

## BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL JOINT HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY STUDY

### BETWEEN BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND THE STUDY GROUP:

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### 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This is the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Joint Housing Land Availability Study for 2013 which presents the housing land supply for the area at the base date of 1st April 2013. It replaces the report for the previous base date of 2012.
- 1.2 The JHLAS has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of *Planning Policy Wales, Technical Advice Note 1 (TAN 1): Joint Housing Land Availability Studies* and the Guidance Note on the JHLAS process (September 2012). Please refer to these documents for details of the requirements for the maintenance of a five year housing land supply in each Local Planning Authority area and the process for undertaking JHLASs. This document can be accessed on the Welsh Government web site using the following link:

http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/planningstats/housing-land-availability-inwales/?lang=en

1.3 Section 2 sets out details of the housing land supply and how it has been calculated. It shows that based on the residual method set out in TAN 1, Blaenau Gwent County Borough has **3.3 years housing land supply.** 

### Involvement

- 1.4 The housing land supply has been assessed in consultation with:
  - Home Builders Federation
  - Linc Cymru Housing Association
  - United Welsh Housing Association
  - Melin Housing Association
  - Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water

### Report production

- 1.5 Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council issued draft site schedules, site proformas and accompanying information for consultation between 5th July and 26th July 2013. A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) was subsequently prepared by the Council and following consultation with the Study Group was submitted to the Welsh Government on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
- 1.6 All matters were agreed following the group study meeting as set out in the SoCG.
- 1.7 This JHLAS report has been prepared on the basis of the SoCG.

## 2.0 HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

- 2.1 The five year land supply comprises sites with planning permission (outline or full) and sites allocated for housing in adopted development plans, categorised as prescribed in TAN 1.
- 2.2 The land supply has been calculated using the residual methodology, based on the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Local Development Plan 2006 to 2021 which was adopted in November 2012.

### Table 1 – Identified Housing Land Supply

(A full list of sites can be found in Appendix 1)

	Housing Land Supply 01 <sup>st</sup> April 2012 – 2017 (Large Sites)													
	5 Year Land Supply Beyond 5 (TAN 1 categories) Years													
	Proposed homes	Under construction	1	2	2*	3 (i)	3 (ii)	Homes completed since last study						
Total	2,910	37	36	1040	0	1797	0	82						

2.3 Five year large site land supply break-down (i.e. Categories 1, 2, 2\*, and Under Construction):

Private	788
HA Private	0
Public	0
HA Public	325
Total	1113

### 2.4 Small Site Supply

The contribution from small sites of less than 10 dwellings is based on the completions for the last five years.

### Table 2 – Small Site Completions for previous 5 years

	Small Site Completions														
2008 - 2009 2009 - 2010 2010 - 2011 2011 - 2012 2012 - 2013 Total															
53	24	8	23	23	131										

2.5 Overall total 5 year land supply (large + small sites) is <u>1244</u> (1113 + 131).

## Table 3: Five Year Land Supply Calculation

(Using the Residual Method)

LDP Dwelling Requirement 2006-2021	Total Dwellings Completed 01st April 2006 – 1st April 2013	Remainder 01/04/2013 – 01/04/2022 (8 Years)	5 Year Requirement 01/04/2013 – 01/04/2017	Annual Need	Total Approved Land Available By 01st April 2013	Total Land Supply In Years
Α	В	C=A-B	D= 2693/8*5	E=D/5	F	G=F/E
3500	807	2693	1683.12	336.6	1113	3.31

### 3.0 COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The housing requirement set in the LDP reflects the more buoyant economic period experienced in the early 90's (based on WG population projections) and Blaenau Gwent's aspirations for growth. The prolonged economic downturn is causing problems in terms of delivering this level of housing.
- 3.2 There is currently only one major house builder active in the area and annual build rates on this site are lower than would normally be expected. Most completions are from Registered Social Landlords.
- 3.3 Future projections are based on information provided by landowners, council plans to release sites and a projected upturn in the market.
- 3.4 Blaenau Gwent is aware of the effect of slow build rates on viability and house builders concerns with viability in the area. The Council has recently set up a housing delivery group which is an officer group made up of Estates, Planning and Housing to bring sites forward for development. Projects include new ways to enable development such as a special purpose vehicle, and proactively bringing Council owned land forward.
- 3.5 The release of land at the Works Site for housing; extension of the rail line at Parkway, Ebbw Vale to Ebbw Vale Town Centre; the Circuit of Wales; and the designation of Ebbw Vale as an Enterprise Zone will all assist in regenerating the area and making it more attractive to developers in the future.

## 4.0 MONITORING DATA

4.1 TAN 1 requires the JHLAS report to provide additional information on the development of land for housing covering the use of previously developed land, the use of sites subject to flood risk constraints and the type of housing being developed, i.e. houses, flats or other. This data is set out below.

		Total Number and Percentage of Homes by Category and Land Type														
Year	5	5 Year Supply 3i and 3 ii Categories Completions 2012-13														
	Green	field	Brown	field	Green	field	Brownfield		Greer	nfield	Brow	nfield				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
2011	303	28	780	72	478	38	767	62	8	13	56	87				
2012	201	27	532	73	646	46	768	54	10	5	180	95				
2013	348	31	765	69	948	53	849	47	12	20	47	80				

## Table 4 – Re-use of Previously Developed Land (Large Sites)

Table 5 - Sites subject to flood risk constraints (L	.arge Sites)
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		Total Number and Percentage of Homes by Category and Land Type														
Year	5	Year	Suppl	у	3i an	d 3 ii	Catego	ories		-	letion: 1-13	S				
	C1	C1 C2			C1		C	22	С	1	C2					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
2011	0	0	25	2	0	0	253	20	0	0	0	0				
2012	0	0	106	14	0 0		419	30	0	0	0	0				
2013	0	0	154	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

Table 6 - Completions by House Type – 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 (Large and Small Sites)

Number and Percentage	House Type
70 (85%)	Houses completed
12 (15%)	Apartments/flats completed
0 (0%)	Other (eg Bungalows) completed

Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2013

#### Market sector: Housing Association

#### Settlement: Abertillery

No of dwellings Units						Area (Ha)		Forecas	Categorisation						
LPA R	of No Site Name	Completed Total   S	ince Last   (	Capacity	Remaining	U/C		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
815	Hill Crest View (Land Adj)	0	0	22	22	0	0.82	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0
828	Former Mount Pleasant Court Brynithel	0		18	18	0	0.52	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
* TOT#	LS for Abertillery(Housing Association)	0	0	40	40	0	1.34	0	0	0	0	18	0	22	0

#### Settlement: Blaina

		No of dwellings U	Area (Ha)		Forecast	t completi	Categorisation							
LPA Ref No Site Name		Completed Total   Since Last   Capacity   Remaining				Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
831	Blaina and District Hospital	0	18	18	0	0.00	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
* TOTA	LS for Blaina(Housing Association)	0	18	18	0	0.00	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Settlement: Brynmawr

	No of dwellings Units						Area (Ha)		Forecast completions					Categorisation		
LPA R	ef No Site Name	Completed Total   Since Last   Capacity			Remaining	U/C	Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)	
45	Recticel & Gwalia former factory sites, Factory Road, Brynmawr	0	0	40	40	32	0.18	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
822	Crawshay House	0		25	25	0	0.71	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	
826	Former Garn Fach School Site	0		28	28	0	0.81	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	
* TOT#	ALS for Brynmawr(Housing Association)	0	0	93	93	32	1.70	8	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	

Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2013

#### Market sector: Housing Association

#### Settlement: Ebbw Vale

		No of dwellings Units					Area (Ha) Forecast completions						Categorisation			
LPA Re	of No Site Name	Completed Total   Since Last   Capacity			Remaining	U/C Remaining		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)	
735	ADJ Sports Grnd, Gwaun Helyg (HE20)	0	0	73	73	0	1.40	0	0	13	60	0	0	0	0	
776	Commercial Street, Briery Hill	0	0	32	32	0	0.91	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	
809	Victoria Avenue, Victoria, Ebbw Vale NP238ED	0	0	15	15	0	0.26	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	
820	Willowtown	0		22	22	0	0.63	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	
* TOTA	LS for Ebbw Vale(Housing Association)	0	0	142	142	0	3.20	0	47	35	60	0	0	0	0	

#### Settlement: Tredegar

						Area (Ha)		Forecast	t completi	ons		Cat	egorisati	on
of No Site Name	Completed Total   Si	nce Last   (	Capacity	Remaining			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
Former Sirhowy Infants School	0	0	23	23	0	0.83	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cartref Aneurin Bevan	0		13	13	0	0.38	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Greenacres	0		18	18	0	0.50	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
LS for Tredegar(Housing Association)	0	0	54	54	0	1.71	0	23	31	0	0	0	0	0
ALS for Housing Association	0	0	347	347	32	7.95	8	88	119	60	18	0	22	0
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Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2013

#### Market sector: Private

#### Settlement: Abertillery

		No of dwellings Units Area (Ha) Forecast completions						Cat	egorisati	on					
LPA Re	of No Site Name Cor	mpleted Total   Sir	nce Last   (	Capacity	Remaining		Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
714	Roseheyworth Junior, Comprehensive, land off morley road	0	0	32	32	0	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0
715	Six Bells Colliery Site Nr Lancaster St (NP132NW)	0	0	50	50	0	1.47	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
716	Warm Turn, Aberbeeg	0	0	15	15	0	0.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
736	At Cwm Farm Road (nante farm rd) - NP132PA	0	0	20	20	0	0.50	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0
779	Penrhiw Estate, Brynithel, Abertillery	0	0	23	23	0	0.97	0	3	10	10	0	0	0	0
827	Quarry Adjacent to Cwm Farm Rd, Six Bells	0		22	22	0	0.64	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	0
* TOTA	LS for Abertillery(Private)	0	0	162	162	0	5.18	0	3	10	20	11	0	118	0

#### Settlement: Blaina

		ellings Un	its			Area (Ha)		Forecast	t completi	ons		Cat	egorisatio	on	
LPA Ref	f No Site Name	Completed Total   Sir	nce Last   (	Capacity	Remaining		Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
7	Cwm Farm, Blaina (Tanglewood)	109	12	169	60	2	3.68	10	12	12	12	12	0	0	0
* TOTAL	_S for Blaina(Private)	109	12	169	60	2	3.68	10	12	12	12	12	0	0	0

#### Settlement: Brynmawr

		No of dw	ellings Uni	ts		Area (Ha) Forecast completions								egorisati	on
LPA Re	of No Site Name	Completed Total   Sir	nce Last   C	Capacity	Remaining	U/C	Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
10	Clydach Street (land at), Brynmawr	7	0	15	8	0	0.27	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	0
32	Noble Square Industrial Estate Unit 1,TS Woodcraft - Brynmawr	12	0	37	25	0	0.49	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	0

Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2013

#### Market sector: Private

#### Settlement: Brynmawr

					Area (Ha)		Forecast	t complet	ions		Cat	egorisati	on		
LPA Re	of No Site Name	Completed Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining	U/C		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
47	Roberto Neckwear, Limestone Road, Brynmawr	0		19	19	0	0.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
299	Waun Ebbw Road & Pond Road, land at junction, Brynma	wr O		11	11	0	0.27	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
811	Glaslyn House (former nursing home) Alma Street, Brynm	awr 0	0	10	10	0	0.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
821	Infants School and Old Griffin Yard	0		36	36	0	1.04	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0
823	Land to the East of Blaina Road	0		25	25	0	0.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
824	Land to the North of Winchestown	0		15	15	0	0.43	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
825	West of the Recreation Ground, (Chapel Rd) Nantyglo	0		15	15	0	0.42	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
829	NMC Factory and Bus Depot	0		60	60	0	2.82	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
* TOTA	LS for Brynmawr(Private)	19	0	243	224	0	7.34	0	1	12	47	46	0	118	0

#### Settlement: Ebbw Vale

		No of dwellings Units Area (Ha) Forecast completions							Cat	egorisatio	on				
LPA Re	of No Site Name	Completed Total   Sir	nce Last   0	Capacity	Remaining		Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
17	Cwmyrdderch Court Flats (North of), Ebbw Vale	1	0	16	15	0	1.28	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
26	Letchworth Road, (letchworth mount)Ebbw Vale	5	0	22	17	0	0.38	3	3	3	3	5	0	0	0
28	Mountain Road (land off), Ebbw Vale	56	33	56	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Pant-Y- Fforest / Brynmawr Road (adj), Ebbw Vale	0	0	21	21	0	1.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
718	Corus Site	4	0	520	516	0	77.40	0	0	30	60	60	0	366	0
729	Higgs Yard (Off New Church Rd)	0	0	29	29	0	0.53	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0

Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2013

#### Market sector: Private

#### Settlement: Ebbw Vale

		No of dwellings Units					Area (Ha)		Forecas	t complet	ions		Cat	tegorisatio	on
LPA Re	of No Site Name	Completed Total   Sir	nce Last	Capacity	Remaining	U/C	Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
731	Beaufort Garage, Beaufort Road	0	0	14	14	0	0.07	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
830	Ebbw Vale Nothern Corridor	0		555	555	0	23.00	0	0	30	30	30	0	465	0
830A	Former Rhyd-y-Blew Reservoir	0		250	250	0	0.00	0	30	30	30	30	0	130	0
* TOTA	LS for Ebbw Vale(Private)	66	33	1483	1417	0	104.36	3	33	93	152	125	0	1011	0

#### Settlement: Tredegar

		No of dwellings Units				Area (Ha)		Forecast	completi	ons		Cat	egorisati	on	
LPA Re	f No Site Name	Completed Total   Sir	nce Last   C	apacity	Remaining		Remaining	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
25	LCR Factory (former), Charles St Tredegar	2	1	14	12	0	0.20	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	0
38	Park Hill (land at), Tredegar	0	0	293	293	0	13.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	293	0
41	Pochin Houses, former factory site, Tredegar	0	0	28	28	0	0.63	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	0
43	Poultry Farm - Queen Victoria Street (land at), Tredegar	19	0	22	3	0	0.11	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
60	Upper Ty Gwyn Farm, Nantybwch	13	0	48	35	0	1.02	1	1	1	1	1	0	30	0
722	ADJ Chartist Way, Tredegar	0	0	80	80	0	3.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0
723	Gas Works Tredegar	0	0	25	25	0	0.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
725	Peacehaven Tredegar	21	13	147	126	3	3.35	12	12	12	12	12	0	63	0
775	The Goldmine Inn (formally sirhowy inn) Tredegar	0	0	16	16	0	0.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
777	BKF Plastics	0	0	54	54	0	1.80	0	0	24	30	0	0	0	0
808	Land Off Merthyr Rd Tredegar (Corporation Yard)	0	0	23	23	0	0.73	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0

Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2013

#### Market sector: Private

#### Settlement: Tredegar

	-	No of dw	vellings Ur	nits			Area (Ha) Forecast completions					Cat	egorisati	on	
LPA Re	of No Site Name	Completed Total   Si	ince Last	Capacity	Remaining			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2*	3(i)	3(ii)
814	Former St Joseph's School, Glandovey Terrace, Tredega	r 5	0	10	5	0	0.12	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
* TOTA	LS for Tredegar(Private)	60	14	760	700	3	25.32	15	15	62	49	28	0	528	0
** TOT/	ALS for Private	254	59	2817	2563	5	145.89	28	64	189	280	222	0	1775	0
*** GF	RAND TOTALS	254	59	3164	2910	37	153.84	36	152	308	340	240	0	1797	0

	Num	ber of Homes Co	ompleted On
Year	Large Sites	Small Sites	Total Completions
2007	32	41	73
2008	49	53	102
2009	97	53	150
2010	91	24	115
2011	64	8	72
2012	190	23	213
2013	59	23	82
TOTAL	582	225	807

# Large Site 10 year Completions

	5 year s of Home		Number	Number of		
Year	1	2	2*	years supply	3i	3ii
2009	116	761	0	7.1	1167	0
2010	164	936	0	8.9	1205	0
2011	258	825	0	7.9	1245	0
2012	142	543	0	7.6	1414	0
2013	73	1040	0	3.3	1797	0

# Large Site Previous Land Supply Data