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**Resident queries**

I have been dealing with queries about road safety and maintenance of street furniture.

**Island Planning Strategy**

A series of proposed changes to the Island Planning Strategy were agreed at a meeting of Full Council paving the way for a fresh round of public consultation.

The Island Planning Strategy will guide how land on the Island is used and developed in the years ahead.

Covering housing, employment, infrastructure and environmental protection, it will shape planning decisions once adopted.

The changes are in response to concerns raised by Planning Inspectors earlier this year.

Residents will have their chance to comment when a six-week consultation opens on Monday 1 December, running until Monday 12 January 2026.

**There are no proposed changes to the Chale settlement boundaries.**

[Draft Island Planning Strategy](#)

**LGR consultation**

The government's public consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) has now been launched. The consultation invites residents to share their views on four proposals currently under consideration for restructuring local government across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The consultation will feature a few short questions which will allow residents to express their views until 11 January 2026.

Further information on [Local Government Reorganisation](#) can be found by visiting the council website; residents will also find a link to the consultation on this page.

The consultation will be on four proposals brought forth from councils in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

**All options leave IW as a unitary authority with no change to the council structure.**

**Tree Wardens**

Alongside Cllr Gosling, I attended a training session at the IW Steam Railway for parish and town tree wardens. Thank you to Cllr Gosling for taking on this role for the Chale area.

It was very informative and a great resource for local tree knowledge. It can be a shared role between several volunteers.

Further information can be found at: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/tree-wardens/>