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## Representing your views

The group has continued to promote cycling as and when required. The Island Plan that appeared at the beginning of the year invited individuals and groups us to comment on the future of the Island. Some of the headings of the Plan were; Housing, Employment, Renewables, Recyclables, Sustainable Development and Tourism. The group commented on transport. It was disappointing to note that there appeared to be a tacit acceptance in the plan that traffic would continue to increase. We made this point along with several others. Amongst our submissions we suggested that there should be more developments that did not require space for cars but should be easily accessed by the cyclist, pedestrian and users of public transport. We also commented that there should be more incentives for people to leave their car at home. With the idea of Eco Island being promoted this should be part of the way forward.

We have also made a submission to the planning committee on the Blackhouse Quay development. This, as some of you may know, has been quite a controversial proposal. This area forms an intrinsic part of the Newport to Cowes route. There was a cycle path as part of the plan but it did appear to us, not to be as well thought out, as we would have hoped.

It is important to remember in this type of campaigning that CycleWight represent cyclists but we are just one voice. It is always good for individuals to comment too as often the number of submissions made, as well as the issues raised, forms part of the final judgment. It is essential that if you see a planning application or some other consultation document that you think the group should be aware of that you let a committee member know. It must not be forgotten that there were 15 objections to the Newport to Sandown cycle track!

## Barbecue and Picnic

**“Saturday 21 June, Come and celebrate Bike Week with a ride out to the Bike Shed, Merstone. Enjoy a flat ride along the Cowes to Sandown bike track, ending up with the opportunity to meet other cyclists and have some food too. Bring your own picnic if you prefer. Start from: 1.45 pm Cowes end of cycle track. 2.00 pm Sandown, Perowne Way 2.30 pm Newport, Shide Road (opposite Barley Mow)**



**Donation towards cost of food. Please contact us if possible to help with catering.”**

This simple advert was given out 150 times during the Big Green Picnic held at County Hall. The flyers were only given to people who approached our stall. The response was truly amazing. It would be fantastic if just 20% of these people and their families turned up. It would be even better if all of our 100 members did. You could dispense your enthusiasm for cycling to the people who turn up on the day. Please make every effort to support your group. See you there.