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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE HEARING SESSION

Page number	PO Ref Number	Policy/ para/ figure reference	Suggested change/ action	Council response (agree/ disagree/ alternative)
	MA12.1	SP9	Review final text to be consistent with any changes to DM14 (see MA12.3 below).	No change required as a result of amendment to DM14
	MA12.2	DM13	Review exact terminology of policy to be tailored around any shortfall in the light of a review of SD55.	Agree. Refer to Session 12 Matters Arising Changes.
	MA12.3	DM14	Review policy as per examination statement.	Agree. Refer to Session 12 Matters Arising Changes.
SD55 (Leisure	MA12.4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply justification for 88.34 ha provision against FIT Standards for Play Spaces and Outdoor Sport. 	Refer to note attached at appendix 1.

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Background Paper)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether Parc Nant-Y-Waun or parts of it fall or other major amenity spaces fall within the relevant FiT Standards for Play Spaces and Outdoor Sport categories. • Subsequently review figure of 83.31 ha deficiency in Table 7 to determine if there is a shortfall of Play Spaces and Outdoor Sport. 	
	MA12.5	ENV5	Clarify that projected shortfall is based on 2009 figures.	Agree. Refer to Session 12 Matters Arising Changes.

Session 12: Matters Arising Changes

PO Ref No.	Policy / paragraph.	Amendment
MA12.2	DM13	Amend Policy DM13 as follows: DM13 Provision of Open Space, Recreation and Leisure Outdoor Sport and Play Facilities Where there is a quantitative or qualitative deficiency in open space, recreation and outdoor sport and play leisure facilities, provision will be sought in conjunction with all new residential developments of 10 or more units, based on a minimum of 2.4 hectares of recreational open space per 1000 projected population.
MA12.2	Paragraphs 7.74 & 7.75	Amend paragraphs 7.74 and 7.75 as follows: This Policy is aimed at securing the provision of recreational open space and other appropriate recreation and leisure outdoor sport and play facilities in conjunction with all new residential developments of 10 or more units where the development would result in a level of demand that exceeds local capacity. This Policy will help enhance the existing network of green spaces and provide increased opportunities for healthy recreation and leisure activities. A recent assessment of open space provision highlights a deficiency of outdoor sports and play space across Blaenau Gwent. Further information is available in the Leisure Background Paper. Obtaining recreational open space and appropriate leisure outdoor sport and play facilities through the development process is provided for in national planning policy. It explains that Local Planning Authorities may be justified in seeking Planning Obligations to contribute to the maintenance of safe and attractive facilities and open space, and to meet the needs of new communities.
MA12.3	DM14	Amend Policy DM14 as follows: Development proposals which affect existing Open Space will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:- a. The site has no significant amenity, nature conservation or recreational value and; ab. There is a surplus of such facilities in the locality, or: bc. The loss can be replaced with an equivalent or greater provision in the immediate locality; or ed. The development enhances an existing facility.
MA12.3	Paragraph 7.80	Add the following sentence at the end paragraph 7.80 as follows: Development of open space will be permitted where it is an appropriate use, which relates to the function of the space and improves the facility.
MA12.5	ENV5	Amend paragraph 8.78 as follows:

		Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council currently manages seven cemeteries. The Council has undertaken a review of the current Cemeteries capacity within Blaenau Gwent. The 2009 review identifies that extensions to the existing cemeteries are required at three of the seven sites. The Plan allocates land for these extensions.
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Appendix 1

Supply justification for 88.34ha's provision against FIT Standards for Play Spaces and Outdoor Sport.

The FIT standards apply to outdoor sport, formal and informal playing space and playing fields. The standards for which are shown in Table 4 of the Leisure Back Ground Statement: The tables below set out the provision of each category within the Wards of the County Borough.

Ward: Cwmtillery			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa27	Roseheyworth	Play Area	0.02
Pa28	Upper Areal View	Play Area	0.01
Pa29	Abertillery Park	Play Area	0.09
Pa30	Jim Owen Field	Play Area	0.02
Ws04	Roseheyworth	Wheel Sports	0.06
PA31	Woodland Field	Play Area	0.05
Bc05	Jim Owen Field	Ball Court	0.05
Total Ha:			0.30
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
36	Blaenau Gwent Rows		0.24
37	Blaenau Gwent Rows		0.11
38	Blaenau Gwent Rows		0.18
40	Valley View Road		1.12
Total Ha:			1.65
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF09	Roseheyworth		1.81
PF10	Abertillery Park		2.68
PF11	Abertillery Comprehensive and School		0.58
PF12	Woodland Playing Field		0.87
PF13 (a)	Jim Owen Field		0.82
PF13 (b)	Abertillery School	Astro Turf	1.34
Total Ha:			8.10
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Abertillery Park	Bowling Green	0.17
	Abertillery Park	Tennis Court	0.26

Total Ha:	0.43
Ward Total	10.48

Ward: Abertillery			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa32	Gelli Grug	Play Area	0.10
Bc06	Gelli Grug	Ball Court	0.06
Pa33	Vivian Street	Play Area	0.02
Ws05	Abertillery	Wheeled Sports	0.13
Total Ha:			0.31
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
75	Clarence Street		0.65
Total Ha:			0.65
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha:			0
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha:			0
Ward Total			0.96

Ward: Six Bells

Formal Play Space

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa34	Warm Turn	Play Area	0.05
Pa35	Six Bells Park	Play Area	0.06
Bc07	Six Bells Park	Ball Court	0.06
Total Ha:			0.17

Informal Play Space

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha:			0

Playing Fields

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF15	Cwmnantygroes		0.70
Total Ha:			0.70

Outdoor Sport

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Six Bells Park	Bowling Green	0.15
	Six Bells Park	Tennis Court	0.10
Total Ha:			0.25

Ward Total		1.12
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Ward: Llanhilleth			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa36	Woodland Terrace	Play Area	0.03
Pa37	Llanhilleth Park (top)	Play Area	0.03
Pa38	Llanhilleth Park (bottom)	Play Area	0.07
Pa39	Oxford Place	Play Area	0.04
Pa40	Soffryd	Play Area	0.06
Pa41	Troy Road	Play Area	0.05
Pa42	Aberbeeg	Play Area	0.07
Bc08	Brynithel	Ball Court	0.03
Total Ha:			0.38
Informal Play Space			
35	Soffryd Road		0.41
39	Oxford Place		0.06
70	Mt Pleasant Estate		0.13
71	Mt Pleasant Estate		0.08
72	Mt Pleasant Estate		0.15
73	Mt Pleasant Estate		0.07
74	Mt Pleasant Estate		0.22
Total Ha:			1.12
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF16	Brynithel Recreation Ground		0.69
PF17 (a)	Llanhilleth Park		1.68
PF17 (b)	Maes-y-Cynew (private/leased)		1.17
Total Ha:			3.54
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Llanhilleth Park	Bowling Green	0.15
Total Ha:			0.15
Ward Total			5.59

Ward: Sirhowy			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa01	Chartist Way	Play Area	0.04
Pa02	Ty Newydd	Play Area	0.07
Pa03	Bryn Bach Park	Play Area	0.12
Pa04	Trefil 1	Play Area	0.22
Pa05	Trefil 2 upper	Play Area	0.05
Total Ha:			0.50
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Adj to Chartist Way		0.99
	Grahams Yard		0.35
	Nursery Terrace		0.63
Total Ha:			1.97
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pf01(a)	Trefil (private leased)	Playing Field	1.11
Total Ha:			1.11
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha:			0.00
Ward Total			3.52

Ward: Georgetown				
Formal Play Space				
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)	
Pa06	Southend	Play Area	0.43	
Pa07	St James Way	Play Area	0.02	
Total Ha:			0.45	
Informal Play Space				
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)	
None				
Total Ha:			0.00	
Playing Fields				
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)	
None			0	
Total Ha:			0.00	
Outdoor Sport				
Site Code	Location	Type	Postcode	Area (Ha)
None				
Total Ha:			0.00	
Ward Total			0.45	

Ward: Tredegar Central and West

Formal Play Space

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa08	Bedwelty Pits	Play Area	0.04
Pa09	Bedwelty Park (junior)	Play Area	0.22
Pa010	Bedwelty Park (toddler)	Play Area	0.03
Pa011	Brangwyn Rd, Cefn Golau	Play Area	0.03
Bc012	Brangwyn Rd, Cefn Golau	Ball Court	0.06
Ws013	Tredegar Town	Wheeled Sports	0.50
Total Ha:			0.88

Informal Play Space

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Deighton Grounds, Stockton Way		2.30
	Rear of 1-35 Ashvale Rd		0.32
Total Ha:			2.62

Playing Fields

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF01(b)	Tredegar Comprehensive School	Playing Field	3.07
PF02(a)	Tredegar Recreational Grounds	Playing Field	3.44
PF02 (b)	Tredegar School	Astro Turf	0.60
PF02 (c)	Ashvale	Playing Field	0.76
Total Ha:			7.87

Outdoor Sport

Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Bedwelty Park	Bowling Green	0.17
	Bedwelty Park	Tennis Court	0.22
Total Ha:			0.39

Ward Total **11.76**

Ward: Beaufort			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa43	Beaufort Rise	Play Area	0.06
Pa44	Primitive Place	Play Area	0.04
Pa45	Garnlydan	Play Area	0.06
Bc09	Garnlydan	Ball Court	0.04
Total Ha:			0.20
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
5	Bryn Coch		0.12
6	Bryn Coch		0.15
7	Bryn Coch		0.02
8	Bryn Coch		0.07
9	Bryn Coch		0.06
10	Bryn Coch		0.04
11	Bryn Coch		0.06
18	Beechfield Rd		0.16
19	Common Wealth Rd		0.30
20	Attlee Close		0.24
21	Gorsedd Close		0.09
Total Ha:			1.31
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF18 (a)	Beaufort Well		2.69
PF18 (b)	Garnlydan (private/leased)		1.31
Total Ha:			4.00
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Beaufort Welfare	Bowling Green	0.17
	Beaufort Welfare	Tennis Court	0.18
Total Ha:			0.35
Ward Total			5.86

Ward: Rassau			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa46	New Rassau	Play Area	0.05
Pa47	Old Rassau	Play Area	0.11
Ws06	New Rassau	Wheel Sports	0.03
Bc10	Old Rassau	Ball Court	0.04
Total Ha:			0.23
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
12	Howy Rd		0.03
13	Usk Rd		0.09
14	Glandwr Rd		0.08
15	Clydach Avenue		0.16
16	Summerfield Rd		0.06
17	Summerfield Rd		0.42
Total Ha:			1.84
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha:			0
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha:			0
Ward Total			2.07

Ward: Badminton			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa57	Glyncoed	Play Area	0.08
Bc12	Glyncoed	Ball Court Area	0.04
Total Ha:			0.12
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha			0
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF21(a)	Glyncoed Comprehensive		0.48
PF21(b)	Glyncoed School	Astro Turf	0.54
PF21(c)	Pant y Fforest		0.54
Total Ha			1.56
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha			0
Ward Total			1.68

Ward: Ebbw Vale North			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa48	Letchworth Road	Play Area	0.17
Pa49	Newtown	Play Area	0.03
Ws07	Hilltop	Wheel Sport	0.05
Total Ha			0.25
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
22	Valley Rd		0.90
23	Valley Rd		0.16
24	Fairview Hilltop		0.31
25	Gwaun Helyg Rd		0.44
26	Newtown		0.22
Total Ha			2.03
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF19 (a)	Eugene Cross Park		3.43
PF19 (b)	RTB (private/leased)		2.65
PF20 (c)	Hilltop		1.75
Total Ha			7.83
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Eugene Cross park	Bowling Green	0.35
Total Ha			0.35
Ward Total			10.46

Ward: Ebbw Vale South			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa50	Coronation Park	Play Area	0.08
Pa51	Garden City	Play Area	0.07
Pa52	Pennant Street	Play Area	0.05
Pa53	Tyllwyn	Play Area	0.06
Total Ha			0.26
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
67	Eastville Rd		0.5
68	Eastville Rd		0.2
Total Ha			0.07
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha			0
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
None			
Total Ha			0
Ward Total			0.34

Ward: Cwm			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa54	William Street	Play Area	0.12
Pa55	Cwm Welfare	Play Area	0.01
Pa56	Hillside Terrace	Play Area	0.09
Ws08	Cwm Welfare	Wheel Sport	0.05
Bc11	William Street	Ball Court	0.04
Total Ha			0.31
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
69	Cendl Terrace		0.11
79	New Cwm Terrace		0.28
Total Ha			0.39
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF20 (a)	Cwm Welfare		2.02
PF20 (b)	Waunllwyd (private/leased)		1.04
PF20 (c)	Canning Street (private/leased)		1.02
Total Ha			4.08
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Cwm Welfare	Bowling Green	0.15
Total Ha			0.15
Ward Total			4.93

Ward: Brynmawr			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa12	Brynmawr Rec	Play Area	0.11
Pa13	Brynawel	Play Area	0.05
Pa14	Brynmawr Welfare (junior)	Play Area	0.16
Pa15	Brynmawr Welfare (toddler)	Play Area	0.03
Ws02	Brynmawr Welfare	Wheel Sports	0.11
Bc02	Gurnos	Ball Court	0.04
Total Ha			0.50
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Gurnos Estate		0.11
	Gurnos Estate		0.08
	Gurnos Estate		0.15
	Aneurin Place		0.90
	Intermediate Rd		0.50
Total Ha			1.74
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF03	Brynmawr Rec		1.53
PF04	Brynmawr Welfare		0.62
Total Ha			2.15
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Brynmawr Welfare	Bowling Green	0.16
	Brynmawr Welfare	Tennis Court	0.13
Total Ha			0.29
Ward Total			4.68

Ward: Nantyglo			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa16	Banna Park	Play Area	0.17
Pa17	Vincent Avenue	Play Area	0.02
Pa18	Coed Cae	Play Area	0.03
Pa19	Dale View	Play Area	0.03
Pa20	Garn Cross	Play Area	0.01
Bc03	Banna Park	Ball Court	0.04
Total Ha			0.30
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	10-30 Limestone Rd		0.20
	1-12 Limestone Rd		0.09
	Garn Rd		0.13
	Cae Glas		0.50
	Waun Fawr		0.18
	Attlee Rd		0.36
	Bryderwen		0.35
	Pant View		0.10
	Dale View		0.41
Total Ha			2.32
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF05	Nantyglo Comprehensive and School		3.00
PF06(a)	Banna Park		1.35
PF06 (b)	Nantyglo School	Astro Turf	0.72
Total Ha			5.07
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Banna Park	Bowling Green	0.16
Total Ha			0.16
Ward Total			7.85

Ward: Blaina			
Formal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
Pa21	Central Park	Play Area	0.20
Pa22	Glanystroth	Play Area	0.01
Pa23	Brynheulog	Play Area	0.01
Pa24	MaesHafod	Play Area	0.03
Pa25	Duffryn Park	Play Area	0.09
Pa26	West Side	Play Area	0.04
Ws03	Blaina	Wheeled Sports	0.11
Bc04	Blaina	Ball Court	0.03
Total Ha			0.52
Informal Play Space			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	East Pentwyn		0.09
	East Pentwyn		0.03
	East Pentwyn		0.24
	East Pentwyn		0.09
	Bryncelyn Estate		0.02
	Bryncelyn		0.05
	Bryncelyn Estate		0.04
	Bryncelyn Estate		0.10
	Riverside		0.07
	Cross Street		0.05
	East Pentwyn		0.03
Total Ha			0.81
Playing Fields			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
PF07 (a)	Central Park		1.35
PF07 (b)	Fan Tips		0.58
PF08	Duffryn Park		1.87
Total Ha			3.80
Outdoor Sport			
Site Code	Location	Type	Area (Ha)
	Duffryn Park	Bowling Green	0.14

Total Ha	0.14
Ward Total	5.27
Total Ha - Formal Play Space:	5.68
Total Ha – Informal Play Space:	18.52
Total Ha – Playing Fields:	49.81
Total Ha – Outdoor Sports:	2.66
Grand Total Ha	76.67

The figures confirm that there is 76.67ha of provision within the County Borough and not 88.34Ha as illustrated in Table 6 and Appendix 2 of the Leisure Background Paper. This table will be updated and for the purposes of clarity the column labelled Major amenity space will be removed from table 6 and included in a section of its own.

Consider whether Parc Nant y Waun or parts of it or other major amenity space fall within relevant FIT standards.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council commissioned Exegesis to undertake an Accessible Natural Green Space Assessment in conjunction with four other local authorities. Exegesis defines Greenspaces as publicly accessible, open spaces that have a 'predominantly natural' character.

The Council considers that Parc Nant y Waun falls within this definition. The site is a designated Local Nature Reserve, which is identified and designated using the same guidelines and criteria as SINC's. Although there are a number of individual pieces of outdoor gym equipment located through the site, these are well spaced and it is not considered that they alter the overall natural character of Parc Nant y Waun. There are no areas of Formal, Informal Play Space, Playing Fields or Outdoor Sport, which make up the FIT standards within Parc Nant y Waun and as such the Council does not consider that any part of the site falls within the scope of the FIT standards.

Areas of formal, informal play space, playing fields and outdoor space which are located within areas of major amenity space (which falls outside the scope of the FIT standards) are included within the figures. An example of this is Abertillery Park, which includes play area, playing field, tennis court and bowling green.

Subsequently review figure of 83.31 ha deficiency in Table 7 to determine if there is a shortfall of Play Spaces and Outdoor Sport

Table 7 is revised as follows to address the discrepancy in the figures. The leisure Background Paper will be amended to address these issues.

Table 7: Results of Assessment against FIT Standards based on the 2006 mid year population figures:

Typology	Current Level of Provision	Mid Year Population Estimates 2006	Current level of provision. As measured against per 1000 population. 76.67/ (68914/1000)	Open Space Required to meet standard (hectares)	Surplus / deficiency (hectares)
Outdoor sport / Formal play space / informal play space / playing fields	76.67	68914	1.11	165.39	88.72 deficiency