The National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) is the first, definitive, national address list that provides unique identification of properties and conforms to the British Standard, BS7666. It allows organisations across the public and private sector to link their data to the same high-quality source of references that define locations and addresses.

Please visit the link provided for the NLPG:

http://www.nlpg.org.uk/nlpg/link.htm?id=10002

The BS7666 standard wants us to identify, for individual addresses:

- the Primary Addressable Object Name (PAON)
- the Secondary Addressable Object Name (SAON)
- the business name (if any)
- the street descriptor
- the locality
- the town
- the county
- the postcode
- the Posttown
- the alias street descriptor if any
- the alias locality name if any
- the alias town name if any*
- the alias county name if any*

Items marked* will NOT normally be used by the Isle of Wight Council.

Primary Addressable Object Names (PAON) will usually be a building or house number or name, but can be a range of numbers.

Secondary Addressable Object Names (SAON) should be used to identify Flats and addresses within buildings (for example shops in a building)

Business Names are not part of the BS7666 standard but are useful to fully identify premises and so should be included where appropriate.

Street descriptors should be street names or Department of Transport road numbers taken from the National Street Gazetteer. If in any doubt regarding the correct street for an address please contact the Gazetteer Team.

Localities are optional, as are Towns

The county will always be 'Isle of Wight'

Postcodes/Posttowns are NOT optional. The first four characters of the postcode are determined by the Posttown and are one of:

Newport Cowes	PO30 PO31
East Cowes	PO32
Ryde	PO33
Seaview	PO34
Bembridge	PO35
Sandown	PO36
Shanklin	PO37
Ventnor	PO38
Totland	PO39
Freshwater	PO40
Yarmouth	PO41

The last three characters of the postcode should be supplied if known.

The alias street descriptor can be used for alternative 'local' names for streets or parts of streets. Alias locality names can also be used for alternative or customary local names for localities.