

Isle of Man Strategic Plan Review Community Guide No.1

A guide to the plan process and first public consultation stage



Preliminary publicity for
a new strategic plan 2021 - 2041
Town and Country Planning Act 1999

An introduction to the strategic plan
preliminary publicity consultation process



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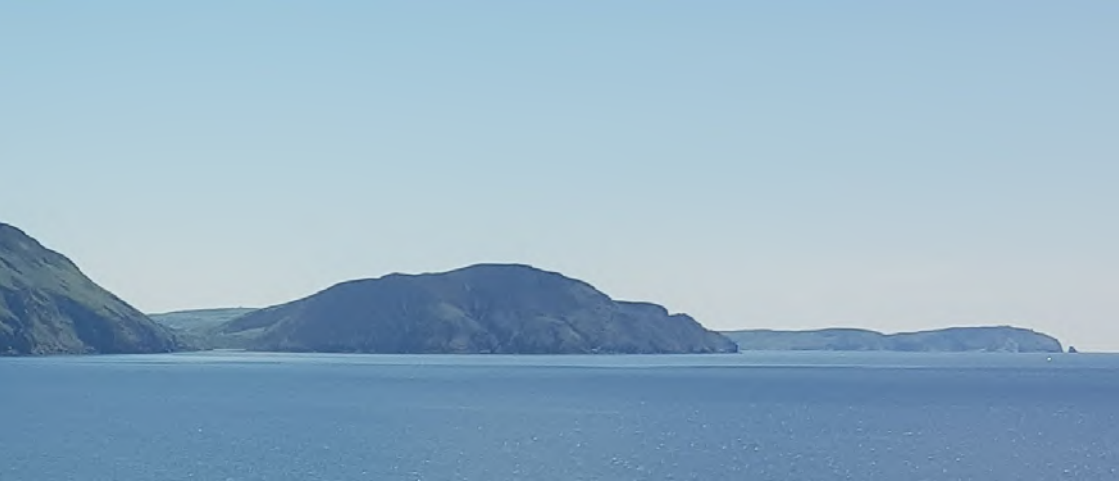


What is the Strategic Plan?

The Isle of Man Strategic Plan provides the overarching planning policy framework for the sustainable development of the Island. It guides land use to ensure development is well-located, well-designed and respectful of our environment. Its policies carry significant weight in day to day planning decisions and in shaping detailed ‘area plans’.

Why are we reviewing it?

Aside from a partial review in 2016 which focused on housing numbers, the current plan has remained largely unchanged since 2007. In light of our climate change commitments and the goals of *Our Island Plan*, the Cabinet Office is undertaking a full review. This builds on feedback from the 2023 consultation to create a forward-looking, sustainable development plan.



Preliminary publicity relaunch: shaping the Island's future

This is the first formal stage in preparing a development plan. It informs the public about the process, outlines the key issues and invites feedback.

In support of the consultation, Cabinet Office has published a series of evidence papers setting out issues and options on a number of topics which the strategic plan will address.

How to get involved

You can make representations via the consultation hub at ***consult.gov.im***

Paper response forms are available at ***gov.im/strategicplan*** and can be returned to:

Planning Policy, Cabinet Office

3rd Floor, Government Office,
Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3PN
or by email to ***strategicplan@gov.im***

Please visit ***gov.im/strategicplan*** or scan the QR code on the back of this leaflet to view the evidence papers and find out more.



What evidence papers are being published?



Paper 1 - Main explanatory document: Provides an overview of what the strategic plan review seeks to achieve taking into consideration the feedback received during the 2023 consultation.



Paper 2 - The pattern and distribution of development: Explores future options for growth and where development might be focused in future, including broad housing and employment land need figures.



Paper 3 - Urban communities and centres: Sets out how a reviewed strategic plan would support urban centres by encouraging regeneration, high-quality design and the development of vibrant, resilient town centres.



Paper 4 - Rural communities and the countryside: Provides an overview of what the strategic plan review seeks to achieve, looking at pressures, opportunities and rural exceptions.



Paper 5 - Our climate responsibilities - embedding the Climate Change Act into development planning: Sets out possible methodologies and approaches for the Island to best achieve its climate goals set in a Manx context.



What's new since the 2023 consultation?

All representations to the 2023 consultation were reviewed, helping to shape a refreshed approach to the new strategic plan.

There is now a stronger evidence base including new, comprehensive evidence on:

- Landscape Character
- Housing and Employment Land Need
- Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage Systems

The above papers as well as other documents now provide a stronger foundation for policy development.

Planning for the Island's future

The strategic plan will guide how the Island evolves - balancing the need for change with the protection of our most valued assets. The goal is to enable sustainable development that benefits the Island and its communities for the long term.



Launch of the preliminary publicity (2023)



Stakeholder engagement



Relaunch of the preliminary publicity (2025)



Updated consultation papers



Get involved - ways to have your say

Drop-in sessions

Details of any in-person drop-in events will be announced in due course. These sessions will offer an opportunity to speak directly with the Planning Policy team and ask questions about the plan.

Visit us

You are always welcome to visit us at: Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas. To ensure we can give you the time and attention you need, please contact us to arrange a convenient time to chat with a member of our team.

Your voice matters

We encourage everyone to participate and share their views. Your input is vital in shaping a secure, vibrant, and sustainable future for the Isle of Man.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit:

gov.im/strategicplan





Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a development plan procedure?

The strategic plan is being prepared in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999.

What happens after the consultation closes?

Following the preliminary publicity consultation, Cabinet Office will carefully consider all feedback received and prepare a draft plan.

The preferred approach is for the plan to run to 2041 - does this mean it will expire then?

The end of the plan period does not mean that the lifetime of the plan, or the relevance of its policies will come to an end in 2041. Once approved by Tynwald, the new strategic plan will remain in force until it is replaced.

When will a new draft strategic plan be published?

The aim is to publish a draft plan (for consultation) within 12 months of the end of the preliminary publicity stage.



There are several ways to provide your comments on the preliminary publicity stage of the strategic plan review. You may scan the QR code on this page or submit your comments online at consult.gov.im.

You can also contact us by telephone at 686758 or by emailing strategicplan@gov.im to request a paper form. Completed paper forms can be returned via email or by post to:

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