In response to the findings of the 2011 Census, the Department of Infrastructure is preparing to review the Isle of Man Strategic Plan – Towards a Sustainable Island, 2007. The procedure for undertaking such a review is set out in Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999. The matters with which the Department intends to deal relate only to the broad housing figures set out in the Plan and any related strategic highway network matters (road links and junctions). The need for this Review was anticipated in Chapter 13 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan, 2007, ‘Implementation, Monitoring and Review’, which highlighted the need for a timely roll forward of the Plan following consideration of the implications presented by the 2011 Census. By undertaking a partial review in this way, the Isle of Man Strategic Plan will be updated and the remaining Area Plans will be able to be commenced sooner, starting with the Area Plan for the East.

The Policies set out below are to be reviewed:

1. Strategic Policy 11
2. Housing Policy 1; and
3. Housing Policy 3

As a consequence of reviewing the above, the following paragraphs and tables will need to form part of the Review:

4. Foreword (in its entirety)
5. Preface (in its entirety)
6. Introduction – Paragraph 1.8.1
7. Chapter 5 ‘Island Spatial Policy’ - Paragraphs 5.18 to 5.22
8. Chapter 8 ‘Housing’ – Table 8.1, Table 8.2 and Table 8.3 and Paragraphs 8.1.3 to 8.1.5, 8.4.1 to 8.4.9, 8.5.3 and 8.5.4 (last paragraph in Section 8.5 only)
10. Chapter 13 ‘Implementation, Monitoring and Review’ - Paragraphs 13.1 to 13.4
11. Appendix 8 in its entirety

The above policies, paragraphs and tables form the matters which are to be dealt with in the review of the Strategic Plan and are highlighted in a consultation document entitled “The Isle of Man Strategic Plan – Towards a Sustainable Island - Review 2013.” No other part of the existing Strategic Plan is proposed to be opened for review and the intention is that it will remain unchanged.

The Department now asks for representations on these matters. The consultation document can be viewed/downloaded from the Isle of Man Government website at http://www.gov.im/categories/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/strategic-plan/ and is available for viewing at the Planning and Building Control Office at Murray House. All responses must be submitted using a Response Form. This can be accessed and completed online via the website above and for those without internet access hard copies can be obtained from the Planning Office. Responses to the consultation can be posted to the address below. All representations will be made available for public viewing and must be submitted by 5pm on 31st January 2014. The Department will consider all of the representations before preparing a Draft Plan and embarking on the remaining stages in plan preparation as set out in Schedule 1 of the 1999 Act: publication of a Draft Plan, undertaking of a Public Inquiry, publication of the inquiry report of an appointed person, adoption of the Plan by the Department and Tynwald approval sought prior to publication.

The existing 2007 adopted and approved Strategic Plan remains operational.

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