land is called **EXCEPTED LAND** and it **excludes the public right of access**. Types of land that are fully excepted include:

- buildings or the curtilage of such land, for example courtyards
- parks or gardens
- quarries and other active mineral workings (except, under certain circumstances, the removal of sand or shingle from an area of foreshore or beach)
- railways or tramways
- temporary livestock pens
- racecourses or aerodromes
- land which is being developed and which will become excepted land in future
- land covered by structures like electricity substations, wind turbines, telephone masts works, other than, flood defences or sea defences
- land under Ministry of Defence byelaws, such as most military training areas
- schools including playing fields
- land which forms part of a public highway

Excepted land with provision for an **access strip** normally 4 metres wide includes:

- land ploughed for the growing of crops or trees in the past year
- golf courses
- regulated caravan or camping sites
- burial grounds

MoD Land at Jersey Camp – There is apparently conditions within the deed granting the land to the MoD and that is that there should be public access when not in occupation. Currently the site is in occupation 23 days of the year of which there is live firing on 12 days.

Osborne Land – It is the [Crown Estate](#) who own this land, English Heritage are tenants.

Spreading Room - is the term the ECP uses to describe any land, other than the trail itself, which forms part of the coastal margin and which has public rights of access. Spreading room may be either seaward or landward of the trail, according to the extent of the margin.

ECP News: If the path sections reach phase 5 by 2020 then the coast path will be funded by the EU, if after this date then the money will come from the UK Treasury Department & funding could be significantly less. A number of NE staff have been seconded to Brexit work. Some departments are seriously struggling to cover the work load.

6. Chairman’s Update – Mark Earp



Beach horse riding in jeopardy?
 New proposals from the Isle of Wight Council could see horses banned from riding on the beach between certain times. Horse riding on the beaches could be banned between 10am and 4pm. The proposal was discussed at an Isle of Wight Council meeting on November 15. Labour's Julian Crouchley said that the horses being ridden across the beaches is a "hazardous sight". Hyde Town Councillor, Tim Wakelley, added that the horses being able to run across the Island's beaches is a massive safety point for riders on the Isle of Wight who are aiming to attract tourists. Members of the council came to the conclusion that the council needed to consult members of the public on the Isle of Wight about the current proposals and they should then be discussed at the next planning committee. A consultation on the new suggestions will take place early next year.

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – the LAF had been invited to give pre consultation feedback on the draft PSPO, alongside all the other relevant stakeholders. The new PSPO will combine the existing 3 dog control orders (dogs on leads, dog fouling and dog exclusion) plus bring into force powers that the IWC need to control anti-social behaviour within a defined public area. A debate took place and the result of this can be found at the end of the minutes combined within the formal letter that has been submitted to the IWC following this meeting. Also attached for easy reference are the old dog orders and the IWC pre consultation letter that advised of the intention of changes.

Walking Festival will take place between 4th to 19th May 2019

Beer and Buses Weekend will take place 12th to 13th October 2019

Fords around Carisbrooke – Issues with sat naves directing drivers through the fords resulting with problems with vehicles getting stuck or damage being caused to the bottom of the ford bed. **Should the LAF write to Island Roads to advise that improved warning signs are needed?**

Repair work to improve ford

WORK is underway to improve Froglands Ford in Carisbrooke, which locals have described as a rat run.

The road has been closed while works are carried out to improve the condition of the ford. Residents are campaigning to preserve the area as a beauty spot, and say it is used as a rat run and a car wash for 4x4 vehicles.

An Island Roads spokesperson said: "The work includes repairs to both the approach ramps and the base of the ford. The work is expected to be complete by the end of next week and we hope it will address some of the issues reported by residents recently."

Graham Montrose lives nearby and the wash runs down through his garden.

During the summer, he saw an average of one car each week getting stuck in the ford, and during the first week of September he counted seven cars trapped. He blames sat naves and a lack of signage to warn tourists it is not an appropriate route to Carisbrooke Castle.

He said of the latest works: "They don't know what to do next. They are trying to pump out the water and they have gravel for the base, but they did this five years ago to no avail."

"I would like it made one-way, but we have repeatedly been told making this a one-way route would speed up traffic. However, I see there is now a proposal for Pan Lane to be made one-way to slow traffic down for pedestrian safety."



Work has started on Froglands Ford, Carisbrooke.

The joys of Satnav!



Lost it? Don't ask a policeman

Police across the country are no longer expected to accept lost property reports, except in certain circumstances.

It means if you lose your wallet, the police probably won't help you - and if you find someone else's wallet, they might not help with that either.

Island Facebook group, Lost and Found IOW, say police have already been referring people to their page after the changes were implemented on October 1 by the National Police Chiefs' Council.

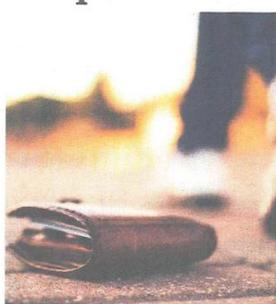
The changes were brought in to free up staff in police stations as it was decided lost property is not a police matter. Kevin Chance, owner of the group said: "I'd like the people of our Island to be made aware of the many successes of our group. Currently, we have around 3500 members - a fraction of the island's population.

I'd love this group to grow in mammoth proportions and create many more success stories of lost and found items being reunited with the rightful owner.

"Sometimes, we receive support from a metal detecting group and have some truly amazing stories to tell. One gentleman lost his wedding ring on Shanklin Beach whilst out swimming - ring was found within two days. Another lady lost her engagement ring a few days before she was due to get married, but this time the ring was found within 24 hours.

"I'm proud of the group I created and all of its supportive members, but many more people need to know about us."

You can find the group here: [Facebook.com/groups/892255830822557/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/892255830822557/)



Lost and found? Try facebook.

Lost Property the Police no longer accept lost property (unless it is a firearm or something which is a danger to the public), the list of what the Police can take or advise where it should be handed in is below:

LOST

Hazardous items such as firearms, shotguns, ammunition, explosives, poisons, toxins or chemicals.

Report to Police IMMEDIATELY

Bicycles

The police will not take a lost report. Please visit www.bikeregister.com to report your loss.

Reports are searchable by Police Forces nationwide and insurance companies to help restore property or process a claim.

Mobile telephones, MP3 players, computers or ANY equipment with a serial number.

The police will not take a lost report. Please visit www.immobilise.com to report your loss.

Reports are searchable by Police Forces nationwide and insurance companies to help restore property or process a claim.

Identifiable items (e.g. with owner's name and address or other contact details in or on the item).

The police will not take a lost report. If the item is handed in we will make efforts to contact you.

Items which do not have a serial number, but have a high monetary (over £500) or sentimental value (e.g. heirlooms).

Please speak to a member of staff who will see what additional assistance we could offer.

Prescribed medication and drugs.

Contact GP or NHS Direct and seek guidance

Passports, driving licences, ID cards and other official documents.

UK passport or driving licence: Report directly to the Passport Office or DVLA.

Non-UK passport, driving licence or ID card: Report the loss in person at your nearest Police Station.

Other official documents, such as birth, marriage and death certificates: Report directly to the issuing office.

Cash, Bank Cards, Credit Cards and Cheque Books

Cash that is not contained within a purse/wallet containing identifiable items:

Make enquiries at the location you think the cash was lost. If this is unsuccessful, contact the police station nearest to where you think you lost it.

Bank cards, credit cards, cheque books: Report to the issuing bank, building society or credit card company.

Unidentifiable, low value items.

It is highly unlikely that items such as luggage, empty purses, empty wallets or low value unidentifiable items such as umbrellas, spectacles, used or soiled clothing and perishable goods will be handed to the Police. Therefore you are advised to make enquiries at the location the item was lost.

FOUND

Hazardous items such as firearms, shotguns, ammunition, explosives, poisons, toxins or chemicals.

NEVER attempt to handle dangerous items and report to Police IMMEDIATELY

Bicycles

The police will not accept found bicycles. You can check whether the bike has been reported stolen at www.bikeregister.com

Mobile telephones, computers, tablets, MP3 players and any other item

capable of containing data

Please hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer so the owner can be traced or the item otherwise dealt with.

UK Passports

Please hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer so the owner can be traced or the item otherwise dealt with.

Cash, including cash within a wallet or purse that is identifiable

Please hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer so the owner can be traced or the item otherwise dealt with.

Bank cards, identity cards, personal documentation (e.g. bank statements, benefits books)

Either follow the instructions on the back of the card or documents or hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer.

Birth, marriage and death certificates

The General Register Office asks that you destroy the item to prevent fraudulent use.

Alternatively, you can hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer.

UK Driving Licence

Please return to the DVLA or hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer.

Non UK passports, driving licences and other identity documents

Return to the embassy of the issuing country or hand in to a police station or to a police officer or police community support officer.

Unidentifiable or low value property, such as empty handbags, bags, cases, wallets, purses, used or soiled clothing, perishable goods, rubbish, umbrellas, spectacles, animals, keys, watches, jewellery

The police will not accept these items. You should make reasonable enquiries, which could include asking people nearby, enquiries in nearby premises, advertising your find on social media.

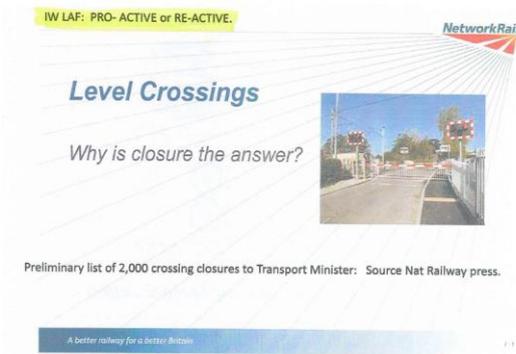
If still unidentified there is nothing more the Police can do and you should dispose of the property.



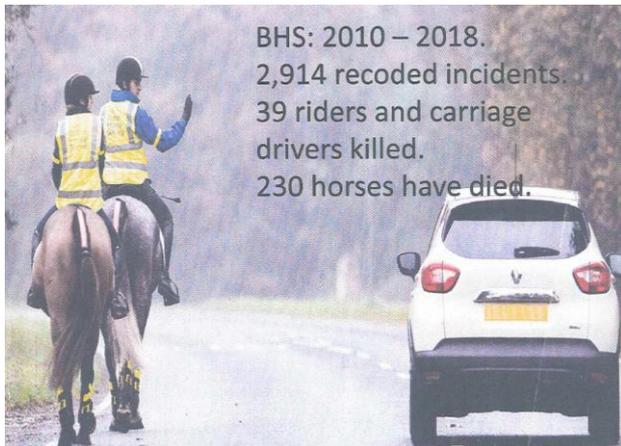
Fly-tipping on Public Rights of Way or highway – Try and get number plate and vehicle info and inform the IW Council.

Fields in Trust Some organisations want to open up space or gift land, but who would look after this? The organisation called Fields in Trust (which is the operating name of the National Playing Fields Association) can legally protect parks and green spaces. On the Isle of Wight they have the following:

- Church Litten Park in Newport
- Victoria Grove Recreation Ground in East Cowes
- Simeon Street Recreation Ground in Ryde
- Chale Recreation Ground
- Havenbush playground, off the Old Shute in Ventnor



Level Crossings – Network Rail have drawn up a preliminary list of approximately 2000 UK level crossing they would like to close. We don't know if this affects any on the Isle of Wight. To be proactive the LAF should have a future meeting to look in detail at the 19 IW level crossings.



Equestrian Road Accidents – The slippery road surface that Island Roads (over a year ago) had assured riders that it would “wear in” still has not.

Military Road – In the short term, should this become “severed” due to coastal erosion the Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads have a cost funded contingency plan. And it is anticipated that it will not become a cul-de-sac.



National Trust – Dunsbury Estate. John Brownscombe who is the Compton Bay and Downs Project Officer for the National Trust will give a presentation at the March 2019 LAF meeting.

Bus travel to Tapnell Farm – reports have been received that although Southern Vectis had run a bus via Tapnell Farm (between 21 July and 2 September 2018, number 27) it is 6 to 7 hours between buses. This means that families have been trying to walk to other bus stops to pick up another bus and getting lost.

7. Updates:

- **IW Public Rights of Way – Written update from Darrel**

England Coast Path

Department continues to be busy assisting Natural England on ECP.

Autumn hedge cutting programme

Godshill and Arreton remain outstanding due to broken down hedge cutter. Maintenance have cut back worst areas with handhelds and we will return with hedgecutter as soon as it is fixed or replaced (probably in the New Year).

Capital Programme

Improvement schemes are mostly complete and we were able to finish all major schemes before the weather turned. It has very quickly become wet and ground conditions are not at all suitable for accessing with machinery etc. and working on generally. Prior to the end of the financial year a short presentation of this year's work will be prepared showing what has been achieved with the capital funding – this could be presented to the LAF at the next meeting if required.

Full Network Survey

We are working with the IWRA to set up a system that will hopefully see the whole network surveyed bi-annually with a full asset and condition register being compiled. This is considered vital in order to assess the current state and condition of the network and the resource required to bring it up to standard and to programme maintenance and improvements efficiently. The surveys will be carried out by volunteers – mostly members of the IWRA but we will also be using our own volunteers and doing a recruitment drive if necessary.

Volunteers generally

In addition to survey volunteers, we are also looking to set up monthly volunteer working party days with the IWRA.

Public Path Orders

Public Footpath BB40 diversion: This order was referred to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. They have decided that the matter should be dealt with by way of a Local Inquiry. A date for the inquiry is awaited.

Parsonage Farm Creation: Earlier this year Mrs Boswell opened up a permissive path on land adjacent to the road leading down to the road bridge and cycle track. Sadly, Mrs Boswell passed away soon after the path was opened. However, her family very much wishes to honour her wishes and have agreed that the path can be dedicated permanently. Rights of Way are about to make a Creation Order to achieve this.

St Martin's Down, Wroxall (paths around reservoir): Rights of Way will soon be making a number of public path orders in this area which will improve public access and tidy up a number of definitive map errors/anomalies.

Definitive Map Modification applications

NT46 Castlehaven (deletion of footpath): Appeal against IWC decision being processed by Planning Inspectorate. Decision awaited.

Pondwell to Salterns (footpath addition): partly resolved by voluntary dedication of half of the route. Other half under negotiation.

- **IW Bridleway Group**

The Bridleways Group will be making their own written representation in response to the PSPO regarding the horses on beach exclusion.

- **Cycle Wight www.cyclewight.org.uk**

The October Cycle Forum was attended by Chris Ashman from the Regeneration Team and Island Roads. Reports were made from Isle of Access, Visit Isle of Wight and Island Roads, topics included the St Marys junction improvements and the BHS & Cycling UK safety campaign "be nice say hi" (click [here](#) for a link for the guidance for the campaign). The next Cyclewight meeting will be 19th February 2019

St Marys Junction Improvement. Cyclewight had commissioned a Traffic Engineers report and had a meeting with Island Roads regarding this. Island Roads considered Cyclewights views but could only agree to minor improvements to the scheme as they said the terms of reference to the scheme prevented any major changes.

Sustainable Transport Grant of £5000 has been received, which will be matched funded, and this will allow a study of the Islands Footpath network to be undertaken. This along with technical support from People Powered which is a Community Interest Company will allow a survey to be undertaken to try and make more paths available for all uses. The paths will be ranked to find routes which are strategically important links for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

- **IW Ramblers**

Just before Christmas they anticipate installing their 200th Donate a Gate, they will invite the local press along to give this scheme some publicity.

Footpath Improvements have been completed along path B4 at Brading Marshes.

Way Marking improvements, volunteers will identify sites around the Islands Rights of Way network that cause confusion.

Volunteers will be undertaking maintenance working parties on Public Rights of Way.

- **IW 4X4**

None

- **Landowner**

The CLA is having a massive campaign regarding **fly tipping**. Visit www.cla.org.uk/fly-tipping# **ECP** – Many landowners have not yet been contacted by Natural England regarding the Coast Path due to them, being behind schedule.

Sheep Attacks - No witnesses have come forward from the public meaning no enforcement action can be taken.

6. **Any Other Business**

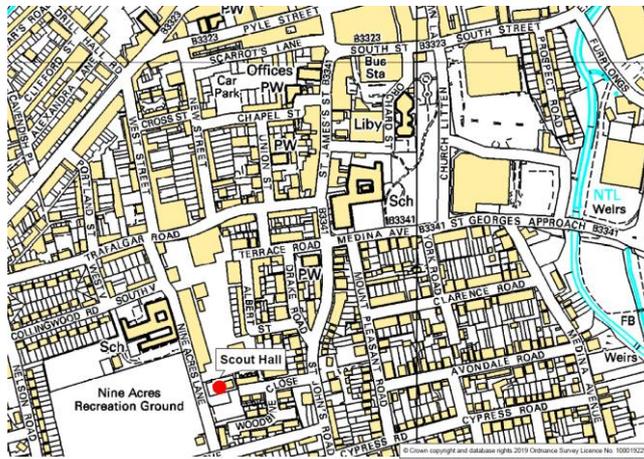
Question - **N120 Medina Greenway** - IW Festival Damage to walking / cycling path what is the IWC doing to try and stop any future festival damage? Works have been completed to reinstate the path, the IWC holds a bond (*a means of securing money, depending on the terms within the bond*) from the festival organisers, and currently the IWC is reviewing how they manage the route.

Cllr Hobart advised the group that there was a national consultation regarding the future of **National Parks & AONB** that will end on the 18th December 2018 - see link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-urged-to-have-their-say-on-national-parks-and-aonbs>

Jan Brooks informed the group that in 2019 **accessible cycling** will be available on the Island full time. There will be specially adapted bicycles which allow people who cannot ride a regular bike to try cycling or to use them as a mobility aid. visit www.isleaccess.co.uk

<p>2019 Meetings 4pm Thursdays @ The Wendes Hall (Newport Scout Hall), Woodbine Close, Newport, PO30 1AN 7th March 6th June 5th September 5th December</p>
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LAF list of regularly used abbreviations and words:

AONB = Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. IW AONB team can be contacted at Seaclose Offices, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2QS Telephone 01983 823855 or Email AONB@IOW.GOV.UK Website www.wightaonb.org.uk

Capital = the money which is allocated for network improvements over and above general maintenance and repairs.

CIL = Community Infrastructure Levy - this is a planning charge to enable Local Authorities to deliver infrastructure to support development in their areas (also see S106).

CMT = Contract Management Team. CMT's are teams within the IW Council who deal with a particular contractor i.e. the Highways CMT deal with Island Roads and the Waste CMT deal with Amey.

Definitive = a definitive right of way is one that is recorded in the legal record of such ways i.e. the Definitive Map. The Definitive Map records Public Footpaths, Public Bridleways and Byways Open to All Traffic (no Restricted Byways are currently recorded on the Isle of Wight).

EWLP = East Wight Landscape Partnership www.downtothecoast.co.uk

IR = Island Roads is the name for the IWC Highway's Contractor. They can be contacted at: St. Christopher House, 42 Daish Way, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5XJ or Telephone 01983 822440 or email info@islandroads.com Website: www.islandroads.com

IWC = Isle of Wight Council. Address: County Hall, High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD or Telephone 01983 821000 + add the extension when prompted if you know it or Email customer.services@iow.gov.uk or the specific service's email if you know it. Website www.iwight.com

Permissive = a permissive path is one that a landowner allows the public to use in a certain way (i.e. walking, cycling, horse-riding) but the route is dedicated to the public. It is not therefore recorded on the Definitive Map. The landowner can withdraw their permission for the public to use it at any time.

PROW = Public Rights of Way recorded on the Definitive Map. The IWC Rights of Way team can be contacted at County Hall or Telephone 01983 821000 X 8745 or email Rightsofway@iow.gov.uk Website www.iwight.com/Residents/Rights-of-Way/Public-Rights-of-Way/About

Revenue = the money which is allocated for general repair and maintenance, staff costs and normal reoccurring bills and running costs.

ROWIP = Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Every local authority must have a ROWIP. This document is reviewed every 10 years and it will explain how improvements will be made to the PROW network to provide a better experience for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, horse and carriage drivers, people with mobility problems and people using motorised vehicles. The original IWC ROWIP can be viewed on the Council website: www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/2782-D6-Rights-of-Way-Improvement-Plan.pdf

S106 = Section 106 is an agreement between a Local Authority and a developer in connection with a planning permission and generally provides for works to be undertaken or payments to be made to the Local Authority for specific purposes. S106 must be directly relevant to the proposed development.

Dog Fouling Order

**THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005
THE DOG CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES,
ETC) REGULATIONS 2006
THE FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS (ISLE OF WIGHT) ORDER 2007**

The Isle of Wight Council hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on **May 2 2008**
2. This Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 1.

Offence

3.

(1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless -

(a) He has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

(2) Nothing in this Article applies to a person who -

(c) Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

(d) Has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

(3) For the purposes of this Article -

(e) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;

(f) Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose or for the disposal of waste shall be sufficient removal from the land;

(g) Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

(h) Each of the following is a 'prescribed charity' -

(i) Dogs for the Disabled (Registered Charity No 700454);

(ii) Support Dogs (Registered Charity No 1088281);

(iii) Canine Partners for Independence (Registered Charity No 803680)

Penalty

4.

A person who is guilty of an offence under Article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Dated this ... day of 2007

THE COMMON SEAL of the ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Schedule 1

This order applies to all land within the administrative area of the Isle of Wight Council which is open to the air (including covered land which open to the air on at least one side) and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) but does not include Forestry Commission Land and land designated by the Secretary of State as land to which is not subject to the Order.

**The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations
2006 (S.I.2006/1059)
The Isle of Wight Council (Amendment) Order 2010**

The Isle of Wight Council hereby makes the following Order

1. This Order comes into force on 1st May 2010.
2. The Dogs Exclusion (Isle of Wight) Order 2008 is amended as follows:
 - a) Schedule 1 is replaced by the following new plans and descriptions.

Offence

3.

(1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if during the period specified in schedule 2 he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this order applies unless -

(a) He has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or

(b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority have control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so

(2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who -

(a) Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

(b) Is deaf (in respect of a dog trained by hearing dogs for deaf people (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or

(c) Has a disability which affects his mobility manual dexterity physical co-ordination or ability to lift carry or otherwise move every day objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance

(3) For the purpose of this article -

(a) A person who habitually had a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog; and

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4.

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Dated this ... day of 2010

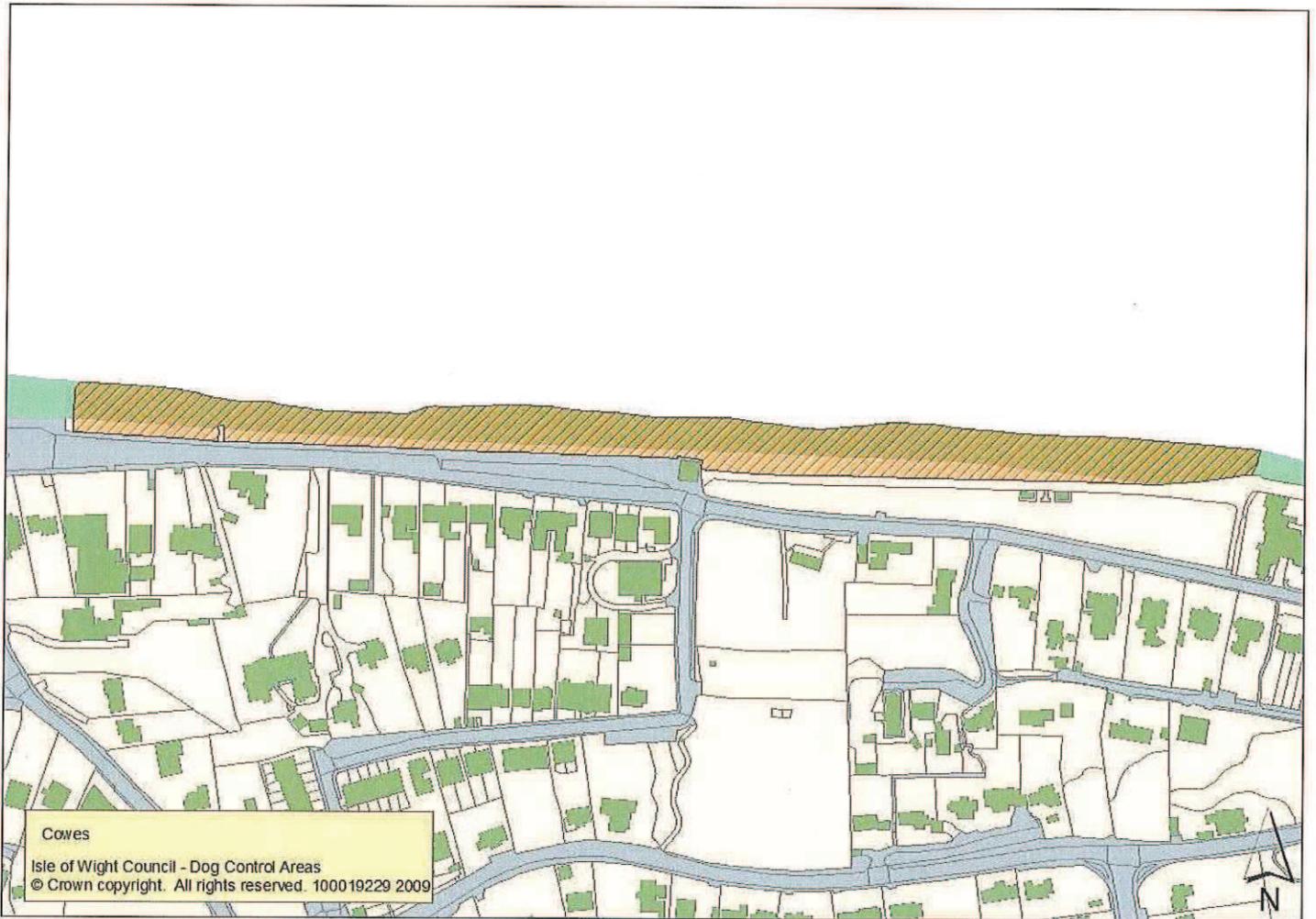
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SCHEDULE 1

Cowes

The beach from the public slipway at the bottom of Egypt Hill, eastwards to a point immediately north of the eastern edge of Princes Green, for the area from the promenade walk to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map A.

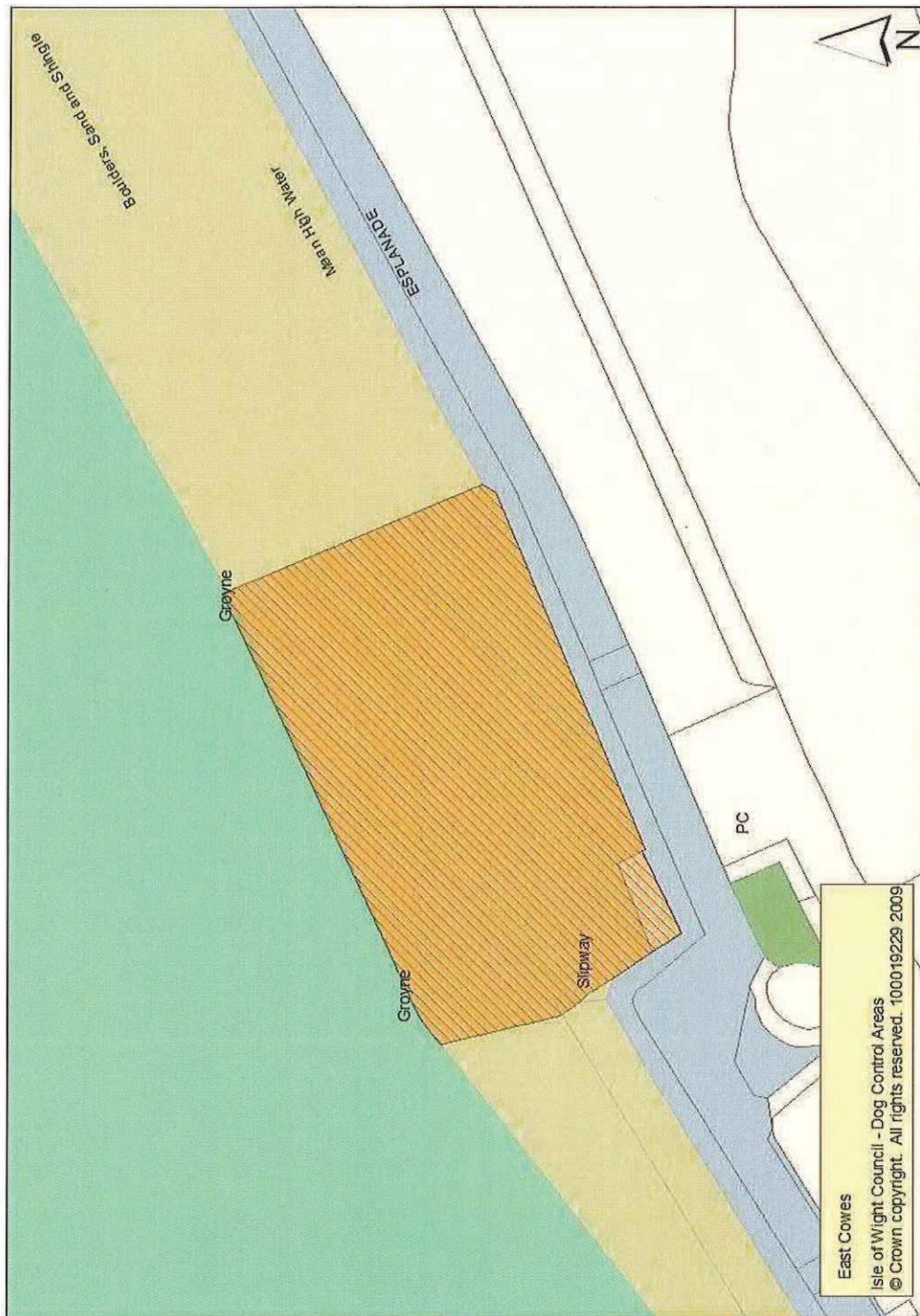
MAP A



East Cowes

The beach from slipway opposite the public conveniences on East Cowes Esplanade, up to the 1st set of steps past the public conveniences out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map B.

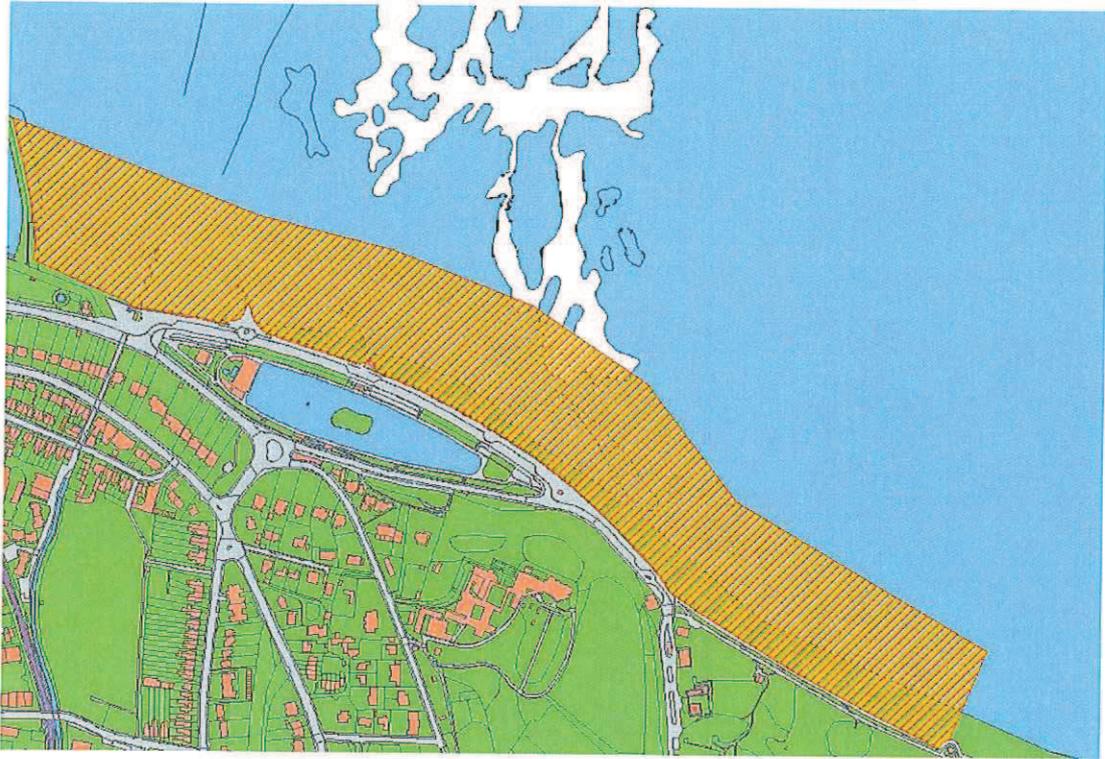
MAP B



Ryde

The beach from a point immediately east of the Ryde Harbour boundary wall eastwards to Appley Tower for a distance of 100 metres out from the sea wall.

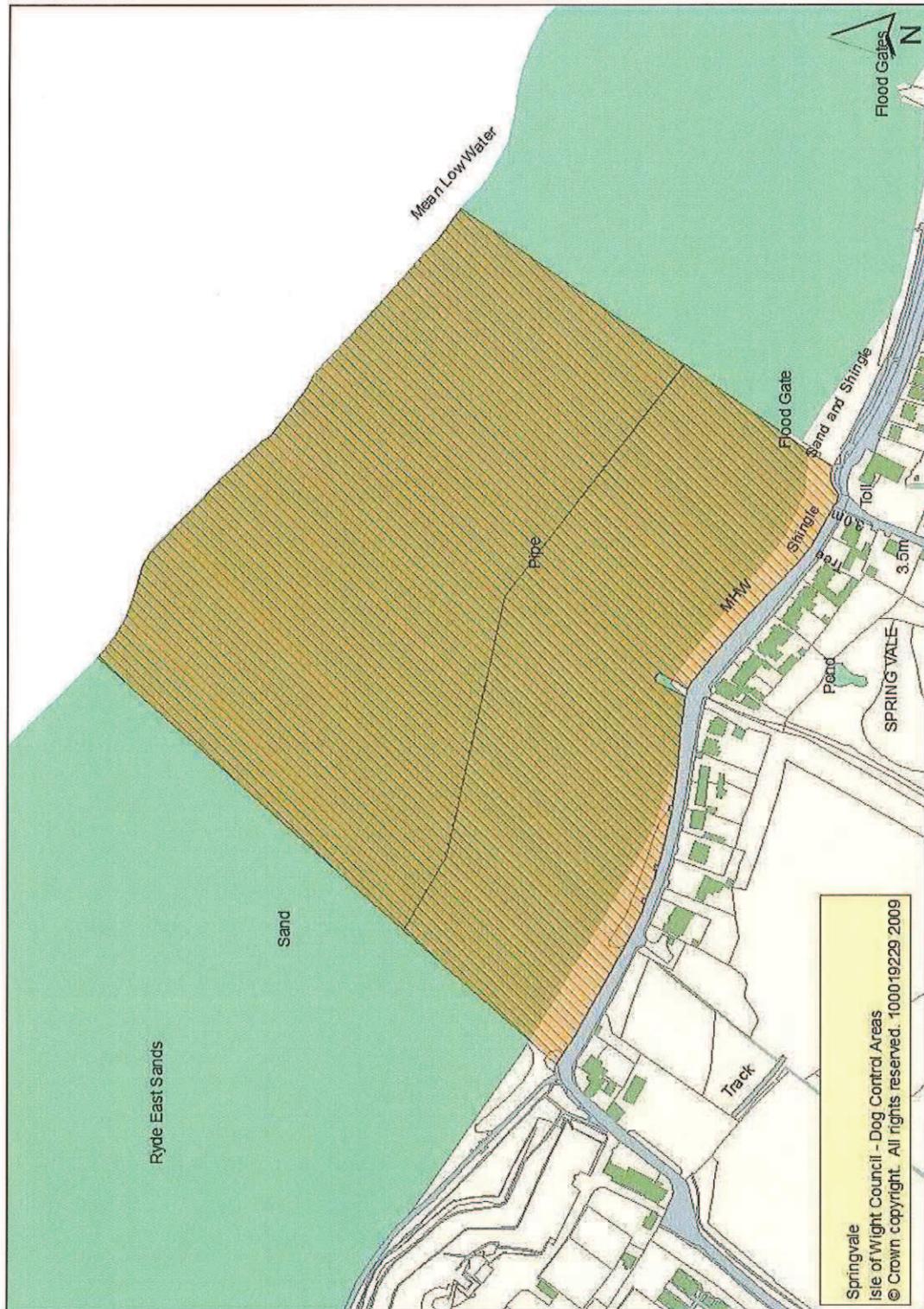
MAP C



Seaview / Springvale

The beach from the flood gate directly at the bottom of Puckpool Hill, at its junction with Springvale Road, eastwards to the flood gate opposite Oakhill Road, next to the Duver Road Tollgate, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map D.

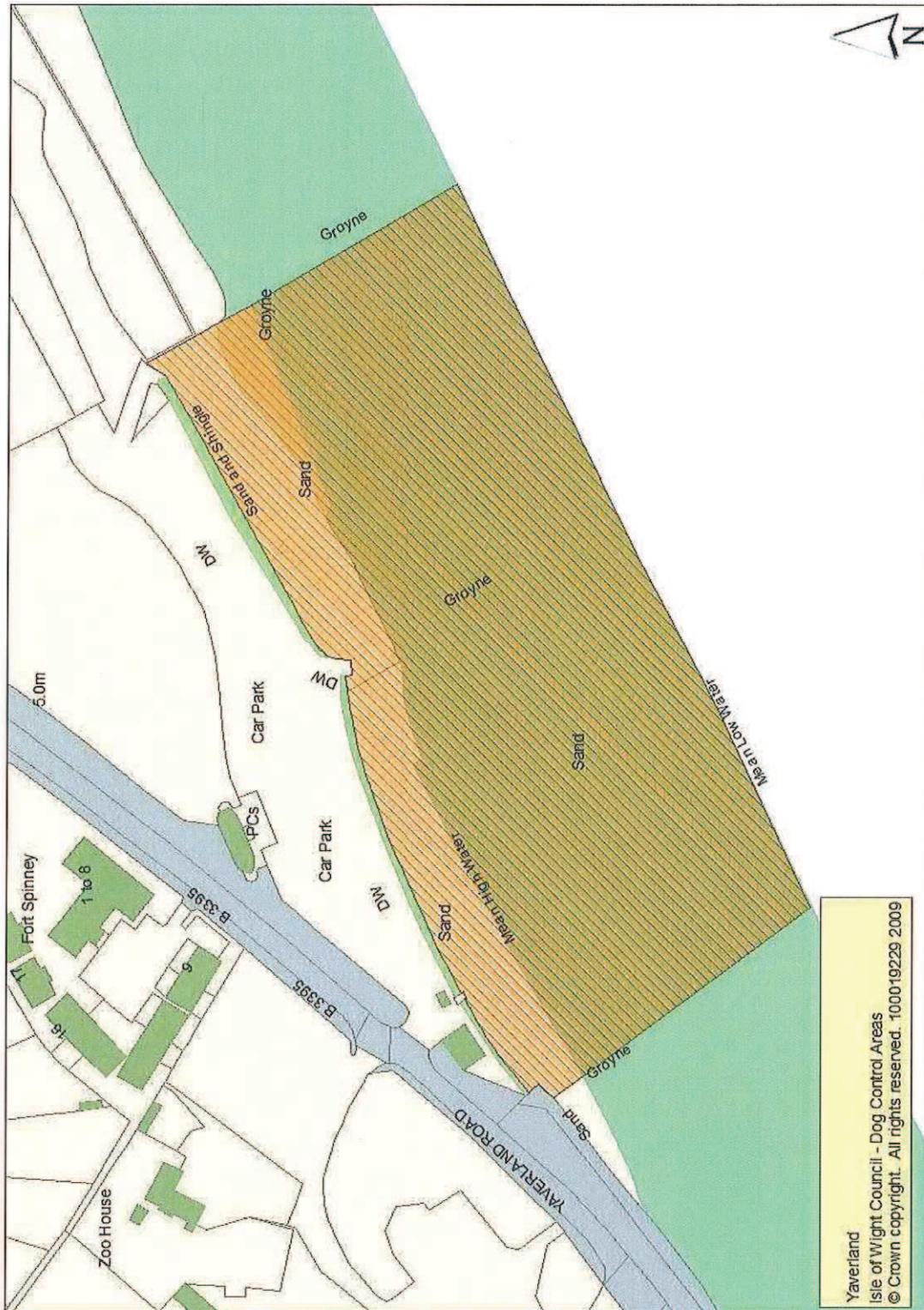
MAP D



Yaverland

The beach from the slipway at the far end of Yaverland car park, to a point approximately 225 meters to the western edge of the car park, adjacent to the steps and groyne just past the existing café, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map F.

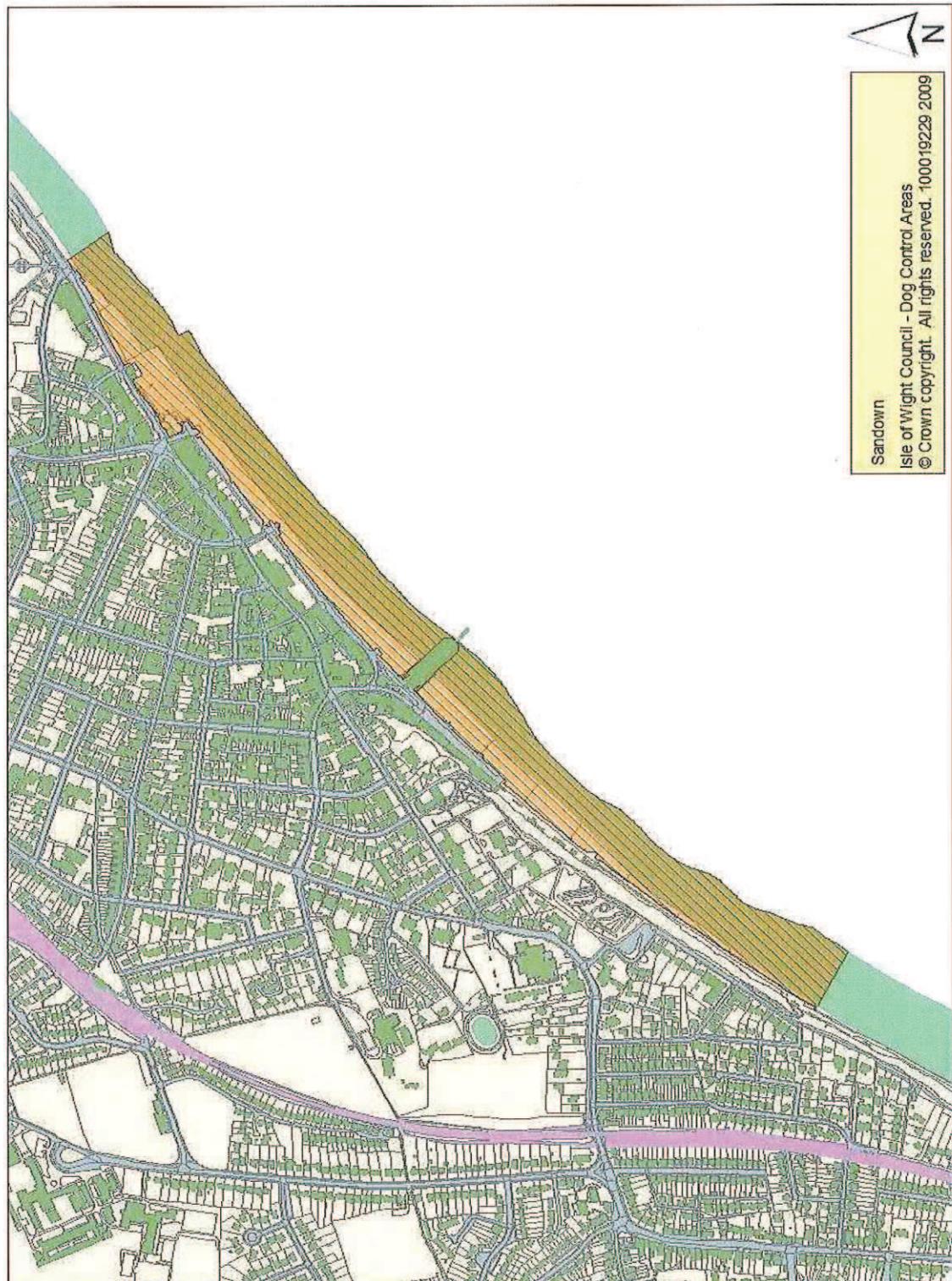
MAP F



Sandown

The beach southwards from the groyne opposite Fort Street and Sandham Grounds, for approximately 1634 metres (approx 1.01 miles) to the public conveniences adjacent to Lake Slipway, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map G.

MAP G



Shanklin

The beach from the Chine, Shanklin to the southern edge of the first groyne along the Sandown / Shanklin revetment, adjacent to the existing café, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map H.

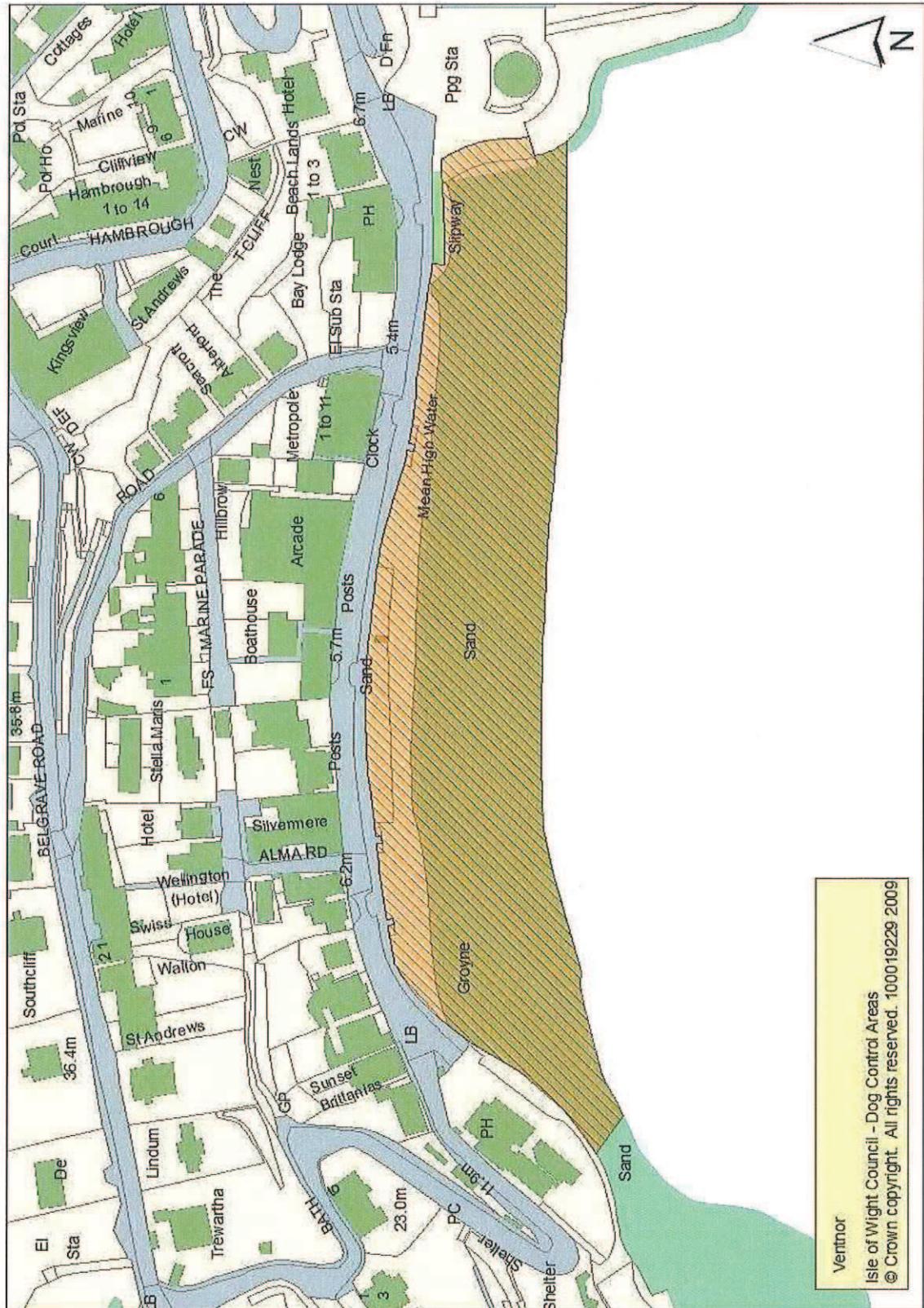
MAP H



Ventnor

The beach from the bandstand at the bottom of the Cascade, to the western edge of the Spy Glass Inn, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map I.

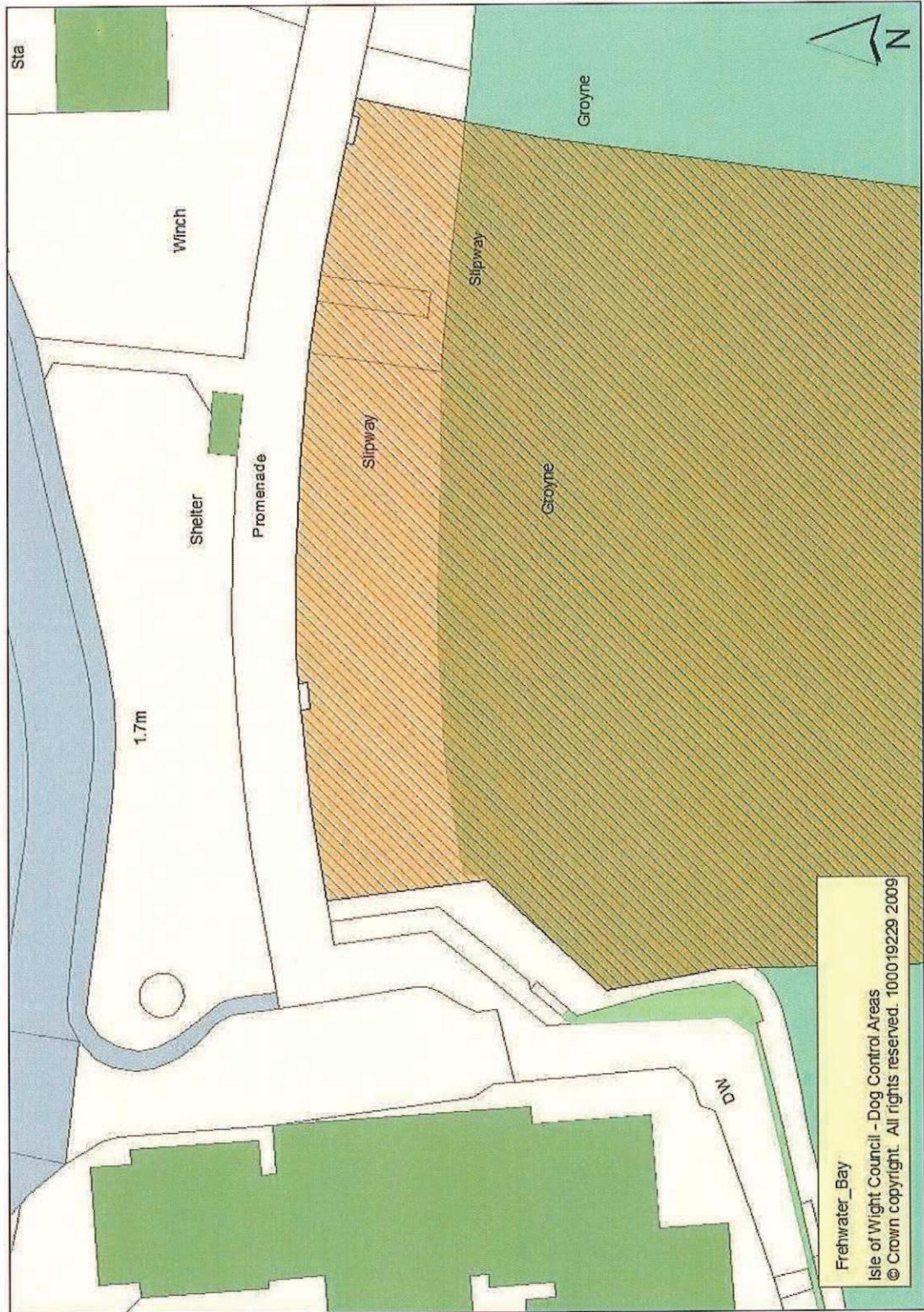
MAP I



Freshwater Bay

The beach from the wooden slipway along the promenade. To the steps in front of the Albion Hotel, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map J.

MAP J



Totland

The beach from the western edge of the pier, to the edge of the esplanade in line with the restaurant, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map K.

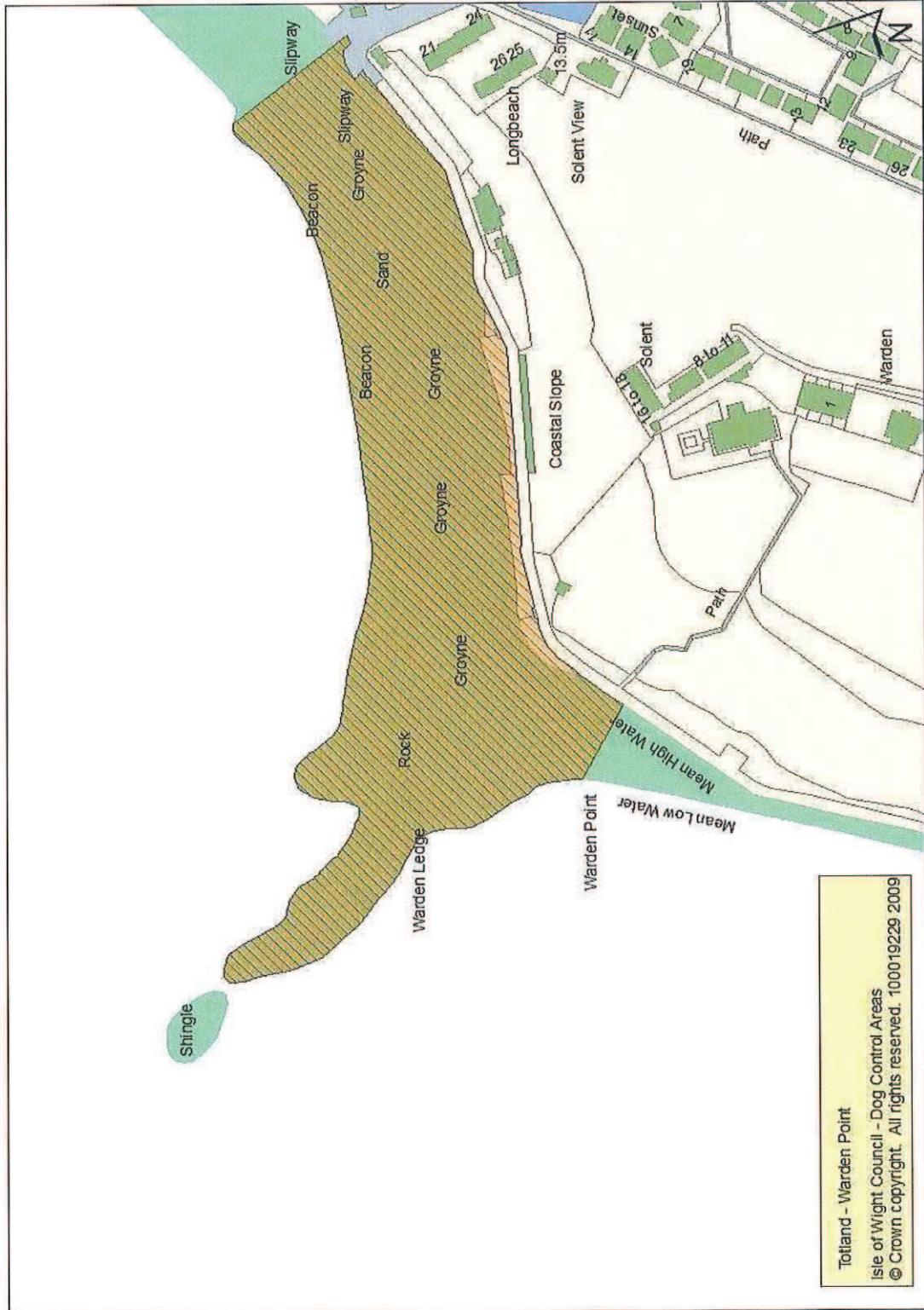
MAP K



Colwell

The beach from western edge of the slipway, to Warden Point, out to the mean low water mark as shown hatched on map L.

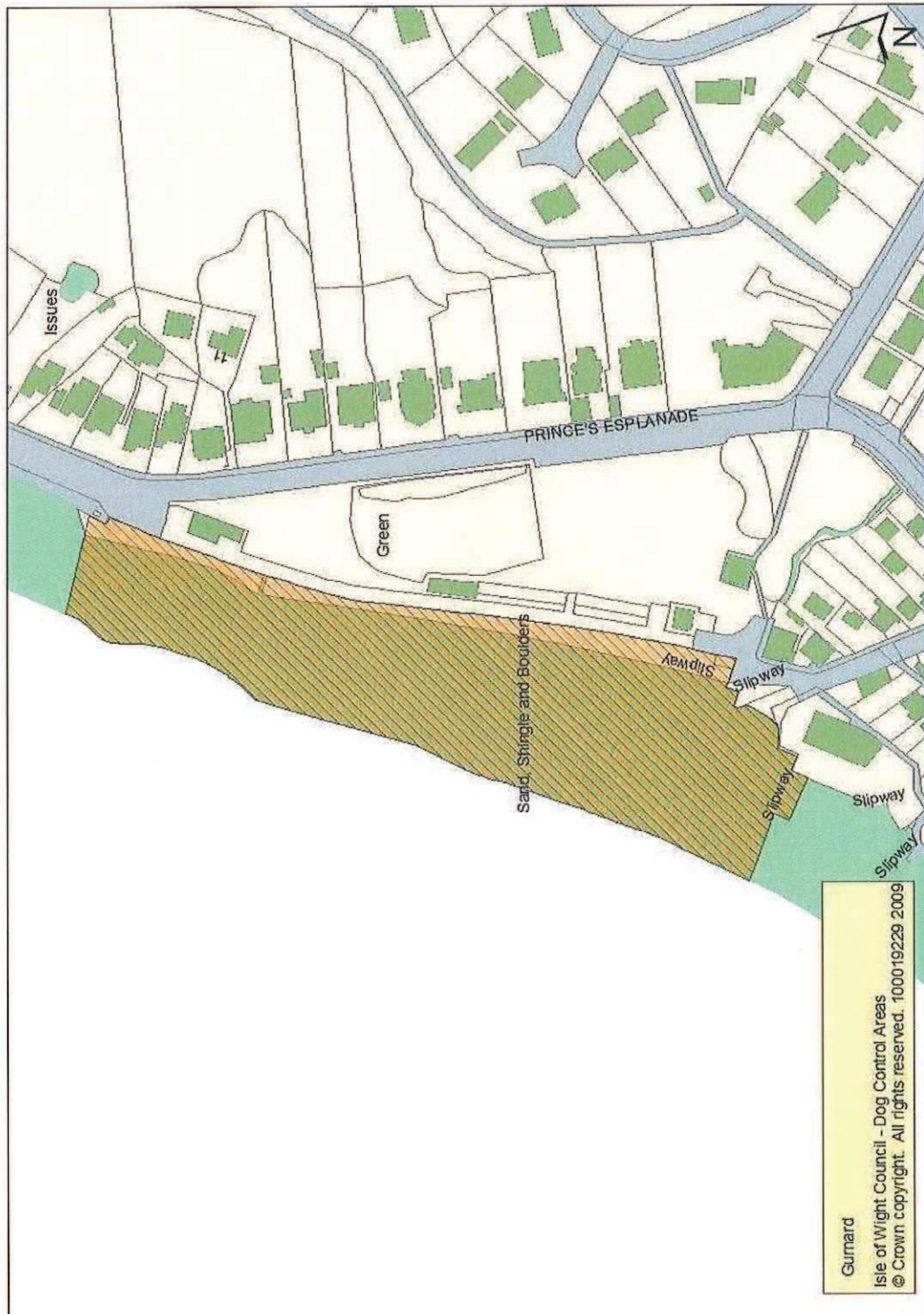
MAP L



Gurnard

The beach from the eastern edge of the public slipway at the junction of Shore Road, and the promenade walk eastwards for approximately 218 meters, to the western edge of the groyne adjacent to the Princes Esplanade Fountain / Faucet as shown hatched on map M.

MAP M



SCHEDULE 2

During the period of 1st May to 30th September

Dogs On Leads Order

**THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 THE DOG
CONTROL ORDERS (PRESCRIBED OFFENCES AND PENALTIES, ETC)
REGULATIONS 2006 (SI 2006/1059)
THE DOGS ON LEADS (ISLE OF WIGHT) ORDER 2007**

The Isle of Wight Council hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order shall come into force on **May 2 2008**
2. This Order applies to the land specified in Schedule 1.

Offence

3.

(1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead, unless -

(a) He has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

(2) For the purposes of this article a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

Penalty

4.

A person who is guilty of an offence under Article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Dated this ... day of 2007

THE COMMON SEAL of THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

SCHEDULE 1

This order applies to:

(i) Each and every length of road including adjacent pavements and verges, within the administrative area of the Isle of Wight Council

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October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

Isle of Wight Council Orders (which enable the authority to enforce against a range of antisocial and environmental crimes) are coming to an end, and the council will be replacing these with Public Space protection orders (PSPO) which have been introduced under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

A public space protection order (PSPO) can require or prohibit certain activities from taking place in certain places (restricted areas) in order to prevent or reduce any detrimental effect caused by those activities to local people. PSPOs are intended to:

- Tackle a wide range of behaviour similar to the "good rule and government" byelaws under the Local Government Act 1972 but with the option of a fixed penalty notice on breach (see PSPOs and byelaws: overlap) and more flexibility.
- Reduce bureaucracy by no longer requiring local authorities to produce information for reports for central government.
- Cut down on existing consultation requirements by only requiring local authorities to comply with "light-touch" consultation requirements in order to save costs.
- Allow local authorities to deal with both existing and future problems by using a single order to combat a variety of different issues.
- Replace designated public place orders, gating orders and dog control orders.

The activity restricted by an Order must be carried out in a public place, which is defined in the legislation as 'any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission'.

The council can only make a PSPO if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the following conditions have been met:

1. The activities carried out in the public place have or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality or it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place in that area and that they will have such an effect; and,

Cont ...

2. The effect of the activities are, or are likely, to be of a persistent or continuing nature, such as to make them unreasonable and justifying any restrictions or requirements imposed in the PSPO.

We shall be seeking to publicise the contents of the new Order formally during the spring, but we wanted to write to key stakeholders now with our initial proposals, so you can provide comments and further suggestions before we go out to formal consultation early next year. These proposals may be subject to change based on feedback received through the consultation process.

These Orders will replace our existing Dog Control and Designated Public Places Orders. Orders falling within the jurisdiction of the Environment officers' service will only be enforced in areas where the service has been commissioned.

I have attached to this letter our proposals for the new PSPO and would kindly ask for your comments by the **December 15th 2018**. Any suggestions to amendments within an order, or for the creation of a new order must be based on evidence of anti-social behaviour.

Should you require any further information prior to your feedback please contact me on the details above.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lee Matthews', written over a horizontal line.

Lee Matthews
Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces Manager

Public Spaces Protection Order Proposals

Cemeteries

To prohibit dogs from cemetery grounds (with a clause which allows specific authorisation for individuals to attend a grave with a dog and also for guide dogs).

NOTE: There are increasing concerns over irresponsible dog ownership surrounding complaints of dog fouling failing to be removed, the urinating on graves and dogs being exercised off the lead. This causes a great deal of upset. In addition, dog faeces creates health and safety risks for visitors and maintenance personnel alike, especially those tending to graves.

Beaches

There will be no change for most dog restrictions currently in place on beaches with the exclusion period remaining the same. Areas where changes are being proposed include;

Horse riding on beaches is not permitted between the hours of **10am and 6pm** all year round.

Ryde

To prohibit dogs from entering or remaining on the beach between Ryde Harbour boundary wall eastwards to Appley Tower between 1st May & 30th September out to the mean low water mark (dogs will be permitted eastwards of Appley Tower all year round).

This is to eliminate those who flout the current restrictions in place by continuously crossing the existing area. By introducing a clear dog ban between 1st May & 30th September this would enable Ryde to be eligible to apply for beach awards.

Seaview

To allow dogs on Seaview/Springvale beach all year round (due to the extension of the dog restriction area on Ryde beach).

Shanklin

To extend the current dog restriction area beyond the Chine to the farthest point of Shanklin beach.

This is due to pending Southern Water treatment works to improve the quality of the bathing water.

From the above change we would potentially consider allowing dogs onto another small section of Shanklin beach or only allow dogs on beaches between Shanklin and Sandown revetment.

St Helens

To prohibit dogs from entering or remaining on the beach at St Helens Duver between 1st May & 30th September.

This is due to the increasing concerns over irresponsible dog ownership surrounding complaints of dog fouling failing to be removed and dogs that are out of control.

Parks and Open Spaces

Dogs must be kept under effective control at all times; this means they must be kept on a lead; or kept within sight, remaining aware of its actions and reasonably confident that the dog will return reliably and promptly to them on command. Ensure the dog does not stray off the path or area where you have right of access.

To prohibit dogs from entering an enclosed fenced play park area.

To operate drones in accordance with the Civil Aviation Drone Code. (www.dronesafe.uk)

To prohibit a person having more than 4 dogs under their control within park and open space

Rights of Way

The dog must be kept on a lead when in the same enclosure as farm animals.

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Alcohol Control

The Order will enable the police to confiscate alcohol from people who may be causing anti-social behaviour in a public place, making it an offence not to surrender the alcohol when requested to do so by a police officer.

The proposed order will cover all public places on the Isle of Wight including beaches to the mean low water mark.

The purpose of the order is to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in a public place. An island wide order will ensure continuity throughout the island and prevent the displacement of this behaviour into an area not covered by an Order, which has become common over the past few years.

Areas currently covered by Designated Public Places Orders are Newport, East Cowes, Ryde, Lake, Sandown, Freshwater and Totland.

General

To include within a PSPO the following existing offences:

Dogs must be kept on a lead next to a highway carriageway.

Owners/dog walkers to clear up after their dog has fouled.

Failing to remove litter.

Defacing the public realm with graffiti or unauthorised advertising(fly posting).

Failing to comply with a waste receptacle notice (Domestic and Commercial).

Failure to produce the correct documentation for waste transfer.



LAF formal reply to the pre-consultation of Public Spaces Protection Order Proposals

This letter constitutes formal advice from the Isle of Wight Local Access Forum (LAF). The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

Following the LAF meeting held on the 6th December 2018, the forum felt that it was disappointing that the actions from a minority of public individuals coupled with the inability, for whatever reasons, of the IWC to provide staffing to provide enforcement officers leads to a “blanket” PSPO that in turn impacts on law abiding citizens.

The forum felt if the IWC looked at proper levels of staffing to provide a robust enforcement service it would not have to have come to this. But since it is not an aspiration of the IWC to undertake proactive enforcement our comments are as below.

Mark Earp
LAF Chairman
7th December 2018

Cemeteries

To prohibit dogs from cemetery grounds (with a clause which allows specific authorisation for individuals to attend a grave with a dog and also for guide dogs).

NOTE: There are increasing concerns over irresponsible dog ownership surrounding complaints of dog fouling failing to be removed, the urinating on graves and dogs being exercised off the lead. This causes a great deal of upset. In addition, dog faeces creates health and safety risks for visitors and maintenance personnel alike, especially those tending to graves.

LAF decision: Agrees in principle with the proposals. Amend word guide dog to “assistance dog”
Reason: Cemeteries should not be used as dog parks; the fouling of graves is not acceptable. As long as the condition of allowing specific named persons to visit with a dog, on a lead and in effective control, is handled sensibly, sympathetically and the process to obtain consent is not too onerous then this should be a reasonable compromise.

Beaches

Horse riding on beaches is not permitted between the hours of 10am and 6pm all year round.

LAF decision: Objects to the **all year round** condition. If “all year round” is altered to “**between 1st May to 30th September**” then the forum would accept this as a reasonable (although unsatisfactory compromise)

Reason: In winter it is too dark to ride after 6pm and before 10am, therefore the effect of the draft condition will be to stop all horse riding on all island beaches in the winter months.

The IWC is to be made aware of the following. Despite Island Roads assurances that the new road surfaces will become less slippery as the tarmac is driven over and worn in, a year on the situation is exactly the same. The road network is getting more and more unsafe for equestrians, and there needs to be alternative places to ride and exercise horses, and beach use is fundamentally important for this. In reality the equestrians would like the horse beach ban to be lifted at the end of August as the later you get into September the less opportunity there is of proper beach use due to the risk of getting cut off due to high tides. However, the equestrians realise that the dates 1st May to 30th September are already well known and respected and that IW tourism is trying to extend to the adult holiday market from August to September which may result in increased beach use. A seasonal restriction is the way forward to achieve all goals.

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This is due to the increasing concerns over irresponsible dog ownership surrounding complaints of dog fouling failing to be removed and dogs that are out of control.

LAF decision: Cautiously agrees with the proposals on the basis that a new enhanced Island wide signing scheme is undertaken to clearly show and delineate the restricted areas and to sign post dog owners as to where they can go.

Reason: There were no accompanying maps with the proposals therefore it was difficult to understand the impact of the above proposed changes. The IW is being marketed as a destination to bring your dog on holiday and this leads to an expectation that dogs can go on beaches. If dogs are kept under effective control by their owners then no problems would occur. However, the group realises that the IWC do not undertake any patrols or any enforcement, even in peak tourist season and this is leading onto blanket bans. The group also felt that in extremes of hot weather dogs should not be on beaches, for extended period of time for their own welfare. This point is not tackled in the PSPOs even though it is anti-social and distressing.

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LAF decision: Agree, review the 4 dog restriction once the PSPO has had time to run for a while

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LAF decision: Agree

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Areas currently covered by Designated Public Places Orders are Newport, East Cowes, Ryde, Lake, Sandown, Freshwater and Totland.

LAF decision: Cautiously agrees with the proposals, as long as it is only used in “anti-social” situations and not applied to adults simply enjoying an alcoholic drink in a public area. There is a worry that this restriction could be misused.

Reason: The forum agrees that there is no excuse for anti-social behaviour and that there needs to be the power to stop such alcohol fuelled actions. But social drinking in public places such as parks, beaches and open spaces is something which most of the population enjoy when done responsibly and there needs to be a common sense approach so these powers cannot be used simply to move a group on if they pose no threat or nuisance.

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