

Bembridge Neighbourhood Development Plan Annual Report 2019 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 fifth 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 58 planning applications and cited BNDP policies in 93% of its recommendations compared to 95% last year. The Isle of Wight Council (IWC) has determined 50 of these applications and cited BNDP policies in 98% of cases compared to 88% last year.

The BNDP contains 30 policies of which a small core of policies (three in total) continue to see the most use. These relate to design and the environment. Overall, there continues to be an under-use of the whole range of policies.

Over the current review period, 47 planning applications have been granted approval by IWC. This was contrary to the BPC's recommendation in 5 cases. The IWC has refused 3 planning applications, one of which was contrary to the BPC who recommended approval.

The review reveals that 28 (49%) of the planning applications in Bembridge relate to householder schemes, 14 (24%) relate to planning applications for residential development which has yielded a total of 9 dwellings of which 6 are replacements for existing dwellings thus resulting in a net increase of just 3 new dwellings.

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.