

Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan Annual Report 2017 summary

The Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP) came into force on 28th July 2014 and forms an integral part of the Isle of Wight Council's Development Plan for the purposes of guiding and determining planning applications in the Bembridge Parish.

The Bembridge Village Partnership has commissioned the third Annual Report as part of the monitoring process of the BNDP.

In the 12 months since the last review, Bembridge Parish Council (BPC) has considered 52 planning applications and cited BNDP policies in 94% of its recommendations compared to 95% last year. The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) has determined 48 of these applications and cited BNDP policies in 81% of cases compared to 91% last year. These figures indicate that whilst the BPC is maintaining high usage of the policies, the IWC's use has fallen by 10% over the year.

The BNDP contains 30 policies of which 20 have been actively used over the past year. A small core of policies (four in total) have seen most use and these relate to design and the environment. There is still an under-use of certain policies.

Over the current review period, 46 (96%) of the determined planning applications have been granted approval by IWC, two of which were contrary to the recommendation of BPC. Only two (4%) of the applications have been refused planning permission, both contrary to the recommendation of the BPC.

The review reveals that 27 (52%) of the planning applications in Bembridge relate to householder schemes. Only four planning permissions for housing development have been granted, resulting in a net increase of 3 new houses.

A copy of the full annual report is available for inspection at the Bembridge Parish Council office or may be viewed on the Parish Council website.