

8 Conclusions and Next Steps

8.1 Summary

8.1.1 This SEA Environmental Report presents an assessment of the Isle of Wight Highways PFI proposals submitted by Vinci Ringway. The assessment found that the majority of services to be delivered under the Highways PFI are not expected to lead to strategically significant environmental effects. However, a variety of positive and negative effects are predicted as a result of Vinci Ringway's preferred Capital Scheme solutions for the following red risk sites:

- ▶ Duver Road, St Helens;
- ▶ Lower Road, Adgestone;
- ▶ Newport Road, Upper Ventnor 'Graben';
- ▶ Undercliff Drive – all four sites;
- ▶ Military Road – both Brook Chine and Shippards Chine; and
- ▶ Bouldnor Road, Yarmouth.

8.1.2 A range of negative cumulative effects are expected on historic environment assets, landscape character, biodiversity, flora and fauna. Conversely, benefits are anticipated for poverty, social exclusion, community health, well-being and safety. Recommendations are proposed to help avoid or reduce negative effects, together with measures for monitoring post-construction impacts.

8.2 Consultation

8.2.1 The Environmental Report is being made available for consultation for a period of four weeks, from 6 March 2013, and can be viewed at:

<http://www.iwight.com/highways-pfi/consultation.asp>

8.2.2 Alternatively hard copies can be viewed at:

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8.2.3 Responses to this consultation exercise should be sent to jonathan.murphy@iow.gov.uk or to the following address:

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- 8.3.2 As the regulations outline, the statement should contain the following information:
- ▶ The reasons for choosing the preferred solutions for the Highways PFI in the light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with;
 - ▶ How environmental considerations are integrated into the Highways PFI;
 - ▶ How consultation responses were taken into account; and
 - ▶ Measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the Highways PFI.
- 8.3.3 To meet these requirements, an SEA Statement will be published later in 2013.

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