

## Isle of Wight Council

### Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan Final Decision Statement

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Following a positive result in the referendum held on September 7 2017, the Isle of Wight Council 'made' the Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Isle of Wight Council's development plan on 11 September 2017.
- 1.2 The referendum and 'making' of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan was preceded by a decision by the council's Cabinet to undertake a referendum and an independent Examination.
- 1.3 From 11 September a copy of the 'made' Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan, along with the Final Decision Statement may be viewed online at [www.iwight.com/gurnardndp](http://www.iwight.com/gurnardndp) or paper copies are available during advertised office hours at:

Seaclose Officers Reception, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2QS  
Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7SG

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 On 29 May 2012, Isle of Wight Council designated Gurnard as a neighbourhood area to enable Gurnard Parish Council, as the qualifying body, to bring forward a neighbourhood plan.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the proposed Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan (Gurnard NDP) to the council, the proposed plan was publicised and representations were invited. The consultation period ended on 27 February 2017.
- 2.3 The council, with the agreement of Gurnard Parish Council, appointed Ms Deborah McCann to undertake the independent examination into the proposed Gurnard NDP to determine whether it should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.4 The Examiner, in her report, concluded that subject to making the recommended modifications, the proposed Gurnard NDP meets the Basic Conditions and should proceed to a referendum.
- 2.5 The council's [Cabinet](#) agreed on 13 July 2017 that "the plan be made (brought into force) as soon as possible and form part of the statutory development plan if there is a positive referendum vote in favour of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan".

#### 3. Decision and Reasons

- 3.1 Following the Examination, a number of proposed modifications were made to the Gurnard NDP, to ensure that it met the basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is compatible with EU obligations and the Convention rights and complies with relevant provision made by or under Section 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended.

3.2 A referendum asking 'Do you want Isle of Wight Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Gurnard Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' was held in the parish of Gurnard on 7 September 2017.

3.3 The result of the referendum was:

Yes - 390 (88.43%)

No - 51 (11.56%)

3.4 The turnout was 28.23%.

3.5 Following the council's decision of 13 July and the positive outcome of the referendum, the Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan was 'made' on 11 September. Planning applications within the parish of Gurnard will now be determined against the Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Island Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.