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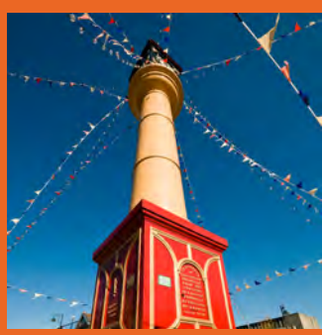

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Consultation Report illustrates:

- Conformity with the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS);
- Who and how people were engaged during the different stages of the Plan's consultation;
- The main issues raised through consultation; and;
- How the consultation responses have affected the policies and proposals in the Deposit Plan.

1.2 Throughout this report, reference is made to other reports and documents which have collectively helped shape the Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP). These are not included in any appendices to this report as they are too lengthy, but copies are provided on the council website or by request by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01495 354740/ 355538/ 355544/ 355501 or planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

2.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME

2.1 The Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement (DA) was formally agreed by the Council and the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) in May 2007. The agreed Delivery Agreement was revised with the approval of the Welsh Government in January 2011. The DA contains the preparation timetable as well as the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).

2.2 The CIS establishes a framework for community and stakeholder engagement throughout the LDP preparation process. It seeks to ensure that engagement activities undertaken during the preparation of Blaenau Gwent LDP are inclusive, consistent and co-ordinated with the aim of providing a more transparent planning process.

2.3 Table 1 summarises the key stages of the Plan's consultation and community involvement actions committed to in the CIS.

2.4 The LDP has been produced in accordance with the provisions of the CIS and both the pre-deposit participation and pre-deposit consultation responses have helped shape the Deposit Plan's context and policy content.

Table 1: Summarises the Key Stages of the Plan's Consultation and Community Involvement Actions committed to in the Community Involvement Scheme

Purpose	Who?	How?
Stage 1: Pre-Deposit Participation (Regulation 14)		
• To inform the development of the Spatial Strategy and Preferred Options Paper	• Specific Consultation Bodies • Steering Group • LDP Forum • Elected Members • Various Local Partnerships • Local Landowners	• Written or e-mail correspondence • Memo • Various workshops • Working meetings of Steering Group and LDP Forum

Purpose	Who?	How?
• To determine if there are sufficient suitable sites to meet the needs of the Preferred Strategy	• Local Developers • Local Agents • Statutory Consultees • Internal Officers • Local Landowners • Local Developers • Agents • Home Builders Federation The Consultation List is attached at Appendix 1.	• Press advert • Memo • Letters
Stage 2: Pre – Deposit Consultation (Regulation 15 & 16)		
• To obtain a representational view from the Local Forum to identify areas of concern • To enable anyone to make representations to the Council's Pre Deposit document	• Local Forum • Steering Group • LDP Forum • General Public • Stakeholders • Specific Consultation Bodies • General Consultation Bodies • Other Consultees • Elected Members The Consultation List is attached at Appendix 1	• Meeting or Letter • Working meetings of Steering Group, LDP Forum and SEA Group • Written Correspondence • Press Notice, Press Releases, Local Media • Copies of the pre-deposit documents available in the Council Offices and all public libraries • Exhibitions • Site Notices in respect of site specific land allocations • Report of Consultation and Recommendations to Council available on the internet
Stage 3: Statutory Deposit of Proposals (Regulation 17)		
• To obtain a representational view from the Local Forum to identify areas of concern • To enable all interested parties and organisations to make representations in respect of any policies and proposals in the Deposit Plan	• Local Forum • Steering Group • LDP Forum • General Public • Stakeholders • Specific Consultation Bodies • General Consultation Bodies • Other Consultees • Elected Members	• Meeting or Letter • Written Correspondence • Press Releases, Local Media • Copies of the deposit plan documents available in the Council Offices and all public libraries • Exhibitions • Site Notices in respect of

Purpose	Who?	How?
	The Consultation List is attached at Appendix 1.	site specific land allocations • Representations received and placed on the internet
Stage 4: Alternative Sites (Regulation 21)		
• To enable all interested persons and organisations to make representation in respect of alternative sites. • To determine whether any improvements or changes should be made to the Plan • To enable consideration of the 'soundness' of the Plan	• LDP Forum • Steering Group • General Public • Stakeholders • Specific Consultation Bodies • General Consultation Bodies • Other Consultees • Elected Members • Deposit Plan Representors The Consultation List is attached at Appendix 1 and 2.	• LDP documents made available on the internet • Hard copies sent out • Copies of the alternative site documents available in the Council offices, and all public libraries • Advertisements in the press • Site Notices • Meetings of LDP Forum, Steering Group and SEA Working Group

Source: Blaenau Gwent Delivery Agreement (May 2007)

3.0 WHO WAS ENGAGED AND HOW?

Overview

3.1 All consultation organisations listed in Appendix 1 have been kept informed throughout the various stages of the Plan preparation process. Appendix 2 lists the Deposit Plan Representors and Appendix 3 lists the Alternative Site Representors. The Representors listed in Appendix 2 and 3 were kept informed of the forthcoming stages of the LDP preparation according to when they became involved in the process. Appendix 4, 5 and 6 lists each individual, organisation or representative that was invited to attend the different stages of the LDP process.

3.2 The Council has an LDP Consultation Database which contains a continually updated list of stakeholders, respondents and interested parties ranging from national umbrella organisations to local members of the public. Throughout the process all consultees on the database have been kept informed of the Plan preparation process.

3.3 There are approximately 500 consultees on the database, including 52 members of the public not associated with any stakeholder group or organisation. The methods used to raise awareness at both pre-deposit participation and consultation stages are identified above in Table 1 and are explained further in section 3.0 below.

3.4 Table 2 below shows a general overview of the number of people consulted with and the number of representations received at each stage of LDP preparation

Table 2: General Overview of the Number of People Consulted With and of Representations Received at each Stage of LDP Preparation

LDP preparation stage	Number of Invitees/ Consultees	Number of Attendees/ Representors	Number of Representations
Delivery Agreement	**337**	**34**	**143**
Issues Paper	**176**	**14**	**317**
Issues and Vision (workshops)	**92**	**27**	**N/A**
Vision and Strategy Options (workshops)	**175**	**67**	**N/A**
Preferred Strategy	**500**	**58**	**414**
Deposit Plan	**530**	**85**	**391**
Alternative Sites	**615**	**176**	**423**
Sustainability Assessment /Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report	**59**	**17**	**283**
Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report	**500**	**4**	**18**
Sustainability Appraisal Report	**530**	**3**	**47**
Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Report	**500**	**1**	**18**
Habitat Regulation Assessment	**530**	**2**	**8**

Stage 1: Pre Deposit Participation (Regulation 14): Vision, Key Issues and Strategy Options

3.5 The first stage of the plan making process was the pre-deposit participation stage. The principal aim at this stage was to establish whether a broad consensus could be reached on the key issues and strategy options on which the Preferred Strategy could be based.

Invitations for Expressions of Interest (Candidate Site Process)

Purpose

3.6 The purpose of the candidate site process was to undertake early engagement with developers and landowners on potential sites to be included within the new LDP system, in order to avoid substantial numbers of additional sites coming forward at the examination stage.

When? and Who?

3.7 In April 2007, the Council formally invited over 500 people on the consultation database (see Appendix 1) comprising of developers, landowners, agents, Council

departments, Local Councillors and others with an interest in land to submit sites they wished to be considered for development or reuse through the Local Development Plan for a range of uses, including housing, employment, retail, leisure, waste, transport, open space and other community uses. The deadline for the submission of sites for inclusion in the LDP process was 19th December 2008.

How?

3.8 The Council formally wrote to those on the consultation database inviting them to submit land for consideration for inclusion in the Local Development Process. Attached to the invitation was a candidate site submission form, which the consultee was asked to complete and provide the necessary information, including a plan of the site.

3.9 An advertisement was placed in the Gwent Gazette on Thursday 10th May 2007 advertising the call for candidate sites. A copy is attached at Appendix 7. Information was also published in the Council's newspaper Valleys Voice, which was published in June 2007 and distributed to every household in Blaenau Gwent. A copy is attached at Appendix 8.

3.10 An advertisement was also placed on the Council's Community Communications Network which are screens located in key council buildings such as in libraries and leisure centres. A copy is attached at Appendix 9. A further advertisement was also placed in the Council Tax Wall Planner which is also distributed to every household in Blaenau Gwent.

3.11 Posters were placed in all libraries, civic centre and other Council buildings reception areas, community first offices and outreach venues. A copy of the poster is attached at Appendix 10.

3.12 All information on how to put forward sites including copies of the candidate site submission form were made available on the Council's website.

3.13 A series of ward member meetings were held In July 2007. The purpose of these meetings were to give members the opportunity to view the sites that had been put forward and identify any further sites.

3.14 This is fully compliant with the actions committed to in the Community Involvement Scheme as set out in Table 1.

Responses to the Candidate Site Process

3.15 In total 187 candidate sites ranging in size were submitted for consideration. A candidate site register was prepared and published as part of the Preferred Strategy consultation.

3.16 The Council undertook a rigorous assessment of each of the candidate sites during 2008-2009. The results of the candidate site assessment process are contained in the Findings of the Candidate Site Assessment Process.

3.17 The information gained at this stage was integral to the formulation of strategic options for development across the County Borough.

Issues Paper

Purpose

3.18 The Issues Paper (July 2007) was prepared as a discussion document intended to promote debate on the issues of strategic significance for the Authority.

When?

3.19 Formal consultation took place over a 4 week period between 6th July and 8th August 2007 with late responses being accepted.

Who?

3.20 Copies of the Issues Paper were distributed with a covering letter and questionnaire to the following key external and internal stakeholder groups (see Appendix 4):

- Blaenau Gwent Councillors
- Key Internal Officers
- Statutory Consultees
- LDP Forum

How?

3.21 Stakeholders were asked to respond to a series of questions on the:

- Vision
- Approach to sustainable development
- Level of Growth
- Location of development
- Employment
- Housing
- Town Centres
- Transport
- Environment
- Leisure
- Tourism

3.22 The document was subsequently made available to other interested parties and members of the public via the Council's website. The Issues Paper Report of Consultation (September 2007) summarised the responses received, this information was then taken into account in the preparation of the options, and in determining the detail of the preferred strategy and Deposit Plan.

3.23 This is fully compliant with the actions committed to in the Community Involvement Scheme as set out in Table 1.

Findings of the Issue Paper Consultation

3.24 This section summarises key findings from the consultation exercise on the Issues Paper:

- An overwhelming majority of respondents recognised a need for a vision that should link to the Community Plan
- No overall agreement on housing growth
- Acceptance that some settlements are too small to accommodate growth
- Agreement that growth should be focused on sustaining existing community areas

- Brownfield should not always be developed before Greenfield – it should be about sustainability
- The Plan should cater for a range of densities
- The Affordable Housing threshold should be reduced
- The percentage of Affordable Housing should be dependent on site viability
- No overall agreement to reallocate employment land
- A more flexible approach to employment sites should be taken
- Vacant shops should be developed before further retail development is allowed
- The location of existing and future transport routes should be a key determinant of where future development is located
- It is important to protect the land of greatest biodiversity merit from undesirable development
- There is adequate protection of open space
- Tourism opportunities should be explored
- Waste Management was identified as an issue
- Education and Skills was an issue

Issues and Vision Workshop

Purpose

3.25 An Issues and Vision Workshop was held to discuss the issues, that is the problems the area faces, and to identify a vision of what Blaenau Gwent should look like in 2021.

When?

3.26 The workshop session was held on Friday 27th July 2007 at the ViTCC in Tredegar from 9.30am until 12.15pm which involved 27 attendees.

Who?

3.27 The following representatives were invited to attend the Issues and Visions Workshop via e-mail and letter (see Appendix 5):

- Key Internal Officers
- Statutory Consultees
- Other Consultees
- LDP Forum

How?

3.28 The workshop was separated into two parts. The first stage required attendees to collaboratively identify the main issues for Blaenau Gwent. They were then asked to prioritise the issues by topic area. They then prioritised all of the issues to identify the key challenges for the Strategy. During the second stage attendees were asked to write a Vision of what Blaenau Gwent should be like in 2021.

3.29 This is fully compliant with the actions committed to in the Community Involvement Scheme as set out in Table 1.

Key Findings of the Issue and Vision Workshop

3.30 Issues identified in the Issues Paper consultation document were amended and prioritised in the workshop to read:

Housing

- Create a more balanced population, stemming out-migration

- Provide a range of housing opportunities to meet aspirations including the need for affordable housing

Transport

- To improve access to services, facilities and employment, particularly by public transport, walking and cycling
- To provide a transport system that encourages healthy and active lifestyles, is safer and supports local communities
- To improve the transport system to assist the regeneration of the area

Employment

- The implications of the decline in the manufacturing sector and the shift in favour of the service sector and technological industries
- Changing the dependence on particular industries and diversifying the economy

Town Centres

- To find a role/function for town centres
- Encourage multiple retailers and a mix of uses within the town centres – specialist shops, coffee shops and offices – creating a niche market

Recreation Leisure and Tourism

- To foster sustainable tourism and leisure in order to boost the local economy
- To foster sustainable tourism, re-engaging local communities with the natural and built environment

Environment

- To protect and enhance local landscape in the face of competing development uses
- Maximise the natural environment for health and well-being.

Education and Skills

- The need to improve education and skills

3.31 Attendees then identified the most significant issues to be addressed by the Plan. These were:

- The implications of the decline in the manufacturing sector and the shift in favour of the service sector and technological industries;
- The need to find a role / function for town centres;
- The need to create a more balanced population stemming out migration; and
- The need to provide a range of housing opportunities to meet aspirations, including the need for affordable housing.

3.32 The next stage of the workshop was to identify a 'Vision' for the area. All 3 groups agreed that a new Vision was required and each group drafted a Vision. From these three Visions the Planning Policy Team prepared one Vision.

Vision and Strategy Options Workshops

Purpose

3.33 The purpose of the Vision and Strategy Workshops were to:

- Share information on the Local Development Plan Vision and Strategy Options;
- Provide stakeholders with the opportunity to share views on the Vision;
- Provide stakeholders with the opportunity to influence the Council's preferred strategy; and
- Address any queries.

When?

3.34 The Vision and Strategy Options workshops were held on three separate occasions, the first of which was held on Friday 19th October 2007 at the ViTCC and involved 11 Local Councillors. The second was held on Thursday 22nd November 2007 at the Learning Action Centre in Ebbw Vale and involved 20 attendees. The third workshop was held on Friday 30th November 2007 at the Learning Action Centre in Ebbw Vale and involved 36 attendees.

Who?

3.35 All local Councillors were invited to the first workshop held in October. Individuals from the following groups (see Appendix 6) were invited to the second and third workshops:

- Key Internal Officers
- Statutory Consultees
- Other Consultees
- LDP Forum
- Local Councillors
- Community Groups

How?

3.36 The first task provided the opportunity to amend the draft vision. Each group were then asked to identify the advantages and disadvantages of each of the three strategy options which had been prepared by Planning Policy. They were also given the opportunity to identify a further option. From the advantages and disadvantages identified the Council were able to identify the Preferred Option.

3.37 Participants were given the opportunity to amend the draft Vision. From these revisions the Planning Policy Team prepared a new version.

Through collaborative working, by 2021, Blaenau Gwent will become a network of sustainable, vibrant valley communities, where people have the skills, knowledge and opportunities to achieve a better quality of life and residents will live in safe, healthy and thriving communities, with access to a range of good quality affordable homes and thriving town centres. Its unique environment, cultural and historic identity will be protected and enhanced to create a place where people want to live, work and visit.

3.38 This workshop also discussed and identified the Preferred Strategy. Attendees were given the opportunity to identify the advantages and disadvantages of each of the options and to identify a fourth option.

3.39 Option 2 was the preferred option but attendees decided the following changes were needed:

- The level of growth will now identify a range of 150 to 250 and that this growth will be back-loaded (150 first 5 years, 200 next 5 year period and 250 in the final 5 year period) to the end of the Plan period.
- To address concern with protecting Greenfield sites, a specific objective will be included to develop Brownfield sites in preference to Greenfield sites.
- Option 2 will be amended to ensure that the new roles for the town centres will be complementary.
- In developing Option 2 to create the Preferred Strategy, the issues considered to be missing such as; integrated transport, tourism, health, education and community facilities will be fully addressed.

3.40 The revised preferred option, following amendments was:

Option 2: Growth and Regeneration

- This is a growth strategy, which has the following aspects:
- Emphasis of growth would be in the Heads of Valleys and a regeneration focus in the south of the borough
- Stems out-migration leading to an increase in population to 71,000
- A house build rate of 150-250 per annum (back-loaded)
- New employment opportunities to broaden offer
- A new hierarchy of town centres, with Ebbw Vale becoming the regional centre, and Tredegar, Brynmawr and Abertillery becoming district shopping centres. Blaina would become a local shopping centre.
- Specific complementary roles would be identified for town centres, which are currently in decline, in an attempt to encourage their growth.

3.41 This is fully compliant with the actions committed to in the Community Involvement Scheme as set out in Table 1.

How the Responses informed the Preferred Strategy

3.42 The key findings from the stakeholder engagement activities at the pre deposit participation stage are presented in more detail in the Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Visioning Report (March 2008) and Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Preferred Options Report (March 2008). A report of each workshop has also been prepared. Copies of the reports are available from the Council's website www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

3.43 Building consensus at the early stages of the Plan production was beneficial to the process. Stakeholder engagement at this stage proved worthwhile in clarifying the main issues that the Deposit Plan needed to address and provided a significant steer in the production of the Preferred Strategy.

Stage 2: Pre Deposit Consultation (Regulation 15 and 16) the Preferred Strategy

Purpose

3.44 The principal aim of this stage was to formally consult on the 'Preferred Strategy', which set out:

- The vision and objectives;

- The preferred strategy option;
- The strategic policies;
- The key diagram, showing the areas in the County Borough that will be affected; and
- The monitoring system.

When?

3.45 The statutory 6-week consultation period was undertaken between Friday 7th November and Friday 19th December 2008.

Who?

3.46 Over 500 contacts on the Blaenau Gwent consultation database received information on the LDP Preferred Strategy. A further 2,000 Blaenau Gwent local authority employees also received e-mail notification of the consultation. However, the Council were unable to consult with the Local Forum as the Forum disbanded and were not replaced. However, a large number of officers were asked for their views on the document to ensure there are no areas of concern before the document was published.

How?

3.47 The package of documents published on the 7th November 2008 comprised of:

- Draft Preferred Strategy
- Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Candidate Site Register
- Habitat Regulation Assessment
- Population and Housing Background Paper
- Employment Background Paper
- Draft Preferred Strategy Summary Leaflet
- Comment Forms
- Notification of Interest Form

3.48 Copies of the published documents were hand-delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Assembly Government on Friday 7th November 2008. Electronic copies of the above documents were sent on CD, to Statutory Consultation Bodies and the LDP Forum listed in Appendix 1. Copies of the documents were available at each of the exhibition venues, and were also available for inspection by the public, free of charge at:

- All Public Libraries in Blaenau Gwent
- Council Website
- Municipal Offices, Ebbw Vale
- Business Resource Centre, Tredegar
- Planning Control Council Offices, Blaina
- Connect 2Blaenau Gwent (C2BG) Drop in Venues

3.49 Enquires were dealt with by planning policy staff at the public counter of the Regeneration Division, by telephone and by e-mail.

3.50 Notification letters, a Draft Preferred Strategy Summary Leaflet and a Comment Form were sent to Other Consultees on the consultation list (see Appendix 1).

3.51 Copies of the Preferred Strategy were also sent to 57 Officers of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council via email and a hard copy of the Draft Preferred Strategy was sent to Local Councillors.

3.52 E-mail notification was sent to everyone on Blaenau Gwent's internal email directory. Public notices, and a press release were placed in the Gwent Gazette on 5th and 12th November 2008, a letter regarding the consultation of the Preferred Strategy was published in the Gwent Gazette on 3rd December 2008. Prior to formal consultation a press article was placed in the October edition of the Blaenau Gwent community magazine 'Connect' which is delivered to every household in the Borough. A copy of the public notice, press releases, letter and Connect article are attached at Appendix 11A-D.

3.53 Particular care was taken to ensure that the hard to reach groups identified in the LDP Delivery Agreement were involved in the process. Council officers gave presentations to a number of organisations including the Youth Forum, Housing Forum and the Access for All Forum. Notification letters and summary leaflets were sent to all hard to reach groups. These groups were also targeted through the location of exhibitions. An interview was also undertaken with Brynmawr Radio FM on the Preferred Strategy.

3.54 The context for the formal consultation at this stage is set out in the Council report entitled: Local Development Plan Draft Preferred Strategy: Regulation 15 Statement of Consultation (February 2009). Copies of this document are available on request.

3.55 A series of 18 exhibitions (Table 3) were organised around the County Borough during October and November 2007 to provide Members of the public with the opportunity to speak to a planning officer at a local venue. A poster advertising the exhibitions is attached at Appendix 12A.

Table 3: Pre Deposit Consultation Exhibition Times and Dates Carried Out as part of the Pre Deposit Consultation

Town	Drop in Session Location	Time and Date
Brynmawr	Brynmawr Library	11th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Tredegar	Venue 1 (Kidz R Us)	12th November 9.00am -12.30pm
Swffryd	Swffryd Community Centre	13th November 9.00am - 2.30pm
Abertillery	Tesco Abertillery	14th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Ebbw Vale	Tesco Ebbw Vale	15th November 9.00am - 2.00pm
Cwm	Cwm Info Shop	17th November 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Abertillery	Abertillery Leisure Centre	19th November 4.00pm - 8.30pm
Llanhilleth	Llanhilleth Institute	20th November 10.00am - 2.00pm
Tredegar	Parc Bryn Bach	21st November 11.30am - 3.30pm
Blaina	Blaina Integrated Children's Centre	24th November 9.00am - 1.00pm

Town	Drop in Session Location	Time and Date
Rassau	Rassau Community Centre	25th November 10.00am - 3.00pm
Six Bells	Six Bells Community Centre	26th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Ebbw Vale	Ebbw Vale Library	27th November 1.30pm - 5.30pm
Brynmawr	Lakeside Retail Park	29th November 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tredegar	Tredegar Library	2nd December 9.00am - 1.00pm
Beaufort	Beaufort Hill Welfare Hall	3rd December 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Badminton	Badminton OAP Hall	4th December 3.00pm - 8.00pm
Garnlydan	Garnlydan Info Shop	11th December 5.30pm - 7.30pm

3.56 Each exhibition was held at varying times of the day to encourage maximum participation. The aim was to reach a cross section of people, this was achieved through targeting the location and timing of the exhibitions to coincide with group activities being held at venues. (e.g. Slimming Clubs, Supermarkets, OAP Lunch Clubs, Citizen Advice Bureau Sessions etc).

3.57 Each session was held with two planning officers in attendance. All consultation material, site-specific and explanatory information were made available at each session.

3.58 Posters advertising the exhibitions were placed in the venue, on nearby lampposts and in local shops prior to the events. An example of a poster used to advertise an exhibition is attached at Appendix 12B. A list of where the posters were displayed, within each ward and how many, is contained in Table 4. The aim was to encourage as many people as possible to attend the exhibitions, raise public awareness to engage with them, and stimulate interest in the Preferred Strategy within the local community.

Table 4: Poster Delivery Information for Exhibition Dates and Venues

Exhibition Date and Venue	No. of Posters Displayed in Ward
Tuesday 11th November - Brynmawr Library	19
Wednesday 12th November - Venue 1 (Kidz R Us), Park Place, Georgetown	18
Thursday 13th November - Swffryd Community Centre	12
Friday 14th November - Tesco, Abertillery	10
Saturday 15th November - Tesco, Ebbw Vale	20
Monday 17th November - Cwm Info Shop	10
Wednesday 19th November - Abertillery Leisure Centre	16
Thursday 20th November - Llanhilleth Institute	7
Friday 21st November - Parc Bryn Bach	17
Monday 24th November - Blaina Integrated Children's Centre	14
Tuesday 25th November - Rassau Community Centre	14
Wednesday 26th November - Six Bells Community Centre	14
Thursday 27th November - Ebbw Vale Library	15
Saturday 29th November - Lakeside Retail Park	11
Tuesday 2nd December - Tredegar Library	14

Exhibition Date and Venue	No. of Posters Displayed in Ward
Wednesday 3rd December - Beaufort Hill Welfare Hall	17
Thursday 4th December - Badminton OAP Hall	11
Thursday 11th December - Garnlydan Info Shop	11

3.59 Apart from the disbandment of the Local Forum, the consultation carried out followed the requirements of the Council's approved Delivery Agreement as set out in Table 1.

Responses to the Preferred Strategy Consultation

3.60 This was the key stage for communities to help shape the Deposit Plan and the main thrust of community involvement took place during this time. Members of the Public were requested to make representations in respect of the Preferred Strategy to the Council in writing.

3.61 There was no fundamental challenge or presentation of new evidence against the Preferred Strategy that significantly undermined it. When asked if respondents broadly agreed with the Preferred Strategy (option 2) 80% agreed. Wherever possible all issues/comments raised through consultation have been dealt with in the Deposit Plan.

3.62 In total 414 representations from 58 respondents were received in respect of the Preferred Strategy. Of the total, 278 representations offered comment, 136 were expressing support. The following section of the report summarises the nature of the comments received.

Key Findings of the Preferred Strategy Consultation

3.63 The key findings to emerge from the public consultation stage are presented in more detail in the Preferred Strategy Report of Findings (February 2009) but are summarised below.

Table 5: Key Findings

Issue	Influence on the Deposit Plan
Location/Distribution of Development	
Respondents were concerned that: • The strategy would result in a North South divide • There is a bias towards Ebbw Vale • It would have a detrimental effect on Abertillery and the Ebbw Fach Valley	The strategy now places less emphasis on the North/South divide and more emphasis on regenerating the area through the hub and spoke approach, though there remain fewer opportunities for development in the south due to topographical constraints. The creation of an integrated network of modern and revitalised hubs will provide a mechanism in which to co-ordinate investment and ensures that the benefits are shared widely to transform the whole Borough.

Renewable Energy	
The Welsh Assembly Government was concerned that: - The Preferred Strategy did not appear to have followed the approach of the MIPPS and TAN 8 in that: • There is little consideration of the role and impact of renewable energy • It does not appear to form part of the core strategy plan	The Council does not agree with this as the role and impact of renewable energy was considered during the preparation of the Preferred Strategy. Nevertheless the Council has now undertaken a Renewable Energy assessment in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Governments Toolkit.
Level of Housing Growth	
Although most respondents agreed with the increase in population to 71,000 by 2021 and the proposed development of 2,250 – 3000 dwellings some argued that: • A range of provision should not be included and instead a top end figure should be allocated • Others expressed concern that the higher figure was too ambitious and could not be delivered in the plan period	The number of houses to be provided within the plan period has increased as a result of new Welsh Assembly Government projections for the area. Whilst the level of population growth broadly agrees with what the Preferred Strategy aimed to achieve the number of houses required to accommodate this growth has increased. A definite figure has now been included rather than a range. The LDP Deposit Plan provided a framework for the development of 3,666 new dwellings within Blaenau Gwent.

Stage 3: Deposit Plan Consultation (Regulation 17-21)

Purpose

3.64 In May 2011, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council placed on deposit the draft LDP. The purpose of this stage of the plan was to enable all interested parties and organisations to make representations in respect of any polices and proposals in the Deposit Plan.

When?

3.65 The Council approved the Deposit Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan for consultation on the 15th April 2011 in accordance with the previously approved and updated Delivery Agreement (January 2011). The Deposit Plan was placed on deposit for a six week period of consultation between 5th May and 16th June 2011.

Who?

3.66 Notification letters, comment forms, guidance notes and a summary leaflet were sent to approximately 530 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included statutory consultees, non-statutory consultees, the LDP steering Group and members of the public. The consultation list is contained in Appendix 1.

How?

3.67 The package of documents published on the 5th May 2011 comprised:

- The Written Statement

- Proposals Maps
- Constraints Maps
- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Deposit Draft LDP
- Habitat Regulation Assessment
- Initial Consultation Report
- Guidance Notes and Comment Forms
- Consultation Letter
- A series of Background Papers and Studies
- Summary documents

3.68 A CD disc with electronic copies of the above documents was sent to statutory consultees and members of the LDP Steering Group. Hard copies of the Deposit Draft LDP were hand delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Government on 5th May 2011.

3.69 During the deposit consultation, all of the above documents were made available at:

- All local libraries
- Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar
- Council Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale
- Planning Control, Council Offices, High Street, Blaina
- Anvil Court, Abertillery
- All Community First offices
- Ebbw Vale Development Trust
- The Council's website

3.70 The package of Deposit Draft LDP documents was published on the council's website on 5th May 2011. The Deposit Draft LDP documents were placed on the Council's website for inspection/downloading and were available throughout the consultation process. The website contained full details of the Deposit Draft LDP including information on exhibitions, links to related LDP documents and advice on how to make representations including a guidance note on submitting 'New Alternative Sites'. There was a direct link from the Council's home page to the Deposit Draft LDP throughout the consultation period.

3.71 A Statutory notice was placed in the Gwent Gazette on the 28th April 2011. A copy of the statutory notice is contained in Appendix 13.

3.72 Site notices were erected in prominent locations around sites allocated for development between 4th and 5th May 2011. An example of a site notice is attached at Appendix 14.

3.73 Every household in Blaenau Gwent was sent a poster advertising the forthcoming deposit plan consultation event, explaining the purpose of the consultation, how they could get involved and provided contact details for the Council's planning policy team. The poster is attached at Appendix 16A.

3.74 Articles informing residents of the Deposit Draft LDP were also placed in the Gwent Gazette. In addition, a number of press releases were published in the Gwent Gazette and South Wales Argus during the consultation period. These are attached at Appendix 15.

3.75 The Deposit consultation involved a number of drop in sessions that were held in each of the four main town centres as shown in Table 6. The drop in sessions were held in vacant town centre shops or well used public buildings located in the town centre for 3 consecutive days on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday to encourage maximum participation. Each of the sessions had at least two officers in attendance and all sessions held an exhibition of deposit plan information and a library of consultation material, site specific information, explanatory material, summary documents, representation forms and large scale versions of the proposals maps.

3.76 Posters advertising the consultation and drop in sessions were displayed in shops and notice boards in each of the 4 main town centres throughout the consultation period (See Appendix 16B).

Table 6: List of Drop in Sessions held

Venue	Date	Time
Tredegar 15 Gwent Shopping Centre (next to Farmfoods) Tredegar	**Thursday 12 May** **Friday 13 May** **Saturday 14 May**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**
Abertillery The Metropole Mitre Street Abertillery	**Thursday 19 May** **Friday 20 May** **Saturday 21 May**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**
Brynmawr Former Flash Cycles, (next to Bill's Trophies) Blaina Road on Market Square, Brynmawr	**Thursday 26 May** **Friday 27 May** **Saturday 28 May**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**
Ebbw Vale Learning Action Centre James Street	**Thursday 2 June** **Friday 3 June** **Saturday 4 June**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**

3.77 Particular care was taken to ensure that the hard to reach groups were involved in the process. Council Officers gave a presentation to the Youth Forum, and met with the gypsy and traveller community and a representative from the access for all forum. Notification letters and summary leaflets were sent to mental health, elderly persons, ex offenders, and homeless organisations and to the equal opportunities commission.

3.78 The Council have undertook a Health Impact Assessment and an Equalities Impact Assessment on the draft Local Development Plan. The purpose of the Health Impact Assessment was to discuss the proposed strategy in terms of its negative and positive impacts on the health and well being of the Blaenau Gwent population.

The Equalities Impact Assessment assessed if the Local Development Plan helps the Council to achieve its legal duties in respect of equality. Detailed reports on these assessments are available on the Council's website.

3.79 All deposit representations received an acknowledgement letter which acknowledged receipt of the representation received and advised of forthcoming stages and the Examination in Public and Alternative Sites Consultation. In July 2011, a hard copy of the deposit plan representations were distributed to the Business Resource Centre, Tredegar; Planning Control Offices, High Street, Blaina; the Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; and Anvil Court, Abertillery. Deposit Plan representations were scanned and uploaded on the website in July 2011.

3.80 The consultation on the Deposit Draft LDP and accompanying documents followed the requirements of the Council's approved Delivery Agreement as set out in Table 1.

Responses to the Deposit Consultation

3.81 In total 390 representations from 85 representors were received to the Deposit Local Development Plan. Of these 390 representations, 98 expressed support for the Plan.

3.82 Table 7 shows the number of representations received to each chapter of the Plan. It does not show a break down of all representations received because not all representations related to a specific chapter of the LDP. It does however show how the majority of representations related to allocations and designations and strategic policies contained in chapters 8 and 6 respectively.

Table 7: Deposit Representations by Chapter of LDP

Chapter	Number of Representations Received	Number of Representations Received in Support
1.0: Introduction	3	0
2.0: Policy Context	1	0
3.0: Blaenau Gwent Context and Challenges	5	3
4.0: Vision and Objectives	18	12
5.0: Spatial Strategy	13	2
6.0: Strategic Policies	90	22
7.0: Development Management Policies	62	21
8.0: Allocations and Designations	143	37
9.0: Delivery and Implementation	16	1
Appendix 1: Monitoring Framework	5	0

3.83 The largest number of representations (143) were received on Chapter 8.0 Allocations and Designations and Chapter 6.0 Strategic Policies (90).

3.84 Of particular numerical significance in terms of the representations made to the allocations and designation chapters were allocations H1.2 – Cartref Aneurin Bevan (10 representations); H1.14 Six Bells Colliery Site (11 representations); ED1.2 Lower Plateau Six Bells Colliery Site (12 representations); and M4.2 Tir Pentwys Tip Preferred Area (10 representations). Of particular note was the 111 signature petition received from two local residents in respect of the deletion of the housing and school site at Six Bells Colliery and the 171 signature petition requesting the deletion of the housing site. Two other petitions were received in respect of Jesmondene Stadium one with 19 names and the other with 3.

3.85 With regard to the Strategic Policies Chapters, of particular numerical significance are the representations received to policies SP3 – The Retail Hierarchy and Vitality and Viability of the Town Centres (10 representations), SP4 – Delivering Quality Housing (15 representations), SP10 Protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment (11 representations).

3.86 Table 8 also provides a breakdown of the number of representations received which supported the Plan. Chapter 8.0 Allocations and Designations received the highest number of representations in support of the Plan (37).

3.87 Altogether 47 representations from 3 representors were received to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) comprising 15 representations of support. A further 8 representations were received to the Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA).

3.88 Of the total number of deposit representations, 63 alternative sites were suggested. These consisted of new sites proposed to be included in the Plan, proposed amendments to existing allocations, sites proposed for deletion from the Plan and proposed amendments to the settlement boundaries. These sites were subject to a separate consultation held in July - September 2011.

Key Findings of the Deposit Plan Consultation

3.89 A number of important issues were raised to the deposit draft Local Development Plan consultation.

3.90 The main issues were:

- The **ability to deliver the Housing Requirement figure** in light of, past completion figures, the current economic climate, deliverability of sites and questions of site viability.
- **Mineral policies**, in particular issues over the way that coal is dealt with and consistency with other Authorities boundaries
- **Six Bells Colliery Site** – some objections relate to the housing and school whilst others object only to the housing. Other objectors ask for the whole site to be allocated for tourism and leisure.
- The extent of the buffer and Preferred Area at **Trefil Quarry**
- The extent of the **green wedge between Tredegar and Ebbw Vale** and the need to protect ecological connectivity
- Objections to specific proposals, principally housing sites.
- Objections from land owners, who proposed 25 additional sites and 4 amendments to the settlement boundary.

Stage 4: Alternative Site Consultation

Purpose

3.91 The purpose of this stage was to publicise the site allocation representations received during the deposit plan consultation.

When?

3.92 The consultation was held for six weeks from the 21st July to the 1st September 2011. An addendum was issued on 28th July 2011 identifying an additional alternative site.

Who?

3.93 Notification letters were sent to approximately 615 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included statutory consultees, non-statutory consultees, the LDP Forum and members of the public. The consultation list is contained in Appendix 1 and 2. These letters were sent out prior to the beginning of the consultation period and informed people about the process and how to make a representation in relation to the soundness of the Plan. Notification letters and the addendum were sent to all consultees on the LDP database on the 28th July 2011.

How?

3.94 Of the total number of deposit representations, 63 alternative sites were suggested. These were new sites proposed to be included in the Plan or proposed amendments to existing allocations or sites proposed for deletion from the Plan or proposed amendments to the settlement boundaries. Table 8 provides a breakdown of the different types of alternative site proposals submitted. 8 of these were previously submitted as candidate sites and 17 were completely new sites, not previously considered.

Table 8: The Different Types of Alternative Site Proposals Submitted

Alternative Site Proposal	Number of Reps
New Sites proposed to be included in the LDP	25
Proposed Amendments to existing LDP allocations	18
Sites proposed for Deletion from the LDP	16
Proposed Amendments to Settlement Boundaries	4
Total	**63**

3.95 The consultation involved the publication of an alternative sites register. The alternative sites register provided information about the alternative sites received. The Alternative Sites Register is structured into four parts as follows:

PART A: New sites proposed to be included in the Local Development Plan
PART B: Proposed amendments to existing LDP allocations
PART C: Site proposed for deletion from the Local Development Plan
PART D: Proposed amendments to the settlement boundaries in the Local Development Plan

3.96 The register explained what the consultation involved, and how to make a representation. Copies of the register were available at:

- All local libraries

- Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar
- Council Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale
- Planning Control, Council Offices, High Street, Blaina
- Anvil Court, Abertillery
- All Community First offices
- Ebbw Vale Development Trust

3.97 The register was also placed on the website during the 6 week consultation period from 21st July through to 1st September 2011.

3.98 An addendum to the alternative site register included an additional site that had been omitted from the alternative sites register. This additional site (AS (A) 18) was found at the start of the consultation period and therefore the consultation period was not extended.

3.99 Copies of the alternative site register were hand delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Government on 21st July 2011.

3.100 A statutory notice was placed in the Gwent Gazette on 21st July 2011. A copy of the statutory notice is contained in Appendix 17.

3.101 Site notices were erected in prominent positions around the alternative sites between the 21st and 22nd July. The site notices included a map and the site reference and contact details for the department. An example of a site notice is attached at Appendix 18.

3.102 In accordance with the Community Involvement Scheme set out in the Delivery Agreement, drop in sessions and workshops were not considered necessary during this stage of consultation.

3.103 All representations on alternative sites received an acknowledgement letter advising them of the next stages and forthcoming updates. In October 2011, a hard copy of the alternative site representations were distributed to the Business Resource Centre, Tredegar; Planning Control Offices, High Street, Blaina; the Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale; and Anvil Court, Abertillery. Alternative site representations were scanned and uploaded on the website in October – November 2011.

3.104 This is fully compliant with the actions committed to in the Community Involvement Scheme as set out in Table 1.

Response to Alternative Site Consultation

3.105 The 423 representations from 176 representors received to the alternative site consultation represented a higher response rate than the deposit plan. Of the 423 representations, 321 were objections that is they supported the position of the Plan. Of these 14 objections were received to the alternative site deletions, 281 objections were received to new sites, 15 objections were received to proposed amendments, and 11 to amendments to the settlement boundaries.

3.106 The overwhelming majority of objections (246) were to new alternative sites, stating that they were undevelopable and that the Plan would be unsound if they were

included. Those representations supporting the alternative sites have largely come from the landowners promoting their own site. All representations received are contained in the Report of Representations document which can be found at Appendix 22.

3.107 Table 9 shows the spatial distribution of the new alternative sites proposed for residential development. The majority of sites are located outside the settlement boundary and are therefore contrary to the LDP Strategy of directing development to brownfield land within the settlement limits.

Table 9: Spatial Distribution of the New Alternative Sites proposed for Residential Development

Location of Alternative Site	Number of Sites
Open Countryside	4
Adjoins / edge of settlement limits	9
Within settlement limit	2

Key Findings of the Alternative Site Consultation

3.108 The key issues that arose from the alternative sites consultation related to the new sites proposed for residential development and existing housing allocations.

- New Sites proposed for residential development

3.109 Over 75% of the representations received at the alternative site consultation stage were objections to the new sites. Extensive representations were made to AS (N) 04 – Land at Big Lane – Site 6 and AS (N) 05 – Land off Parkhill Crescent.

3.110 All new sites were discounted for inclusion in the Plan for residential development. The sites were considered undevelopable with the majority of them being located outside the settlement boundary and therefore contrary to the LDP strategy.

- Existing Housing Allocations

3.111 Supporting information and further work was undertaken at this stage as a result of the representations received on housing allocation H1.4 (Alternative Site Ref AS (D) 02) – Jesmondene Stadium. An unresolved land stability issue was identified with the landowner and the Council and concerns regarding land contamination raised questions of the site's viability and deliverability, it is therefore proposed to delete the site from the plan. This is advertised as a focussed change.

3.112 An extensive number of representations were received in support of the deletion of housing allocation H1.5 (Alternative Site Ref AS (D) 03) – Business Resource Centre from the Plan during the alternative site consultation stage. Issues of concern were raised around the loss of employment land and the loss of character of the village. The Council propose to delete the site from the Plan and advertise as a focussed change.

4.0 REPRESENTATION RESPONSES

4.1 In accordance with the requirements of the LDP Regulations, the Council has

considered each of the representations received at the Deposit and Alternative Site stage and formulated a response. A summary of each of the representations received and the Council's response is contained in the Report of Representations. The changes proposed as result of the representations are contained in the LDP Statement of Focussed Changes.

4.2 The representations made on the Deposit Local Development Plan and on the Alternative Sites were reported to Members during a series of Member meetings held in October and November 2011. These meetings enabled members to voice concerns regarding the issues raised and be briefed on the next steps.

4.3 The Deposit Plan and Alternative Site consultation responses were reported to Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny on 7th December 2011, Executive on 14th December 2011 and Full Council on 5th January 2012. A meeting with the LDP Forum was not held due to the lack of interest with only 3 people expressing an interest in attending the meeting.

4.4 The report taken through the committee process set out the key findings arising from the deposit plan consultation. The Report of Representations was attached as an appendix and detailed the representations received. A separate report proposing the consequent changes to the Plan known as the Statement of Focussed Changes was also reported.

5.0 ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 As Section 3.0 indicates, in total the Council received 813 representations in respect of the Deposit Draft LDP and Alternative Site Allocations. In addition a total of 117 late 'not duly made' representations were received. The following section provides an identification of the main areas for consideration at examination.

5.2 The analysis of the representations received to the Deposit Draft LDP and the Alternative Site allocations indicates clearly the primary areas of objection and therefore the main areas for consideration at the Local Development Plan examination.

5.3 The Council's suggested areas for consideration at the examination are:

- Strategy
- Housing requirement figure and deliverability
- Housing allocations and settlement boundaries
- Minerals
- Six Bells Colliery Site

Strategy

5.4 The Spatial Strategy and policies SP1 and SP2 provide a strategic framework for development in Blaenau Gwent. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- Emphasis on Ebbw Vale
- Lack of reference to the environment
- Questions regarding impact of the hub approach

5.5 Following consideration of the key issues identified above, the Council proposes not to amend the Spatial Strategy, SP1 and SP2.

5.6 The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the local significance of the issues raised that the matter may need to be considered further at a round table session of the examination.

Housing Requirement Figure and Deliverability

5.7 Policies SP4, SP5 and H1 provide a framework for the delivery of new housing in Blaenau Gwent. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- Deliverability and flexibility of housing requirement figure
- Deliverability of housing sites
- Accuracy of the housing requirement figure
- Phasing does not accord with national policy

5.8 Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes to amend policies SP4, SP5 and H1 and objectives 2 and 3.

5.9 The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the matter may need to be considered further at a round table session of the examination.

Housing allocations and settlement boundaries

5.10 Policies H1 and SB1 provide a new framework for the delivery of new housing in Blaenau Gwent and defines a settlement boundary. Of the 22 housing allocations, 14 were objected to. In addition 15 new sites were promoted for housing development and 4 amendments proposed to the designated settlement boundaries. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- The allocation of certain parcels land for housing
- The definition of settlement boundaries

5.11 Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes to delete allocations H1.4 and H1.5 and amend the settlement boundary.

5.12 The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the matter may need to be considered further at a round table session of the examination.

Minerals

5.13 Policies SP12, DM19, DM20, M1, M2, M3 and M4 provides a framework for the protection of mineral resources in Blaenau Gwent. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- The apportionment should be raised to 6Mt to absorb BBNP requirement
- Identification of tertiary and coal resources
- The identification of the preferred area of known mineral resource at Trefil Quarry
- The identification of the preferred area of known mineral resource at Tirpentwys

Tip

5.14 Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes that amendments be made to policies DM19 and DM20; and that the proposals map is amended to delete part of the Preferred Area at Trefil Quarry and that the buffer be amended around the Preferred Area.

5.15 The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the matter may need to be considered further at a round table session of the examination.

Six Bells Colliery Site

5.16 Policies H1.14 and ED1.2 allocates land at the former Six Bells Colliery site for housing and a primary school. A number of objections were received as well as 3 petitions.

5.17 The key issues identified through the representations in respect of the housing development proposed at this site include:

- Amend the boundary of the allocation to include the former Aberbeeg Junior School site
- Objection to housing due to its impact on highways; biodiversity; landscape; the surrounding area and existing local infrastructure. In addition objections were raised around the following: questions the need for housing; the site would be better used for a primary school; valuable recreational and tourist destination; loss of open space; contrary to the Six Bells Regeneration Strategy; and the site qualifies as a rural exception site.
- The site should be included as a tourism and leisure allocation.

5.18 The key issues identified through the representations in respect of the primary school proposed at the site include:

- Objection to the primary school on the grounds of the site is located in flood zone C2; and SFCA has not demonstrated that the consequences of flooding are capable of being managed.
- The site should be retained for tourism and leisure.

5.19 Following consideration of the representations, the Council proposes not to amend policy H1.14. With regard to the results of the SFCA, it is proposed to amend the site boundary of allocation ED1.2.

5.20 The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the local significance of the issues raised that the matter may need to be considered further at a round table session of the examination.

6.0 FOCUSSED CHANGES

Purpose

6.1 In January 2011, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council made the Focussed Changes available for public consultation. The purpose of this stage was to consult on the changes that the Council considers appropriate to make to the Local Development Plan following consideration of the representations.

When?

6.2 The Focussed Changes were published for public consultation for six weeks on 19th January until 1st March 2012.

Who?

6.3 Notification letters were sent to approximately 770 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included statutory consultees, non-statutory consultees, the LDP Forum and members of the public. The consultation list is contained in Appendix 1, 2 And 3. Copies of the Focussed Changes documents were hand delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Government on 19th January 2012.

How?

6.4 The package of documents forming the Focussed Changes consultation comprised of:

- Statement of Focussed Changes
- Representations Form

A CD containing the above documents was sent to the statutory consultees.

6.5 The following documents were also published for information on the Council's website:

- Report of Consultation
- Updated Sustainability Appraisal
- Preliminary Results of Hydraulic Modelling Study

6.6 All documents were published on the Council's website on 19th January 2012 and were made available at:

- All local libraries
- Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar
- Council Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale
- Planning Control, Council Offices, High Street, Blaina
- Anvil Court, Abertillery
- All Community First offices
- Ebbw Vale Development Trust

6.7 A Statutory notice was placed in the Gwent Gazette on the 19th January 2012. A copy of the Statutory Notice is contained in Appendix 19.

6.8 Site Notices advertising proposed amendments and deletions of allocations were erected in prominent locations around the sites. An example of a site notice is attached at Appendix 20.

7.0 SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL / STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1 As part of the LDP preparation process there has been an iterative process of Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the requirements of the European Directive

'Strategic Environmental Assessment' – SA/SEA) which has its own legislation and consultation requirements. The results of this consultation have informed the production of the plan and are covered in a separate Sustainability Appraisal Report which is available on request and on the council's website www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

Pre Deposit Participation and Consultation

7.2 Early engagement with the statutory SA/SEA consultees and key stakeholders were necessary to set the context and objectives, establish a baseline and decide the scope for the appraisal against which the LDP has been assessed. Formal consultation with stakeholders on the Scoping Report took place for a statutory 5-week period between 9 November 2007 and 14 December 2007.

7.3 The stakeholders engaged during this stage were:

- Statutory Consultees
- Adjoining Local Authorities
- Environmental Organisations
- Town and Community Councils
- Other Interested Parties (e.g. NHS Trust, Voice of Industry, Local Chambers of Commerce)
- LDP Forum – a representative group comprising private and public sector housing; voluntary groups; Local Health Board; Private Sector Enterprises; Private Sector Companies; and Education.

7.4 A workshop was held on the 24th April 2009 with the SA/SEA working group to discuss/agree the changes to the SA/SEA report as a result of consultation.

7.5 Subsequently an Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report was produced and was issued for consultation alongside the LDP Preferred Strategy from 7th November 2008 to 19th December 2008. The stakeholders engaged during this stage are listed in Appendix 1. A copy of this report was made available to the public and is available on the council website.

Deposit Plan Consultation

7.6 The Sustainability and Strategic Environmental Assessment Report formed one of the core documents placed on Deposit in May 2011. Proposers of new or alternative sites were asked to submit information to demonstrate how the site complied with the sustainability appraisal. A guidance note for new and alternative sites was published at the deposit stage.

7.7 47 representations from 3 representors were received to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) comprising 15 representations of support. The two key issues that arose out of the consultation was:

- Compatibility of sites with SA objectives
- Assessment of significant effects of Strategic, Development Management, Allocations and Designations Policies

- Compatibility of sites with SA objectives

7.8 It is acknowledged that during the candidate site assessment work that some data gaps exist for some data such as air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, as it

was uncertain as to the potential effects of the site in relation to these objectives, as outcomes are dependent on a number of factors including the implementation of other policies in the plan including ones relating to sustainable transport. While the comment refers to a number of sites scoring negatively against the SA objectives (a 'red' score), only 10 of the sites carried forward were allocated a 'red' score. Sites carried forward are those with a colour on the left hand column (indicating the type of allocation in the site descriptions document). It is agreed, however, that for these sites, and the sites carried forward where insufficient information was available for the assessment, that this data is added into the SA tables.

- Assessment of significant effects of Strategic, Development Management, Allocations and Designations Policies

7.9 Although the SA Report provides a summary of the assessment, the assessment of effects has been fully considered in the recommendations arising from these assessments. Although not included in the chapter specifically, readers are referred to the appendices for further detail if they require additional information as to the reasoning behind the recommendations made in the main report (including the prediction of significant effects). Where a range of both positive and negative significant effects is predicted in the assessments, this is also recorded in the main report and included in the monitoring framework

7.10 63 out of the 390 deposit representations put forward alternative sites. Representors who had submitted sites but had not provided any specific information for the sustainability appraisal were made aware that they needed to submit additional information.

Alternative Sites

7.11 The alternative sites submitted at deposit were subject to a separate consultation held in July-September 2011. These alternative sites were assessed against the Sustainability Appraisal Objectives following the methodology undertaken at stage 5 of the candidate site assessment process. A number of the alternative sites had been submitted as candidate sites and failed stage 2 of the 5 stages of the methodology. 17 of the alternative sites were new sites not previously submitted.

Focussed Changes

7.12 The schedule of focussed changes are changes that have been proposed to the Deposit Plan as a result of the representations received at deposit and alternative site consultation. None of these changes are fundamental and go to the heart of the plan. Two types of changes are proposed. Focussed changes which are changes that have resulted from outcomes of consultation or key pieces of evidence that do not affect the soundness of the plan, and minor changes which have no impact on Plan's soundness. These changes have been subject to the same considerations in respect of the SA/SEA as the original deposit LDP. The focussed changes and potential impact or reassessment of plans and policies have been published in an updated Sustainability Appraisal Report and was published as part of the Focussed Change consultation.

8.0 HABITAT REGULATION ASSESSMENT

8.1 In line with the requirements set by the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, the Council has undertaken a Habitat Regulation Assessment. The Assessment was based on the formal Welsh guidance and practice. The results of the Habitat Regulation Assessment have informed the production of the plan and are covered in separate Habitat Regulation Assessment Reports which are available on request and on the Council's website www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

Pre Deposit Consultation

8.2 The first process of the Habitat Regulation Assessment was to undertake a screening exercise. This was undertaken at the Preferred Strategy stage of the Local Development Plan. The screening exercise addressed the likely significant effects on designated European Sites of implementing the policies and proposals of the Draft Preferred Strategy.

8.3 Subsequently a Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Report was produced and was issued for consultation alongside the LDP Preferred Strategy from 7th November 2008 to 19th December 2008. The stakeholders engaged during this stage are listed in Appendix 1. A copy of this report was made available to the public and is available on the Council website.

Deposit Plan Consultation

8.4 A new screening exercise was undertaken for the Deposit Plan which assessed the likely significant effects of the Deposit Plan on "5 European Sites" within its area of influence, and those that the plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of these sites. An appropriate assessment was undertaken of the implications of the Deposit Plan in view of the sites' conservation objectives.

8.5 Subsequently the Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Report and Appropriate Assessment Reports formed two of the core documents placed on deposit in May 2011. 8 representations from 2 representors were received to the Habitat Regulation Assessment.

8.6 The key issue that arose out of the consultation was:

- Additional caveats are included within the relevant allocation details in Chapter 9.0

It is agreed that the Survey Requirements table in Chapter 9.0 be expanded to include all allocations and that an additional column is included to identify where a HRA assessment is required and that the site descriptions document is updated.

Focussed Changes

8.7 The schedule of focussed changes are changes that have been proposed to the Deposit Plan as a result of the representations received at deposit and alternative site consultation. None of these changes are fundamental and go to the heart of the plan. Two types of changes are proposed. Focussed changes which are changes that have resulted from outcomes of consultation or key pieces of evidence that do not affect the soundness of the plan, and minor changes which have no impact on

Plan's soundness. These changes have been subject to the same considerations in respect of the HRA as the original deposit LDP. The focussed changes and potential impact or reassessment of plans and policies have been published in a separate report on the Habitat Regulations Assessment of the Focussed Changes.

9.0 SOUNDNESS SELF ASSESSMENT

9.1 Planning guidance advises local planning authorities to submit LDPs for examination that they consider to meet all test of soundness.

9.2 In order to demonstrate the soundness of the LDP the Council has conducted its own assessment of the soundness. Attached as Appendix 21 are the results of the Council's self assessment.

APPENDIX 1: CONSULTATION ORGANISATIONS

A Statutory Consultation Organisations

WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

National Assembly for Wales
Cadw
Welsh Assembly Government

ASSEMBLY SPONSORED PUBLIC BODIES

Countryside Council for Wales
Environment Agency

ADJOINING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Brecon Beacons National Park
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Powys County Borough Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
Monmouthshire County Borough Council

LOCAL AND ADJOINING COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
Brynmawr Town Council
Tredegar Town Council
Rhymney Community Council
New Tredegar Community Council
Blaenavon Town Council

LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

Aneurin Bevan Health Board

UTILITIES

Asset Office, British Gas (TRANSCO) Wales Ltd
British Wind Energy Association
Chief Executive, Coal Authority
Celtic Energy Ltd
Confederation of UK Coal Producers
Innogy plc
National Grid
Chairman, Powergen
RWE npower
SWALEC
Western Power Distribution
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
Client Manager, Hyder Consulting Ltd
Lattice Property
Wales and West Utilities

LICENSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS

Local Network Planning Manager, British Telecom
NTL
Mobile Operators Association
Virgin Mobile

UK GOVERNMENT

Department for Transport
Department of Trade & Industry
The Home Office
Defence Estates
Development Plan Team, Planning Inspectorate
Ministry of Defence

VOLUNTARY BODIES

Senior Development Officer, GAVO
WCVA
People First Blaenau Gwent

ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS

Equality & Human Rights Commission
Valleys Race Equality Council

DISABILITY GROUPS

Disability Wales
Visually Impaired Persons Club
RNIB Cymru
Partially Sighted Society
PHAB
Federation for the Blind
Gwent Association for the Blind
Blaenau Gwent Access Group for Disabled
Deaf Association Wales
Disability Rights Commission
Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
North Monmouthshire Mencap
Gwent Valleys S. C. For The Disabled

RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Church in Wales
Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales
Evangelical Movement in Wales Methodist Church
Muslim Council for Wales
South Wales Baptist Association
United Reform Church
Salvation Army
Cardiff Buddhist Centre

Business Interests

Blaina & Nantyglo Chamber of Trade
Town Centre Partnership Brynmawr Traders
Tredegar Development Trust
Working Links

B LDP Forum

Councillor Des Hillman	Leader
Councillor Don Wilcox	Executive Member for Regeneration
Councillor John Morgan	Georgetown Ward
Mrs Clair Stonelake	Regeneration Executive
Mr Ernie Pitt	Base Handling Products Ltd
Ms Kerry Diamond	Finance Director
Ms Maria Golightly	Community Co-ordinator
Mr Richard Bevan	Director of Corporate Development
Dr Jane Layzell	Public Health Director
Ms Patt Tagg	Employment Service
Mr John Davies	Ebbw Vale and District Development Trust
Ms Eluned Jones	WEFO
Ms Jane McMillian	WEFO
Mr Jeremy Gass	Co-ordinator
Mr Brian Kember	Tredegar Development Trust
Mr Colin Davies	Working Links
Mr Wayne Thomas	RISE (The Learning Network)
Mr Steve Harford	Careers Wales Service
Mr Nigel Forster	Capita Symonds
Mr Andy Thomas	Coleg Gwent
Ms Christina Barnes	Linc-Cymru
Ms Marlynne Headworth	Environment Agency Wales
Mrs Amanda Moore	HOV-Community Sector
Mr Huw Lewis	GAVO
Mr Frank Callus	HOV Strategic Programme Co-ordinator (Education)
Mr Chris Ashman	Heads of the Valleys Programme Director

Mr Chris Jarvis	Venture Wales
Mrs Sue John	Flexible Support for Business
Mr Robin Morrison	Chief Executive BGCBC
Mr John Parsons	Corporate Director Environment
Mr Gareth Jones	Chief Regeneration Officer
Mr Mark Price	Head of Community Regeneration
Mr Ged McHugh	Head of Economic Development
Mr Richard Price	The Home Builders Federation
Mr Gwyn Smith	Sustrans Cymru
Mr Glyn Davies	Ramblers Association - North Gwent
Mr Jeff Pride	Herian
Mr Neil Maylan	Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
Mr Mike Johnson	The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (Newport & Valleys)

C. Other Consultees

AS SPECIFIED IN LDP WALES

British Aggregates Association
British Geological Survey
British Geological Survey
British Waterways
Centre for Ecology
Cardiff Chamber of Commerce
CBI
Institute of Directors Wales
Country Landowners and Business Association
Crown Estate
Design Commission for Wales
Forestry Commission Wales
Gypsy Council
Health & Safety Executive
Farmers Union Wales
Federation of Small Businesses
The Home Builders Federation
National Farmers Union of Wales
Planning Aid Wales
Police Architectural Liaison Officer
Post Office Property Holdings
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
Royal Town Planning Institute (Wales)
Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru
The Institution of Civil Engineers
Sports Council for Wales
Land & Property, Gwent Police
Gwent Authorities Emergency Planning Service
Deputy Chief Fire Officer
Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
Forestry Authority (Wales)
Wales Voluntary Action

COMMUNITIES FIRST

Community First, Abertillery
Community First, Blaina
Community First, Cwmtillery
Community First, Nantyglo
Community First, Llanhilleth
Community First, Six Bells
Tredegar Communities First Partnership

LOCAL TRANSPORT OPERATORS

Arriva Trains Wales
Bus Users UK
Civil Aviation Authority
Confederation of Passenger Transport
First Great Western
Freight Transport Association
Network Rail Infrastructure Lmited
Network Rail (Western)
Rail Passenger Committee Wales
Road Haulage Association Ltd
Stagecoach in South Wales
Sustrans Cymru
Rail Freight Group
Cardiff International Airport
Chief Executive, Strategic Rail Authority
English, Welsh and Scottish Railways

CONSULTATION REPORT

LOCAL COMMUNITY, CONSERVATION, AMENITY GROUPS, AGENDA 21 GROUPS/ CIVIC SOCIETIES

Wales Environment Link
Welsh Environmental Services Association
The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (Newport & Valleys)
Friends of the Earth (Cymru)
British Trust for Ornithology
WWF
Blaina Heritage Action Group
Friends of Bedwellty Park
Friends of Festival Park
Gwent Bat Group
RSPB
Welsh Historic Gardens Trust
Trefil Community Action Group
Westside and Forgeside Tenants and Residents Association
Borough Allotments Association
Npower renewables
Energy Saving Trust
Miller Argent (South Wales) Limited
Wildlife Trust for South & West Wales
West Coast Energy Ltd
Camping & Caravaning Club
British Naturalists Association
Countryside Alliance
Cyclists Touring Club
Cardiff Cycling Campaign
Your Energy Limited

EDUCATION

University of Wales Newport
Tredegar Comprehensive School
Ebbw Vale Senior Comprehensive School
Brynmawr Comprehensive School
Nantyglo Comprehensive School
Abertillery Comprehensive School
Glyncoed Comprehensive School
Cardiff University
University of the Valleys
Coleg Gwent

GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS GROUPS

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Safer Blaenau Gwent
CCET - Blaenau Gwent
Blaenau Gwent Local Health Alliance
Blaenau Gwent Biodiversity Partnership

HEALTH

Welsh Health Estates
North Gwent Community Health Council
North Gwent Mental Health League of Friends
Abertillery Mental Health Self Support Group
Brynithel Mental Health Self Support Group
Community Mental Health Team (CMHT)
Equal Opportunities Commission
Local Health Board
Tredegar Mental Health Support Group

ELDERLY PERSONS ORGANISATIONS

National Old Age Pensioners Association for Wales
Hilltop Pensioners Association
Rassau Senior Citizens
Raglan Terrace Pensioners Association
Hilltop Pensioners Association
Brynithel Senior Citizens
Brynmawr Senior Citizens Associations
Cwmtillery OAP
Garnlydan Aged-Persons Welfare Associations
Nantybwch Senior Citizens Assoc.
Nantybwch Senior Citizens Association
Rassau OAP Association
Tyllwyn OAP Association

EX OFFENDERS GROUPS

Nacro Cymru Education & Employment Services in South Wales
Apex Charitable trust

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Aelwyd Housing Association Limited
First Choice Housing Association Ltd
Gwerin (Cymru) Housing Association Ltd
Linc Cymru

Gypsy Traveller Law Reform Coalition

HOMELESS ORGANISATIONS

Shelter Cymru
Crisis

HOUSE BUILDERS

Barratt South Wales
Bellway Homes
Benfield ATT
Bovis Homes
Bond Pearce
C P Construction
Charles Church Wales
Compton Developments
Crest Nicholson PLC
David McLean Homes Ltd
Davies Homes
Taylor Wimpey South Wales
Lovell
Persimmon Homes Wales Ltd
Redrow Homes South Wales Ltd
Redrow Homes South Wales Ltd

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Mr Adrian Reed
Peter Barnes & Associates
Mike Phillips
Chris Meredith
Worthington Enterprise
Mr Graham Morris
Adrian Drew

POLITICAL

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Mr Dai Davies
Mr Mohammad Asghar AM
Ms Jocelyn Davies AM
Mr Micheal German AM
Mr William Graham AM
Labour Party
Plaid Cymru
The Welsh Conservatives
Welsh Democrats
United Welsh

PLANNING CONSULTANTS

Robert Hitchins
Atkins
Boyer Planning
CDN Planning Ltd.
ECOTEC Research and Consulting
Halcrow Group Ltd
Hepher Dixon
Jacobs
James Barr Associates
Kevin Nield and Partners
Nathaniel Lichfiled and Partners
Peacock & Smith
RPS Group
Tony Thorpe Associates
White Young Green
Land Access & Recreation Association
R E Phillips & Partners
Atisreal
RPS Planning & Development
Pegasus Planning Group
DLP Planning
Capita Symonds
Louis Chicot Associates
Fusion Online Limited

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Princes Trust Volunteers Ebbw Vale
Children in Wales
Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Clubs
Brynithel Youth and Community Association
Cefn Golau Youth Development Crew
Cwmcelyn Chapel Youth Club
Glyncoed Youth Community Representatives
St Anne's Church Youth Club
Tredegar Youth Café
Youth Choices
NCH Action for Children
NCH Action For Children (Network)
Youth Hostel Association
Young Dimensions

VOLUNTARY PUBLIC BODIES

British Aggregates Association
Community Service Volunteers Wales
British Horse Society
Ramblers Association Wales
Prince's Trust Cymru
Welsh Consumer Council
One Voice Wales
Welsh Association of Motor Clubs
Herian

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Arts Council of Wales
Capital Region Tourism
Coed Cymru
Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
Hazardous Installations Directorate
Civic Trust for Wales
National Trust

Commoners Association

Mr M Lloyd	Mynydd Carn-y-Cefn Commoners Association
Mr D Jones	Nantyglo & Blaina Commoners Association
Mr A Davies	Manmoel Commoners Association
Ms Janet Haliday	Bedwellty Commoners Association
M Bowen	Commoners Association
Mr T Tapscott	Commoners Association
Mr J Burchell	Commoners Association
Mr G Davies	Commoners Association
Mr Alan Williams	Blorange Commoners Association
Mr J Hudd	Commoners Association
Evans	Commoners Association
Mr M Lippiatt	Commoners Association
Mr Mike Roberts	Rhymney & Bedwellty Commoners Association
Ms Lorraine Shehan	Commoners Association

INDIVIDUALS

Mr Stewart Ross
Ms Julie Newcombe
Mr G Azouz
Mrs Stacey Chaplin
Mr B J Edmunds
W J Cooksey
Mr & Mrs Clist
Ms Beverly Cousins
Mr Andrew Jones
Mr G P Jones
Mr J Evans
Mr Churchward
Mr Idris Watkins
Mr Nick Thomas
Mr D Jones
Mr D Jones
Mr M Morris
Mr M Pagett
Mr Jack Hanbury
Mr Roger Leadbeter
Mr Philip Crozier
Miss Helen Williams
Mr Sean Tohill
Mr James Edwards
Mr Reg Arnold
Mrs Elaine Townsend
Mr Colin Stevens
Mrs Margaret Retallick
Ms Jessica Daley
Ms Heidi Carter
Mrs T Gudge
Mr Roles
Mr Ray Musto
Mr Mike Chislett
Mrs P Rogers
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Ms E Chappell
Mr Bradley Morgan
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Ms Rosie Martin
Mr Geff Price
Mr Mal Roberts
Mr Simon Harvey
Mr Brian Johnson
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Mr Laura Price
Mr Chris Sollars
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Julian Coombes
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D. Full Councillor List

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Councillor S. Bard
Councillor D. Hancock
Councillor W.C. Watkins
Councillor D. Davies
Councillor M. Edwards
Councillor R. Rocke
Councillor D. Hughes
Councillor H. McCarthy
Councillor M. Bartlett
Councillor J.T Rogers
Councillor D. Wilcox
Councillor J. Morgan
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Councillor G.P Collier
Councillor D. Hillman
Councillor Y. Lewis
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Councillor S. Ford
Councillor J.E. Mason
Councillor J. J. Hopkins
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Councillor N. Hobbs
Councillor S.C. Thomas
Councillor J. Owen
Councillor K. Hayden
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Councillor D. J. Owens

Councillor C. Meredith
Councillor B. Thomas
Councillor D. H. Wilkshire

E. Internal Officer List

Alan Reed	Highways Division
Alison Hoskins	Social Services
Alun Evans	Technical Services - Transport
Alwyn Hughes	Regeneration – Business Services
Alyson Tippings	Tourism
Andrew Long	Public Protection
Andrew Parker	People & Performance Division
Angela Chard	Accountancy & Financial Policy
Bernadette Elias	Policy Performance & Development
Bethan Cartwright	Regeneration – Town Centres
Bridget Powell	Housing
Catherine Ashby	Public Protection, Development Control
Chris Engel	Regeneration - Projects
Clive Rogers	Technical Services
Clive Phillips	Social Services
Colin Cheesman	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	Public Protection
Dave Thompson	Public Protection - Grants Policy & Operations
Dave Watkins	Leisure Services
Deborah Beeson	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Emma Cashmore	Education
Eirlys Hallett	Public Protection – Planning Control
Frank Olding	Leisure - Heritage
Ged McHugh	Regeneration – Economic Policy
Hayley Selway	Housing
Helena Hunt	People and Performance – Community Safety
Jane McNeil	Communities First
Jenny Turner	Environment
Jim Allen	Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
Joanna Rhead	Accountancy & Financial Policy
John Howells	Education – School Services
John Parsons	Environment – Corporate Director
Julian Bosley	Regeneration – Business Services
Karin Lamb	Regeneration – Town Centres
Keith Chaplin	Environment
Keith Rogers	Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Kelsey Watkins	Housing - Communications
Leanne Connor	Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	Environment
Lynn Phillips	Leisure Services
Mark Hopkins	Technical Services - Engineering
Mark Price	Community Regeneration

Michelle Evans	Education
Nick Landers	Regeneration - Projects
Paul Miles	Legal & Estates Division
Phil Hodgson	Social Services
Phillip Hackling	Housing
Richard Crook	Corus Project Team
Rob Thompson	People and Performance Team
Roderic Jenkins	Transport
Ruth Sinfield	Social Services
Sharn Anett	Education – Children and Young People
Simon Dobbs	Regeneration - Projects
Steve Smith	Public Protection - Planning
Tony Chivers	Technical Services - Engineering
Vanessa Woddon	Technical Services – Property Asset

F. Candidate Site Consultation

Dr John R.P Evans	Tredegar Town Council
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Mr W. H Davies	
Mr A Jenkins	
Mr A Muir	Harmers Limited
Mr Paul Vining	White Young Green
Ms Lydia Haskey	Welsh Assembly Government
Mr Oliver J Keates	WBS Planning LLP
Mr Richard A Hulbert	
Mr Keith A Williams & Mrs Hannah A Williams	
Mr Colin Francombe	
Mr Russell	
Mr Rhys Davies	Redrow Homes
Mr Tim Gent	GVA Grimley
Mr Owain Griffiths	GVA Grimley LLP
Ms Rhian Lees	DPP
Mr Gary Howells	
Mr Nick Richards	
Mr Rodney Edward Morris	
Savills (L&P) Ltd	
Mr Tom Tyler	Festival Park Chester Properties Ltd
Mr Brian Morgan	
Mr David Thursfield	Walters Group
Mrs Joan Jones	
Mr Darren Parker	DTZ
Mr Terry Maggs	
Mr Fred Howells	
Ms Carolyn Jones	RPS Planning & Development
Dr John Down	Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway Co.
Mr W John Evans	
Ms Michelle Jones	
Mr I Watkins	Hedland Civil Engineering
Mr Graham Morris	
Mr Adam Everley	
Mr A Jenkins	
Mr DV & H Warren	
Mr M P & R Haven	

Mr Sean Pagett
Mr Julian Padfield
Mr M Jenkins
Ms Elizabeth Pinocci
Mr Martyn Richards
Mr Carl Summers
Mr A Morgan
Ms Sarah Fotheringham Linc Cymru Housing

APPENDIX 2: DEPOSIT PLAN REPRESENTORS

Name	Organisation
Mr Paul Davidson	
Mr Gavin Holloway	
Mr Mark Newey	Welsh Government
Mrs Beverley Hamm	
Mrs Bethan Williams	
Mrs Nia Kerr	
Mrs Olwen Clatworthy	
Mr and Mrs Clatworthy	
Mr James Roles	
Mr Martyn Evans	
Mr Adrian Wilcox	Torfaen County Borough Council
Mr Robert Murray	Torfaen County Borough Council
Ms Gaynor Joseph	
Mrs Elaine Davies	
Mr Nik Morris	
Councillor John Morgan	Tredegar Town Council
Mr Keith Chichester	C2J Architects & Town Planners
Mr Gwion Thorpe	Environment Agency Wales
Miss Rhian Lees	DPP
Mr William Beer	Public Health Wales
Mr Owen Griffiths	GVA Associates
Mrs Alsyon Tippings	Tredegar Town Council
Mr Richard Price	Home Builders Federation
Mrs Lydia Haskey	Welsh Government
Mr Andrew Muir	Harmers Limited
Mr Gary Williams	
Mr William Rimell	Savills
Ms Barbara Morgan	Network Rail
Mr Gareth Francombe	
Ms Jacqueline Lewis	
Miss Paula Jones	
Mrs Enid Brown	
Mrs Patricia Davies	
Mr Brian Phipps	
Mr Ian Powell	
Mr and Mrs David James	
Mrs Christine Jeffries	
Mrs Denise Powell	
Mr Brian Morgan	
Miss Clare Lucey	DTZ
Mr William Cooksey	
Mr and Mrs G J Webb	
Mrs Louise Roberts	
Mr David Brewer	Confederation of UK Coal Producers (Coal Pro)
Mrs Rachel Willis	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Name	Organisation
Mr Steven Bartlett	Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council
Ms Michelle Jones	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Mr Jack Hanbury	Pontypool Park Estate
Miss Rachael Bust	The Coal Authority
Mr Peter Chambers	
A Goodenough	
Mr Peter Adamson	
Mrs M Stephens	
Mr H D Westacott	
Mrs Lynette Evans	
Mr Paul Callaghan	
Mrs Mandy Callaghan	
Mr Martyn Richards	
Mr D C Davies	Unite the Union
Mrs M Rowe	Nantybwch Senior Citizens Association
Mrs Rhian Kyte	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Mr Norman Clymer	Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway Co
Mr Damien Holdstock	Entec
Mr Malcolm Roberts	
Councillor Denzil Hancock	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Mr Clive Goodman	
Mrs Barbara James	
Mr Stephen Jones	
Mrs Elaine Griffiths	
Mr Garth Collier	
Mr Brian Brooks	
Mr Skinner	
Mr Anthony Crandon	
Mr Edward Moore	
Councillor Keith Hayden	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Mr William Jones	
Mr Ceri Jones	Blaina Communities First
Mr Sean Pagett	
Mr Ian Roberts	Ian Roberts Consultancy
Mr Nick Smith MP	
Mr Allan Thomas	Six Bells Communities First
Mr Allan Thomas	
Mr Steven East	
Ms Helen Milne	
Mr Laurence Forse	Harmers Limited
Mr William Dearth	W W D Enterprises Ltd
Mr Phillip Bull	South Wales Forgemasters
Carolyn Wilson	MONO Consultants Ltd
Mr Mark Roberts	RPS Planning
Ms Gabrielle Horup	Gwent Wildlife Trust
Mr Graham Congreve	

APPENDIX 3: ALTERNATIVE SITE REPRESENTORS

Name	Organisation
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Mr G Thorpe	Environment Agency Wales
Mr A Muir	Harmers Limited
Mrs P Davies	
Mr B Morgan (+petition)	
C Lucey	DTZ
Mr W Cooksey	
S Bartlett	Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council
Miss R A Bust	The Coal Authority
Mrs B James	
Mr B Brooks	
Mr I Roberts	Ian Roberts Consultancy
G Horup	Gwent Wildlife Trust
Cllr J Hopkins	BGCBC
Cllr L Elias	BGCBC
Mr L Thomas	
Mrs J Thomas	
Mr D Legge (+petition)	
Mr and Mrs Manley	
Mr M Williams	
Mrs F Williams	
Mr and Mrs Young	
Mr and Mrs K Apperley	
G Congreve	
Mr G M Williams	
Mrs S Williams	
Miss L Mogford	
Mr and Mrs A Johns	
Ms K Meredith	
Mr R Pryke and Miss J Fookes	
Mr and Mrs Price	
Mr and Mrs McCarthy	
Mr A Hughes	
Mr TP Griffiths	
Mr P W Pearson	
Miss N Jenkins	
Miss D Jenkins	

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Mrs P A Jenkins	
Mr D J Markey	
Mr and Mrs Gregory	
Mr M Taylor	
Mr D Norris	
Mr J Walbyoff	
Mrs S Walbyof	
Mr W J Ingles	
Mr C Jones	
Mr S Thompson	
Mrs S J Thompson	
Mr N Bird	
K Lewis	Davis Meade Property Consultants
Mrs S Jones	
Mrs G Jones	
Mr D Jones	
Mrs C Jones	
Mr L Hudson	
Mr M Burns	
Mrs C Steed	
Mr T Watkins	
Mr A Clemo	
Mr and Mrs Jervis	
Mrs B Williams	
Mrs S White	
Mr M Jordan	
Mr D White	
Mrs S Davies	
Mr I Lapham	
Mr V Williams	
Mr R Humphreys	
Mrs L Stanley	
Mr W Stanley	
Mrs G Bunn	
Mr S Bunn	
Mr A Walls	

Name	Organisation
Mr D Jones	
Mrs D Owen	
Mrs C L Smith	
A Wilson	Fulfords Land & Planning Services
Mr L Maloney	
Mrs D M Brace	
Dr S Andrews	
Mr J Lewis	
Mr R Tansill	
Mr M Gore	
Mrs T Chaplin	
Mr C Chaplin	
Mr M Bevan	
Mr P Ridings	
Mrs C Joseph	
Mrs M Penny	
Mrs M Penny	
Mr S Penny	
Mr M Bayliss	
Miss M Owen	
Mr G Bridge	
Miss S Kibby	
Mr J Kibby	
Mr T Plummer	
Mrs M Cosgrove	
Mr D Baker	
Mrs J Britton	
Mrs S Llewelyn	
D Llewelyn	
Reverend T Ebenezer	
Mrs S Jones	
Mrs G Kibby	
Mrs V Hiscox	
Mr and Mrs W Mutton	
Mr J Price	
Mrs T Price	
A Davies	Brynmawr Town Council
Mr D E Morgan	

CONSULTATION REPORT

Name	Organisation
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Mr P Williams	
Miss B Trapnell	
Mr J Poole	
Miss A Williams	
Miss A Williams	
Miss K Williams	
Mr R Rackham	
Mrs G Williams	
Mr T Williams	
Mr and Mrs R M Smith	
Mrs Y Walker	
Mrs P E Morgan	
Mr B Chambers	
Mrs D Cave	
Mr A Chappell	
D Westacott	
Mrs C Brown	
Mr D Shepherd	
Mr P Shepherd	
Mrs N Barry	
Mrs E Shepherd	
Mrs N Takel	
Mr L Takel	
Mrs A Shepherd	
Mr P Pearson	
Mrs L O'Brien	
Mr F R Lynch	
Mr and Mrs Davies	
Mrs K King	
Mr B King	
Mr R Brain	
Mrs A Dobbins (+petition)	
Miss D Biggs	
R and A Jenkins	
K Reardon	
Mrs C Selway	
Mr P McGrath	

Name	Organisation
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Mr A Downes	
Mrs J Evans	
Mr K James	
Miss H Canilt	
K Verity	
Miss L Greeves	
Mr J Evans	
Mr C Greeves	
Miss S Jones	
Mrs E Greeves	
Mr and Mrs J Green	
Mr R Ranley	
Mrs A Anstee	
A J Davies	
C Evans	Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding
Mr F Olding	BGCBC - Heritage Section
Mr and Mrs T V Olsen	
Mr L Williams	
Mr A Williams	
Mrs C Dovey	
Miss R M Williams	
Miss CJ Powell	
Mrs A Davies	
Mr J Humphrys	
Mrs B James	

CONSULTATION REPORT

APPENDIX 4: INVITATION LIST FOR THE ISSUES PAPER JULY 2007

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Alan Reed	Highways Division
Alison Hoskins	Social Services
Alun Evans	Technical Services - Transport
Alwyn Hughes	Regeneration – Business Services
Alyson Tippings	Tourism
Andrew Long	Public Protection
Andrew Parker	People & Performance Division
Angela Chard	Accountancy & Financial Policy
Bernadette Elias	Policy Performance & Development
Bethan Cartwright	Regeneration – Town Centres
Bridget Powell	Housing
Chris Engel	Regeneration - Projects
Clive Rogers	Technical Services
Colin Cheesman	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	Public Protection
Dave Thompson	Public Protection - Grants Policy & Operations
Dave Watkins	Leisure Services
Deborah Beeson	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Eirlys Hallett	Public Protection – Planning Control
Frank Olding	Leisure - Heritage
Ged Mchugh	Regeneration – Economic Policy
Hayley Selway	Housing
Jenny Turner	Environment
Jim Allen	Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
Joanna Rhead	Accountancy & Financial Policy
John Howells	Education – School Services
John Parsons	Environment – Corporate Director
Julian Bosley	Regeneration – Business Services
Keith Chaplin	Environment
Keith Rogers	Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Leanne Connor	Environment – Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	Environment
Lynn Phillips	Leisure Services
Mark Hopkins	Technical Services - Engineering
Mark Price	Community Regeneration
Michelle Evans	Education
Nick Landers	Regeneration - Projects
Paul Miles	Legal & Estates Division
Phil Hodgson	Social Services
Phillip Hackling	Housing
Richard Crook	Corus Project Team
Roderic Jenkins	Transport
Ruth Sinfield	Social Services
Sharn Annett	Education – Children and Young People

Name	Organisation
Simon Dobbs	Regeneration - Projects
Steve Smith	Public Protection - Planning
Tony Chivers	Technical Services - Engineering
External Organisations	
Elaine Ancrum	National Assembly for Wales
Jackie Walters	Environment Agency
Tracy Nettleton	Brecon Beacons National Park
Mr N Davies	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Mr R Murray	Torfaen County Borough Council
Mr Steve Bartlett	Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council
Dr J Evans	Tredegar Town Council
Richard Jones	Countryside Council for Wales
	Cadw
Mrs Rhian Kyte	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	Powys County Borough Council
Mr G Bartlett	Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council
Mrs A Davies	Brynmawr Town Council
Mr J P Williams	Rhymney Community Council
Mrs D Gronow	New Tredegar Community Council
	Local Network Planning British Telecom
	NTL
	Virgin Mobile
	Lattice Property
	British Wind Energy Association
	Celtic Energy Ltd
Mr Rhian Deakin	Blaenavon Town Council
Mr Ryan Bowen	Hyder Consulting Ltd
	Mobile Operators Association
Richard Bevan	Blaenau Gwent Local Health Board
Mr Neil Dalley	British Gas (TRANSCO)
Mr K Ferguson	Coal Authority
	Confederation of UK Coal Producers
Dr Emma Wilson	Innogy plc
Mr Ed Wallace	Powergen
	SWALEC
	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
	Department for Transport
	The Home Office
Mr Jonathon Jones	Wales Tourist Board
	National Grid Transco plc
	RWE npower
	Western Power Distribution
	Wales and West Utilities
	Department of Trade & Industry
Mr Allan Fogg	Defence Estates
	Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
Stuart Newland S.	East Wales Regional Waste Group

Name	Organisation
Dr Jane Layzell	N.P.H.S
Mr A J Jenkins	Rhyd Developments Ltd.
Adrian Drew	A.H.D Designs
PC Andy Harris	Police Architectural Liaison Officer
	Friends of the Earth (Cymru)
Michael J Harris & Assoc	Local Planning Agent
Peter Barnes	Local Planning Agent
Graham Worthington	Local Planning Agent
Mike Cuddy	Department of Enterprise, Innovation & Networks
LDP Forum	
Jeff Harris	ARPP
Darren Wright	Capita Symonds
Sarah Fotheringham	Glamorgan & Gwent Housing Association
Richard Jones	Countryside Council for Wales
Mr Richard Bevan	Health Board
Ernie Pitt Base	Handling Products
Kerry Diamond	Continental Teves
Mike Garland	M & J Europe
Matthew Simon	Environment Agency
Jane Layzell	Local Health Board
John Hopkins	BGCBC Leader
Dennis Owens	BGCBC Executive Member
Jane Mcneil	BGCBC - Community First
Patrick Lewis	Heads of the Valleys Programme
John Morgan	Tredegar Town Council
Victoria King	Coleg Gwent
Frank Callus	Coleg Gwent
Wayne Thomas	RISE
Jeremy Gass	University of the Valleys
Pat Tagg	Job Centre Plus
John Davies	Ebbw Vale & District Development Trust
Huw Lewis	GAVO
Anita Thomas	Princes Trust
Brian Kember	Tredegar Development Trust
Chris Jarvis	Venture Wales
Gareth Matthews	Working Links
Clair Stonelake	Department of Enterprise and Innovation Network
Stephen Byrne	Spatial Support and Regeneration Branch
Margaret Hunt	CPRW
Neil Maylan	Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust
Richard Price	The Home Builders Federation
Jeff Pride	Herian

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APPENDIX 5: INVITATION LIST FOR THE ISSUES AND VISION WORKSHOP

Name	Organisation
LDP Forum	
Jeff Harris	ARPP
Darren Wright	Capita Symonds
Sarah Fotheringham	Glamorgan & Gwent Housing Association
Kate Rogers	Countryside Council for Wales
Mr Richard Bevan	Health Board
Ernie Pitt Base	Handling Products
Kerry Diamond	Continental Teves
Mike Garland	M & J Europe
Matthew Simon	Environment Agency
Jane Layzell	Local Health Board
John Hopkins	BGCBC Leader
Dennis Owens	BGCBC Executive Member
Jane Mcneil	BGCBC – Community First
Patrick Lewis	Heads of the Valleys Programme
John Morgan	Tredegar Town Council
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Chris Jarvis	Venture Wales
Gareth Matthews	Working Links
Clair Stonelake	Department of Enterprise and Innovation Network
Stephen Byrne	Spatial Support and Regeneration Branch
Margaret Hunt	CPRW
Jim Perry	Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust
Richard Price	The Home Builders Federation
Jeff Pride	Herian
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	
Alan Reed	Highways Division
Alison Hoskins	Social Services
Alun Evans	Technical Services - Transport
Alwyn Hughes	Regeneration – Business Services
Alyson Tippings	Tourism
Andrew Long	Public Protection
Andrew Parker	People & Performance Division
Angela Chard	Accountancy & Financial Policy
Bernadette Elias	Policy Performance & Development
Bethan Cartwright	Regeneration – Town Centres
Bridget Powell	Housing

Name	Organisation
Chris Engel	Regeneration - Projects
Clive Rogers	Technical Services
Colin Cheesman	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	Public Protection
Dave Thompson	Public Protection - Grants Policy & Operations
Dave Watkins	Leisure Services
Deborah Beeson	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Eirlys Hallett	Public Protection – Planning Control
Frank Olding	Leisure - Heritage
Ged Mchugh	Regeneration – Economic Policy
Hayley Selway	Housing
Jane McNeil	Communities First
Jenny Turner	Environment
Jim Allen	Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
Joanna Rhead	Accountancy & Financial Policy
John Howells	Education – School Services
John Parsons	Environment – Corporate Director
Julian Bosley	Regeneration – Business Services
Keith Chaplin	Environment
Keith Rogers	Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Leanne Connor	Environment – Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	Environment
Lynn Phillips	Leisure Services
Mark Hopkins	Technical Services - Engineering
Mark Price	Community Regeneration
Michelle Evans	Education
Nick Landers	Regeneration - Projects
Paul Miles	Legal & Estates Division
Phil Hodgson	Social Services
Phillip Hackling	Housing
Richard Crook	Corus Project Team
Roderic Jenkins	Transport
Ruth Sinfield	Social Services
Sharn Annett	Education – Children and Young People
Simon Dobbs	Regeneration - Projects
Steve Smith	Public Protection - Planning
Tony Chivers	Technical Services - Enginnering
Other	
Gemma White	NHS Local Public Health
Will Beer	NHS Local Public Team

APPENDIX 6: INVITATION LIST FOR VISION AND STRATEGY OPTIONS WORKSHOPS 2007

Name	Organisation
Elaine Townsend	
G Bartlett	Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council
Ernie Pitt	Base Handling Products
Alan Reed	BGCBC - Highways
Alison Hoskins	BGCBC - Social Services
Alun Evans	BGCBC - Technical Services, Transport
Alwyn Hughes	BGCBC - Regeneration, Business Services
Andrew Long	BGCBC - Public Protection
Andrew Parker	BGCBC - People and Performance Division
Alyson Tippings	BGCBC - Leisure, Tourism
Bethan Cartwright	BGCBC -Regeneration, Town Centres
Catherine Ashby	BGCBC - Public Protection, Development Control
Chris Engel	BGCBC - Regeneration, Projects
Clive Rogers	BGCBC - Technical Services
Deborah Beeson	BGCBC - Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	BGCBC - Public Protection
Dave Watkins	BGCBC - Leisure Services
Eirlys Hallett	BGCBC - Public Protection – Development Control
Emma Cashmore	BGCBC - Education
Frank Olding	BGCBC - Leisure - Heritage
Ged McHugh	BGCBC - Regeneration – Economic Policy
Edward Robinson	Blaina Senior Citizens
A Davies	Brynmawr Town Council
Cllr John Davies	Brynmawr Town Council
Carl Woods	Capita Symonds
Gill Clark	Chair Cwmtillery Partnership
Frank Callus	Coleg Gwent
David Llewellyn	Co-ordinator for Cwmtillery Partnership
Darren Lewis	Co-ordinator for Rassau & Garnlydan Partnership
Anna Chard	Co-ordinator for St Illtyds Partnership
Claire Stonelake	Department of Enterprise and Innovation Network
Chris Cox	DTZ
Dr Jane Layzell	Local Health Board
Gemma White	Local Health Board
Cllr David Britton	Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
Brian Walters	National Assembly for Wales
D Gronow	New Tredegar Community Council
Anita Thomas	Princes Trust
Glyn Davies	Ramblers Association - North Gwent
Colin Stevens	Rassau Tenants & Residents Association & Blaenau Gwent Federation of T & R Associations
Andrew Jenkins	Rhyd Development Ltd
A Edwards	Town Centre Partnership Brynmawr Traders
Brian Kember	Tredegar Development Trust
G Powell	Tredegar Development Trust

Name	Organisation
Alyson Hoskins	Vice Chair, Abertillery Communities First
Garth Collier	Vice Chair, Blaina Communities First
Graham Bartlett	Vice Chair, Cwmtillery Communities First
Gareth Matthews	Working Links
	United Welsh
Greg Paulsen	Co-ordinator for Cwm, Waunlwyd & Victoria Partnership
Gwyn Smith	Sustrans
Hayley Selway	BGCBC - Housing
Heidi Carter	Secretary of the Youth Forum
Helen Madden	Co-ordinator for Blaina Partnership
Helena Hunt	Community Safety
Huw Lewis	GAVO
Huw Lewis	Vice Chair, Rassau & Garnlydan Communities First
J Morgan	Tredegar Town Council
J P Williams	Rhymney Community Council
James Eades	Linc Cymru
Jane McNeil	BGCBC - Communities First
Janice Tse	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Jayne Nicholas	Chair Tredegar Central & West & Sirhowy Partnership
Jeff Harris	ARPP
Jeremy Gass	University of the Valleys
Jessica Daley	Chair of the Youth Forum
Jessica Osbourne	Co-ordinator for Tredegar Central & West &Sirhowy Partnership
Jim Allen	BGCBC - Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
John Davies	Ebbw Vale & District Development Trust
John Howells	BGCBC - Education – School Services
John Millard	Melin Housing Association
John Morgan	Vice Chair, Communities First Tredegar Central & West & Sirhowy
John Wedlock	Vice Chair, Ebbw Vale North & South Communities First
Julian Bosley	BGCBC - Regeneration – Business Services
Karin Lamb	BGCBC - Regeneration – Town Centres
Kate Terrell	Chair St Illtyds Partnership
Kayna Tregay	Environment Agency
Keith Dykes	Chair Abertillery Partnership
Keith Rogers	BGCBC - Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Kelsey Watkins	BGCBC - Housing
Keren Bender	Chair Cwm, Waunlwyd & Victoria Partnership
Kerry Diamond	Continental Teves
Leanne Connor	BGCBC - Environment – Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	BGCBC - Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	BGCBC - Environment
Lyn Harber	Vice Chair, Six Bells Communities First
Lyn Maloney	Vice Chair, St Illtyds Communities First
Lynn Phillips	BGCBC - Leisure Services

Name	Organisation
M Phillips	Ebbw Vale Trades Council
Mair Sheen	Co-ordinator for Six Bells Partnership
Margaret Retallick	Tredegar Town Council
Mark Hopkins	BGCBC - Technical Services - Engineering
Mark Price	BGCBC - Community Regeneration
Michelle Evans	BGCBC - Education
Mike Garland	M & J Europe
Mike Johnson	The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (Newport & Valleys)
Mike O'Brien	Chair Rassau & Garnlydan Partnership
Mike O'Dowd	Vice Chair, Nantyglo Communities First
Neil Maylan	Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
Nick Landers	BGCBC - Regeneration - Projects
Nigel Collins	Co-ordinator for Abertillery Partnership
Pat Tagg	Job Centre Plus
Patrick Lewis	Heads of the Valleys Programme
PC Andy Harris	Police Architectural Liaison Officer
Peter Woodhead	Vice Chair, Communities First Cwm, Waunllwyd & Victoria
Phillip Hackling	BGCBC - Housing
Reg Arnold	
Rhian Deakin	Blaenavon Town Council
Richard Bevan	Local Health Board
Richard Crook	Corus Project Team
Richard Jones	Countryside Council for Wales
Richard Price	The Home Builders Federation
Rob James	Co-ordinator for Ebbw Vale N & S Partnership
Rob Murray	Torfaen County Borough Council
Rob Thompson	BGCBC – People and Performance - Marketing
Roderic Jenkins	BGCBC - Transport
Roger Hewett	Chair Blaina Partnership
Roger Leadbeter	
Ruth Sinfield	BGCBC - Social Services
Sarah Fotheringham	Glamorgan & Gwent Housing Association
Sharn Anett	BGCBC - Education – Children and Young People
Sharon Hill	Co-ordinator for Nantyglo Partnership
Simon Dobbs	BGCBC - Regeneration - Projects
Steve Harford	Careers Wales
Steve Herridge	Chair Six Bells Partnership
Steve Smith	BGCBC - Public Protection - Planning
Tony Chivers	BGCBC - Technical Services - Engineering
Tracy Nettleton	Brecon Beacons National Park
Trevor Neatherway	Blaenau Gwent Local Health Board
Trish Law	AM
Vic Parkin	Chair Nantyglo Partnership
Victoria King	Coleg Gwent

Name	Organisation
Wayne Thomas	RISE
Councillor N.J Daniels	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor J. Taylor	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor S. Bard	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. Hancock	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor W.C. Watkins	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. Davies	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor M. Edwards	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor R. Rocke	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. Hughes	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor H. McCarthy	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor M. Bartlett	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor J.T Rogers	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. Wilcox	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor J. Morgan	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor B.K. Clements	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor M. J. Lewis	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor P.J Abbott	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor K. E. Barnes	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor B. J. Scully	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor C. Meredith	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. H. Wilkshire	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor W. J. Williams M.B.E.J.P.	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor G. J. Hughes	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor G.R Thomas	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor G.P Collier	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. Hillman	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor Y. Lewis	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor M.B. Dally	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor S. Ford	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor J.E. Mason	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor J. J. Hopkins	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor K.J. Brown	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. L. Elias	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor H.L. Trollope	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor N. Hobbs	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor S.C. Thomas	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor J. Owen	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor K. Hayden	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. Rowberry	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor D. J. Owens	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Councillor B. Thomas	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

APPENDIX 7: ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN THE GWENT GAZETTE – CALL FOR CANDIDATE SITES (MAY 2007)

Thursday, May 10, 2007 local news icwales

Have your say on future of borough

YOU CHOOSE: Blaenau Gwent Council want your help with the Local Development Plan

A COLOSSAL new plan is being drawn up to help our borough evolve – and Blaenau Gwent council want you to be involved.

The Local Development Plan (LDP) is in the very early stages, but when complete it will encompass several matters including housing, employment, environment, transport, leisure-and-tourism, and community facilities.

It will replace the Unitary Development Plan, and is primarily a detailed scheme that will govern how Blaenau Gwent is to be regenerated.

Every local authority in Wales will be compiling a similar plan in accordance with Welsh Assembly legislation.

Lynda Healy, Development Plans Manager at the council, said the report would be "an all-inclusive approach," and "a 21st-Century agenda."

She added that she wanted to involve people in the decision-making progress.

In the first stage of consultation, the council are inviting landowners and members of the public to nominate sites for possible development for housing, retail, open space, community facilities or leisure purposes.

They are asking for ideas to be submitted by Friday, June 29.

Coun Royston Welch, the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities, said: "Everyone should know the plan for Blaenau Gwent.

"It is a challenge to engage the public on this long term and complex programme.

"We are up to that challenge and want to get as much feedback as possible."

For more information contact the planning policy team on 01495 354740 or go to www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

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APPENDIX 8: ARTICLE IN THE COUNCIL'S NEWSPAPER VALLEYS VOICE (JUNE 2007)

BLAENAU GWENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

When the Council formally adopted its Unitary Development Plan (UDP) last year, it became one of only seven Authorities in Wales to do so. However, changes in Government legislation now mean that the UDP must be replaced with a Local Development Plan (LDP) within the next four years.

The LDP will set out what kind of development can take place in the County Borough and will contain the policies that will be used to determine planning applications in the future. These policies will decide which areas of land can be used for housing, employment, retail, leisure, recreation and tourism, transport and open space.

The plan has the potential to directly affect the lives of every resident in the County Borough as well as having major implications for landowners.

The first stage in plan preparation has seen the Council prepare a Delivery Agreement which sets out how and when YOU can be involved in the process. A copy of the Delivery Agreement can be viewed at all public libraries and outreach venues across the County Borough or from the planning policy pages of the Council website www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

The next stage in the LDP process involves asking developers, landowners and the community to nominate sites for potential allocation in the Plan. This could be for any land use, including: residential; employment; retail; public open space; transport; minerals; waste; community facilities; leisure; recreation and tourism.

Whilst there is no guarantee that sites suggested at this stage will be taken forward, their submission will enable the Council to assess the suitability and availability of sites when formulating a strategy for future development across the County Borough.

To nominate a site for consideration, a plan of the site and an assessment form must be submitted. The form asks general questions about the site and its characteristics to aid its future assessment. Copies of the form are available from the Planning Policy Team, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, NP22 3AA during normal office hours, at all local libraries and outreach venues or from the planning policy pages of www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

The deadline for the submission of sites for inclusion in the LDP process is Friday 29th June 2007. Planning officers are available to assist with completing forms.

For more information, contact the Planning Policy Team on:
(01495) 354740/355538/355544 or
e-mail: planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

Brynmawr Ebbw Vale Tredegar

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APPENDIX 9: ADVERTISEMENT PLACED ON THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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APPENDIX 10: POSTER ADVERTISING THE CALL FOR CANDIDATE SITES

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APPENDIX 11A: PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISING PREFERRED STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol

Blaenau Gwent

County Borough Council

HYSBYSIAD CYHOEDDUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Deddf Cynllunio a Phrynu Gorfodol 2004
Rheoliadau Asesiad Amgylcheddol: Cynlluniau a Rhaglenni (Cymru)
Rheoliadau Cynllunio Tref a Gwlad (Cynllun Datblygu Lleol) (Cymru) 2005 (Rheoliad 15)

Hysbysiad Ymgynghoriad Cyhoeddus Cyn-adneuo ar gyfer Cynllun Datblygu Lleol

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent Strategaeth a Ffafnir (2006 - 2021)

Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent wedi cwblhau dogfennau cynigion cyn-adneuo ar gyfer y cynllun uchod. Pan gaiff ei fabwysiadu, bydd y cynllun datblygu fydd yn disodli'r Cynllun Datblygu Unedol presennol a bydd yn sail ar gyfer penderfyniadau ar gynllunio defnydd tir yn Mwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent, ac eithrio'r ardal o fewn Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog.

Mae'r dogfennau cynigion cyn adneuo yn amlinellu gweledigaeth, opsiynau strategol, strategaeth a ffafnir a pholisïau allweddol yr Awdurdod, ac yn cynnwys gwybodaeth gefndir allweddol ac adroddiad gwerthuso cynaliadwyedd dechreuol (sy'n cynnwys yr adroddiad amgylcheddol).

Mae copïau o'r dogfennau ar gael i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd yn ddi-dâl yn ystod oriau swyddfa rhwng 12.00 canol dydd ar 7 Tachwedd a 12.00 canol dydd ar 19 Rhagfyr 2008 yn:

Swyddfeydd Bwrdeistol y Cyngor, Y Canolfan Ddinesig, Glyn Ebwy
Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar
Rheoli Cynllunio, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Stryd Fawr, Blaenau

Mae'r dogfennau hefyd ar gael ar gyfer yr un cyfnod yn y llyfrgelloedd cyhoeddus yn ystod oriau agor.

Maent hefyd ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor yn www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Dylid anfon sylwadau (yn cynnwys gwrthwynebiadau) yng nghylch y cynigion mewn ysgrifen at y Rheolwr Cynlluniau Datblygu, Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar, NP22 3AA, neu drwy e-bost at planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk a rhaid eu derbyn erbyn 12 canol dydd ddydd Gwener 19 Rhagfyr. Ni chaiff sylwadau a dderbynnir ar ôl yr amser hwn eu hystyried. Dylai sylwadau (yn cynnwys gwrthwynebiadau) nodi pa faterion y cyfeirant atynt. Mae'r ffurflen ar gyfer cyflwyno sylwadau ar gael yn y lleoliadau adnoddau a restrwyd uchod, drwy ffonio 01495 354797 neu ar-lein yn www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Mewn amlen oale gydag sylwadau am amlen hysbysiad i gyfeirio penodol ar gam nesaf y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol ar neu fod y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol wedi'i gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru ar gyfer archwiliad annibynnol annibynnol fod y cynllun wedi'i fabwysiadu.

Dim ond yn unol gydag hysbysiad hwn y mae'n ofynnol i'r Awdurdod ystyried sylwadau. Ni chaiff sylwadau a wnaed ar y cam cyn-adneuo presennol eu hystyried gan yr Arolygydd a benodwyd i gynnal yr Archwiliad Annibynnol. Bydd cyfle pellach i wneud sylwadau ar y cam adneuo a chaiff y sylwadau hyn eu hystyried yn yr archwiliad.

Mae gwybodaeth bellach ar gael gan y Tîm Polisi Cynllunio ar 01495 354740/355538/355544 neu ar wefan y Cyngor yn www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 15)

Notice of Pre-deposit Public Consultation for a Local Development Plan

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Local Development Plan
Preferred Strategy (2006 – 2021)

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council has prepared pre-deposit proposals documents for the above plan. The Local Development Plan (LDP) will, upon adoption, replace the current Unitary Development Plan and be the basis for decisions on land use planning in Blaenau Gwent County Borough, excluding the area within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The pre-deposit proposals documents outline the Authority's vision, strategic options, preferred strategy and key policies and include key background information and an initial sustainability appraisal report (which includes the environmental report).

Copies of the documents are available for public inspection free of charge during office hours from **12.00 noon on 7th November to 12.00 noon on 19th December 2008** at:
Council Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale.
Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar
Planning Control, Council Offices, High Street, Blaina

The documents are also available for the same period at public libraries during opening hours.

They are also available on the Council's website at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Representations (including objections) in respect of the proposals, should be sent on the prescribed forms in writing to the **Development Plans Manager, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, NP22 3AA**, or by email to planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk and must be received by 12 noon on Friday 19th December 2008. **Representations received after this time will not be considered.** Representations (including objections) should specify the matters to which they relate. The form for making representations is available at the deposit locations listed above, by telephoning 01495 354797 or on-line at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the next stage of the LDP and/or that the LDP has been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government for independent examination and/or of the adoption of the plan.

The Authority is only required to consider representations made in accordance with this notice. Representations made at the current pre-deposit stage will not be considered by the Inspector appointed to carry out the Independent Examination. There will be a further opportunity for representations to be made at the deposit stage and these representations will be considered at the examination.

Further information is available from the Planning Policy Team on 01495 354740/355538/355544 or on the Council's website at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

APPENDIX 11B: LETTER REGARDING PREFERRED STRATEGY IN THE GWENT GAZETTE (3RD DECEMBER 2008)

We don't think plan is fair to us

ABERTILLERY and Llanhilleth Community Council feels it must comment on the latest Blaenau Gwent Development Plan which was published in November.

This should be renamed the Ebbw Vale Development Plan as, studying it, I could see very little benefit to other communities. It seems Ebbw Vale will become the principal retail centre for the county borough.

There is provision in the plan for more than 2,000 new houses; unfortunately, 1,500 have been earmarked for Ebbw Vale, with the remainder being shared throughout the county borough. Proposals include a new hospital, a new learning campus, a new leisure centre and a theatre – all on the former Corus site in Ebbw Vale. It is proposed to extend the Ebbw Vale to Cardiff rail link into Ebbw Vale, with a new park and ride facility. A new link road from the former Corus site to the Heads of the Valley is included, together with high quality business sites for inward investment.

Obviously, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council has no objections to any community benefiting from available funding; however, members feel that all communities should receive an equal share.

It is simply not good enough for the plan to propose improved public transport and highways for a network to feed into Ebbw Vale. Communities such as ours should feature far more prominently in a development plan for the county borough of Blaenau Gwent.

For instance, this community council feels it is essential the county borough and Welsh Assembly Government honour their previous commitment for the spur line from Aberbeeg to Abertillery to be completed two years after the Ebbw Vale to Cardiff line – i.e. 2009 – thus offering our residents a far wider choice of employment and leisure facilities.

Another item of major concern to some of our residents is the dire lack of parking facilities alongside the A467. Other residents also have a variety of requirements which should be considered in any Blaenau Gwent development plan.

We request that the county borough commissions the same consultants who drew up the development plan to draw up a business impact assessment on how the plan will affect other towns and retail centres.

G BARTLETT
Clerk
Community Council of
Abertillery and Llanhilleth
Vivian Street
Abertillery

APPENDIX 11C: ARTICLE IN THE COUNCIL'S NEWSPAPER CONNECT

APPENDIX 11D: AN EXTRACT FROM THE GWENT GAZETTE (30TH OCTOBER 2008)

Vision for the future set out in strategy

BLAENAU Gwent Council is in consultation over an ambitious regeneration strategy to be delivered in the next decade.

A draft is on view in libraries, Communities First offices and the council's website, and comments are invited from local people until the end of November.

Coun Don Wilcox, Executive Member for Regeneration, said: "We have been working closely with the Welsh Assembly Government and a wide range of partners over the past year to draw up this strategy. It sets out our vision and our plans to make Blaenau Gwent a great place to live, work, learn and visit."

The strategy sets out six themes for regeneration and identifies a number of actions that must be taken if the county borough is to meet its vision for 2018.

Some of the actions recommended involve big, new physical developments in the shape of buildings and the reclamation of former industrial sites. This will provide new places of employment.

Funding needs to be secured from the Welsh Assembly Government and some will have to come from the council.

Copies of the Draft Regeneration Strategy are available in all Blaenau Gwent libraries, at the website www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or by calling Sharon Hill on 01495 357782 or Ged McHugh on 01495 355720.

Send comments in writing to Gareth Jones, chief regeneration officer, Blaenau Gwent Council, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, NP22 3AA by November 28.

APPENDIX 12A: POSTER ADVERTISING PREFERRED STRATEGY EXHIBITIONS

Blaenau Gwent

Help shape the future of Blaenau Gwent

Do you want to have your say on :

How many houses are going to be built?

How many jobs are to be provided?

Where new development is to be located?

Then come along to see us at one of our drop-in sessions in your ward

Tuesday 11th November Brynmawr Library
9.00am – 1.00pm - Market Square, Brynmawr

Wednesday 12th November Venue 1 (Kidz R Us)
9.00am – 12.30pm - Park Place, Georgetown

Thursday 13th November Swffryd Community Centre
9.00am – 2.30pm - Walters Avenue, Swffryd

Friday 14th November Tesco - Abertillery
9.00am – 1.00pm - Castle Street, Abertillery

Saturday 15th November Tesco - Ebbw Vale
9.00am – 2.00pm - North West Approach, Ebbw Vale

Monday 17th November Cwm Info shop
12.00pm – 3.00pm - 38 Marine Street, Cwm

Wednesday 19th November Abertillery Leisure Centre
4.00pm – 8.30pm - Alma Street, Abertillery

Thursday 20th November Llanhilleth Institute
10.00am – 2.00pm - Llanhilleth Institute

Friday 21st November Parc Bryn Bach
11.30am – 3.30pm - Merthyr Road, Tredegar

Monday 24th November Blaina Integrated Children's Centre
9.00am-1.00pm - High Street, Blaina

Tuesday 25th November Rassau Community Centre
10.00am - 3.00pm - 5 Summerfield Road, Rassau

Wednesday 26th November Six Bells Community Centre
9.00am – 1.00pm - Six Bells

Thursday 27th November Ebbw Vale Library
1.30pm – 5.30pm - Bethcar Street, Ebbw Vale

Saturday 29th November Lakeside Retail Park
9.30am - 1.00pm - Brynmawr

Tuesday 2nd December Tredegar Library
9.00am – 1.00pm - The Circle, Tredegar

Wednesday 3rd December Beaufort Hill Welfare Hall
12.00pm – 4.00pm - Beaufort Hill, Beaufort

Thursday 4th December Badminton OAP Hall
3.00pm – 8.00pm - Beaufort Terrace, Badminton

Thursday 11th December Garnlydan Info Shop
5.30pm –7.30pm - Queensway, Garnlydan

To find out more phone the Planning Policy team on (01495) 354740 / 355538 / 355544
or email planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

To view the Preferred Strategy visit our website www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk, your local library, the Civic Centre, Blaina District Office, Business Resource Centre or C2BG outreach venues

APPENDIX 12B: AN EXAMPLE OF A POSTER ADVERTISING AN EXHIBITION

APPENDIX 13: STATUTORY NOTICE PLACED IN THE GWENT GAZETTE FOR THE DEPOSIT PLAN (28TH APRIL 2011)

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APPENDIX 14: AN EXAMPLE OF A DEPOSIT PLAN SITE NOTICE

SITE NOTICE

Notice of Deposit of Proposals for a Local Development Plan
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021

Site Name: Willowtown

The area of land outlined above, forms a site allocation in the Deposit Local Development Plan for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.
It is proposed that the above site be allocated for **Housing.**

Representations (including objections) in respect of the proposals should be sent in writing to: The Development Plans Manager, Unit 2, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Ind Est, Tredegar, NP22 3AA or sent by email to planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk
No later than 12 noon 16th June 2011

Representation forms are available on the Council Website (www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) and at; your local library, the main council offices, the community first and development trust offices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ADVICE
RING THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM ON: (01495)
354740 / 355538 / 355544 / 355501
OR EMAIL planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

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APPENDIX 15: PRESS RELEASES PLACED IN THE GWENT GAZETTE AND SOUTH WALES ARGUS DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD

Gwent Gazette (May 12th 2011)

Have your say on borough planning document

THE DATES have been set for you to have your say in shaping the borough.

The Local Development Plan is the most important document for setting out how every square inch of Blaenau Gwent can be built upon.

Even big housing projects and schools are affected by the plans – and four events have been set up for you to air your views before the vital document is drafted.

Blaenau Gwent Council's Planning Policy Team will be on hand to record what you have to say in a bid to help shape the development plan.

■ **Tredegar** 15 Gwent Shopping Centre (next to Farmfoods): Thursday, May 12, 10am until 3pm; Friday, May 13, 1pm until 7pm; Saturday, May 14, 9am until 1pm.

■ **Abertillery** The Metropole Cultural and Conference Centre: Thursday, May 19, 10am until 3pm; Friday, May 20, 1pm until 7pm; Saturday, May 21, 9am until 1pm.

■ **Brynmawr** Former Flash Cycles (next to Bills' Trophies), Market Square, Thursday, May 26, 10am until 3pm; Friday, May 27, 1pm until 7pm; Saturday, May 28, 9am until 1pm.

■ **Ebbw Vale** Learning Action Centre, James Street: Thursday, June 2, 10am until 3pm; Friday, June 3, 1pm until 7pm; Saturday, June 4, 9am until 1pm.

The Local Development Plan can also be viewed on (www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/environment/2766.asp), libraries and at Communities First and Development Trust offices.

South Wales Argus (May 16th 2011)

Share views

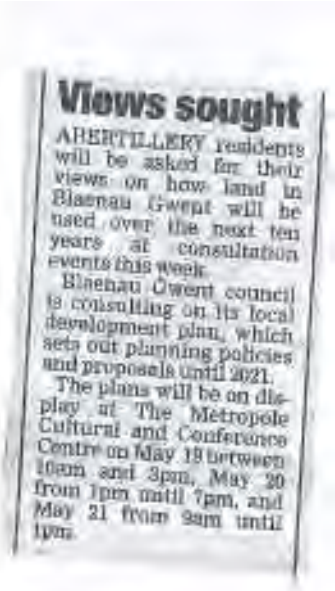
BLAENAU Gwent council is asking residents for their views on how land in the county borough will be used over the next ten years.

The authority is launching a consultation on its local development plan, which sets out planning policies and proposals until 2021.

Another consultation event will be held in Abertillery next week.

The plans will be on display at The Metropole Cultural and Conference Centre on May 19 between 10am and 3pm, May 20 from 1pm until 7pm, and May 21 from 9am until 1pm.

South Wales Argus (May 17th 2011)



Views sought

ABERTILLERY residents will be asked for their views on how land in Blaenau Gwent will be used over the next ten years at consultation events this week.

Blaenau Gwent council is consulting on its local development plan, which sets out planning policies and proposals until 2021.

The plans will be on display at The Metropole Cultural and Conference Centre on May 19 between 10am and 3pm, May 20 from 1pm until 7pm, and May 21 from 9am until 1pm.

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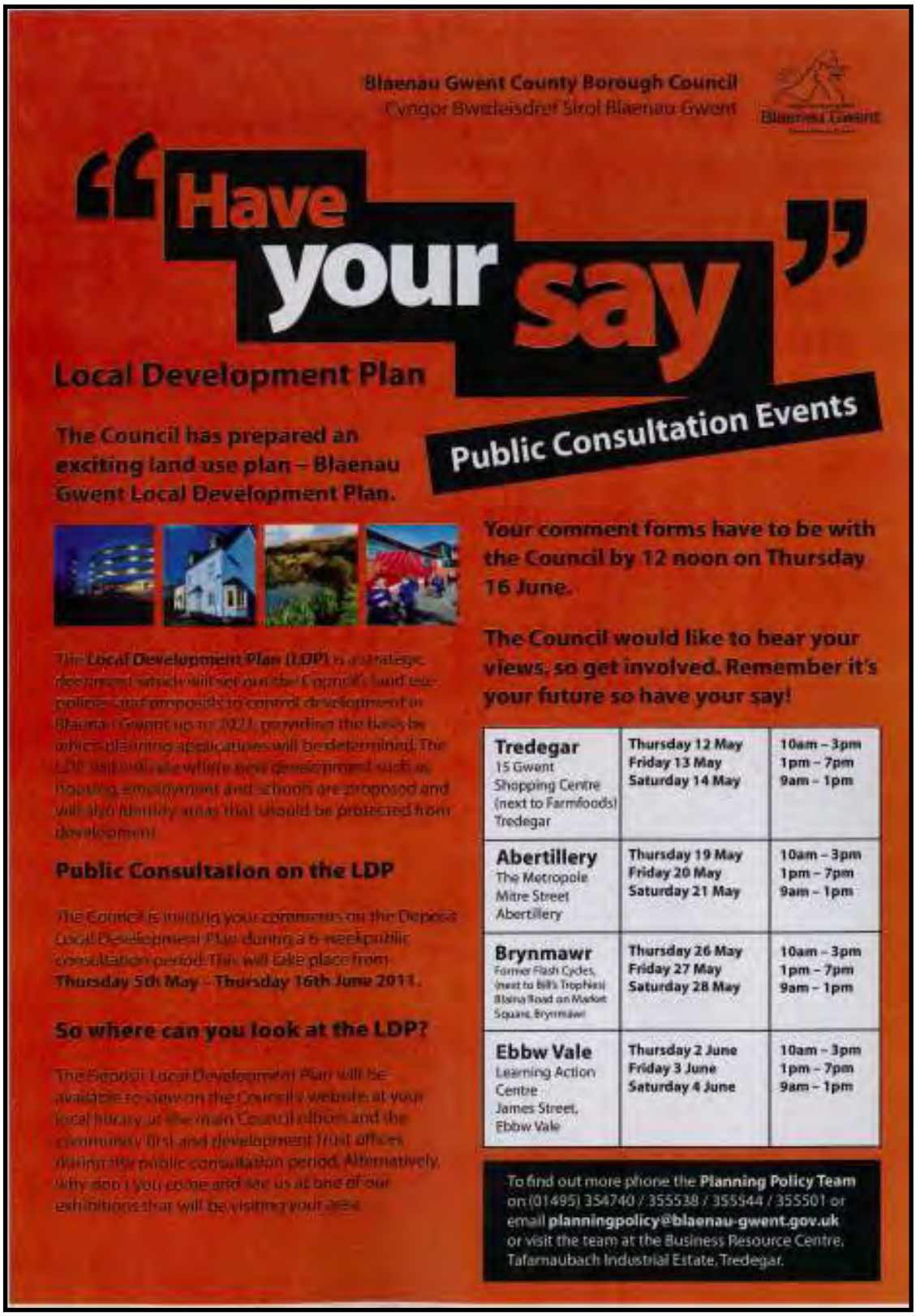
APPENDIX 16A: LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD NOTIFYING OF THE FORTHCOMING DEPOSIT PLAN CONSULTATION



Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent

"Have your say"

Local Development Plan

The Council has prepared an exciting land use plan – Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan.

Public Consultation Events

The **Local Development Plan (LDP)** is a strategic document which will set out the Council's land use policies and proposals to control development in Blaenau Gwent up to 2021, providing the basis by which planning applications will be determined. The LDP will also show where new development such as housing, employment and schools are proposed and will also identify areas that should be protected from development.

Public Consultation on the LDP

The Council is inviting your comments on the Deposit Local Development Plan during a 6 week public consultation period. This will take place from **Thursday 5th May – Thursday 16th June 2011.**

So where can you look at the LDP?

The Deposit Local Development Plan will be available to view on the Council's website at your local library, at the main Council offices and the community first and development trust offices during the public consultation period. Alternatively, why don't you come and see us at one of our exhibitions that will be visiting your area.

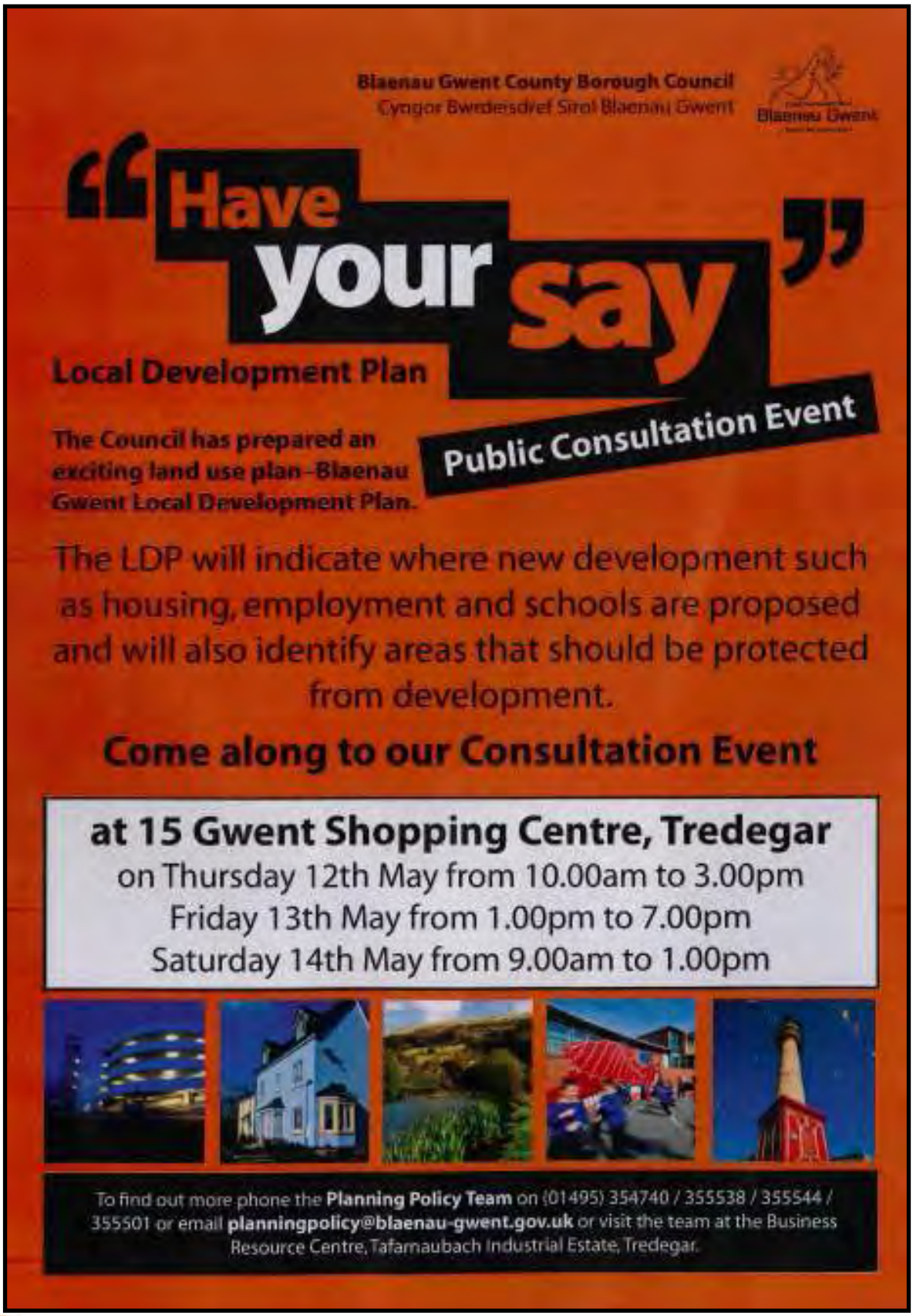
Your comment forms have to be with the Council by 12 noon on Thursday 16 June.

The Council would like to hear your views, so get involved. Remember it's your future so have your say!

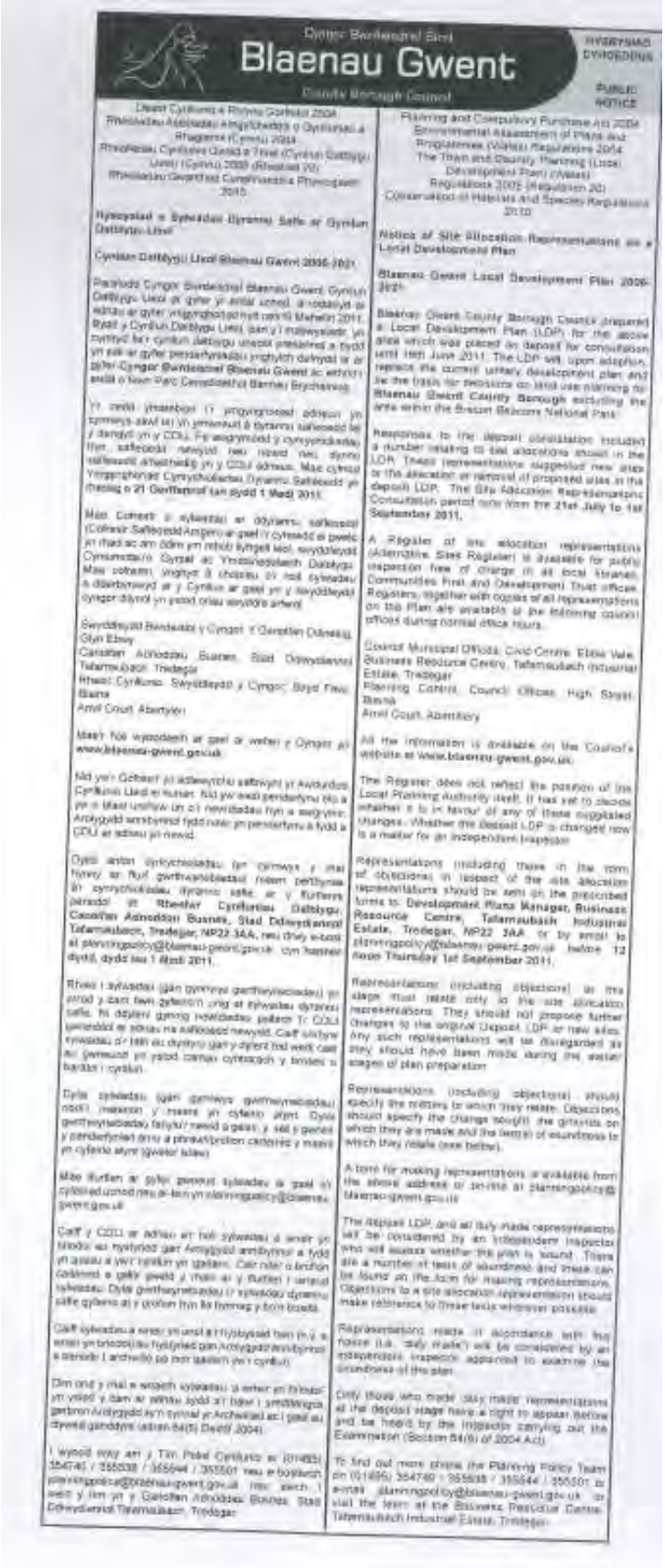
Tredegar 15 Gwent Shopping Centre (next to Farmfoods) Tredegar	**Thursday 12 May** **Friday 13 May** **Saturday 14 May**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**
Abertillery The Metropole Mitre Street Abertillery	**Thursday 19 May** **Friday 20 May** **Saturday 21 May**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**
Brynmawr Former Flash Cycles, (next to Bill's Trophies) Blaina Road on Market Square, Brynmawr	**Thursday 26 May** **Friday 27 May** **Saturday 28 May**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**
Ebbw Vale Learning Action Centre James Street, Ebbw Vale	**Thursday 2 June** **Friday 3 June** **Saturday 4 June**	**10am – 3pm** **1pm – 7pm** **9am – 1pm**

To find out more phone the **Planning Policy Team** on (01495) 354740 / 355538 / 355544 / 355501 or email **planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk** or visit the team at the Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar.

APPENDIX 16B: AN EXAMPLE OF A POSTER ADVERTISING A PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT



APPENDIX 17: STATUTORY NOTICE PLACED IN THE GWENT GAZETTE FOR ALTERNATIVE SITE CONSULTATION



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Blaenau Gwent
County Borough Council

HYSBYSIAD CYHOEDDUS
PUBLIC NOTICE

Deddf Cynllunio a Phrynu Gorfodol 2004
Rheoliadau Asesiadau Amgylcheddol o Gynlluniau a Rhaglenni (Cymru) 2004
Rheoliadau Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Cynllun Datblygu Lleol) (Cymru) 2005 (Rheoliad 20)
Rheoliadau Gwarchod Cynefinoedd a Rhywogaethau 2010

Hysbysiad o Sylwadau Dynodu Safle ar Gynllun Datblygu Lleol

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Blaenau Gwent 2006-2021

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 20)
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010

Notice of Site Allocation Representations on a Local Development Plan

Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan 2006-2021

Paragraffau Cynnyr Swyddogol Blaenau Gwent Gynllun Datblygu Lleol ar gyfer yr ardal uchod, a nodwyd ei adnau ar gyfer ystyriaethau'r holl rai sy'n ei Mehefin 2011. Bydd y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol, pan y'i mabwysiadir, yn cymryd lle'r cynllun datblygu unedol presennol a bydd yn cael ei gyfer penderfyniadau ynghylch datblygu ar ac ardal Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent ac eithrio'r ardal o fewn Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog.

Yn ystod ymateb(ion) i) ymgynghoriad adnau yn cynnwys awgrym(iadau) yn ymwneud â dyraniad safleoedd neu y dileu/tynnu safleoedd a gynigiwyd yn y CDLL. Fe awgrymodd y cynrychiolwyr(aeth) hyn safleoedd newydd neu ailadd neu dynnu safleoedd arfaethedig yn y CDLL adnau. Mae cyfnod Ymgynghoriad Cynrychiolaethau Dyraniu Safleoedd yn rhedeg o **21 Gorffennaf tan dydd 1 Medi 2011.**

Mae Cofrestr o sylwadau ar ddyraniu safleoedd (Cofrestr Safleoedd Amgen) ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei pwelo yn rhad ac am ddim yn ystod oriau agor arferol Cynulliadau Cymunedau First a Datblygu Cymunedau Cyngor ac Ymgynghoriadau Datblygu. Mae cofrestr, ynghyd â chopïau o'r holl sylwadau a dderbyniwyd ar y Cynllun ar gael yn y swyddfeydd cyngor ddynol yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Swyddfeydd Bwrdeistref y Cyngor: Y Canolfan Ddinesig, Glyn Ebwy
Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar
Rhwydi Cynllunio: Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Bryd Fawr, Bwrdd
Amril Court, Abertyleri

Mae'r holl wybodaeth ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor yn **www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk**

Nid yw'r Gofrestr yn adlewyrchu safbwynt yr Awdurdod Cynllunio Lleol ei hunan. Nid yw'r wedi penderfynu eto a yw o blaid unrhyw un o'r newidiadau hyn a awgrymir. Archwiliad annibynnol fydd nesaf yn penderfynu a fydd a CDLL ar adnau yn newid.

Dylid anfon sylwadau (yn cynnwys y rhai hynny ar ffurf gwrthwynebiadau) neu gefnogaeth yn cynrychioliadau dynodi safle, ar y ffurflenni perthnasol i: **Rheolwr Cynllunio Datblygu, Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar, NP22 3AA,** neu drwy e-bost at planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk cyn hanner dydd, **dydd Iau 1 Medi 2011.**

Rhaid i sylwadau (gan gynnwys gwrthwynebiadau) yn ymwneud â'r cam hwn gyfeirio'n unig at sylwadau dynodi safle. Ni dylent gynnig newidiadau pellach i'r CDLL (amcanion) ar adnau na safleoedd newydd. Caiff unrhyw sylwadau o'r fath eu dychwelyd (gan y dylent fod wedi cael eu cyflwyno yn ystod camau cynharach y broses o baratoi'r cynllun.

Dylai sylwadau (gan gynnwys gwrthwynebiadau) nodi'r materion y maent yn cyfeirio atynt. Dylai gwrthwynebiadau fanylu'r rheswm a gesir y sail y gwnaed y penderfyniad drosto a phwerau/profion cardinnio y maent yn cyfeirio atynt (gweler isod).

Mae ffurflen ar gyfer gwneud sylwadau ar gael o'r cyfeiriad uchod neu e-bost yn planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Caiff y CDLL ar adnau ei holi sylwadau a anfon yn hwnnw eu hystyried gan Arolygydd annibynnol a fydd yn asesu a yw'r cynllun yn gadarn. Cair rolar o brofion cadarnrwydd a gallir gwahd y rhain ar y ffurflen i ategiol sylwadau. Dylai gwrthwynebiadau i'r sylwadau dynodi safle cyfeirio at y profion hyn lle fonnag y bo'n bosibl.

Caiff sylwadau a anfon yn unol a'r rhybysiad hwn (n'y a anfon yn brydlon) eu hystyried gan Arolygydd annibynnol a allanadir i archwilio pb mor gadarn yw'r cynllun.

Dim ond y rhai a wnaeth sylwadau a anfon yn brydlon yn ystod y dam ar safleoedd dydd a'r hawl i ymddangos gerbron Arolygydd sy'n cynnal yr Archwiliad ac i gael eu clywed gan'ddynt (adran 64(5) Deddf 2004).

I wybod mwy am y Tim Polisi Cynllunio ar (01495) 354740 / 355038 / 355644 / 355501 neu e-bostiwch planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk neu ewch i weld y ffin yn y Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar.

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004
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Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010

Notice of Site Allocation Representations on a Local Development Plan

Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan 2006-2021

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council prepared a Local Development Plan (LDP) for the above area which was placed on deposit for consultation until 16th June 2011. The LDP will, upon adoption, replace the current unitary development plan and be the basis for decisions on land use planning for **Blaenau Gwent County Borough** excluding the area within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Responses to the deposit consultation included a number relating to site allocations shown in the LDP. These representations suggested new sites or the allocation or removal of proposed sites in the deposit LDP. The Site Allocation Representations Consultation period runs from the **21st July to 1st September 2011.**

A Register of site allocation representations (Alternative Sites Register) is available for public inspection free of charge in all local libraries, Communities First and Development Trust offices. Registers, together with copies of all representations on the Plan are available at the following council offices during normal office hours.

Council Municipal Offices: Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale
Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar
Planning Centre: Council Offices, High Street, Blaina
Amril Court, Abertillery

All the information is available on the Council's website at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.

The Register does not reflect the position of the Local Planning Authority itself. It has yet to decide whether it is in favour of any of these suggested changes. Whether the deposit LDP is changed now is a matter for an independent inspector.

Representations including those in the form of objections in respect of the site allocation representations should be sent on the prescribed forms to: **Development Plans Manager, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, NP22 3AA** or by email to planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk before 12 noon **Thursday 1st September 2011.**

Representations including objections at this stage must relate only to the site allocation representations. They should not propose further changes to the original Deposit LDP or new sites. Any such representations will be disregarded as they should have been made during the earlier stages of plan preparation.

Representations (including objections) should specify the matters to which they relate. Objections should specify the change sought, the grounds on which they are made and the tests of soundness to which they relate (see below).

A form for making representations is available from the above address or on-line at planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

The deposit LDP, and all duly made representations will be considered by an independent inspector who will assess whether the plan is sound. There are a number of tests of soundness and these can be found on the form for making representations. Objections to a site allocation representation should make reference to these tests wherever possible.

Representations made in accordance with this notice (i.e. 'duly made') will be considered by an independent inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the plan.

Only those who made duly made representations at the deposit stage have a right to appear before and be heard by the inspector carrying out the Examination (Section 64(5) of 2004 Act).

To find out more please the Planning Policy Team on (01495) 354740 / 355038 / 355644 / 355501 or e-mail planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or visit the team at the Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar.

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APPENDIX 18: AN EXAMPLE OF AN ALTERNATIVE SITE NOTICE

Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan

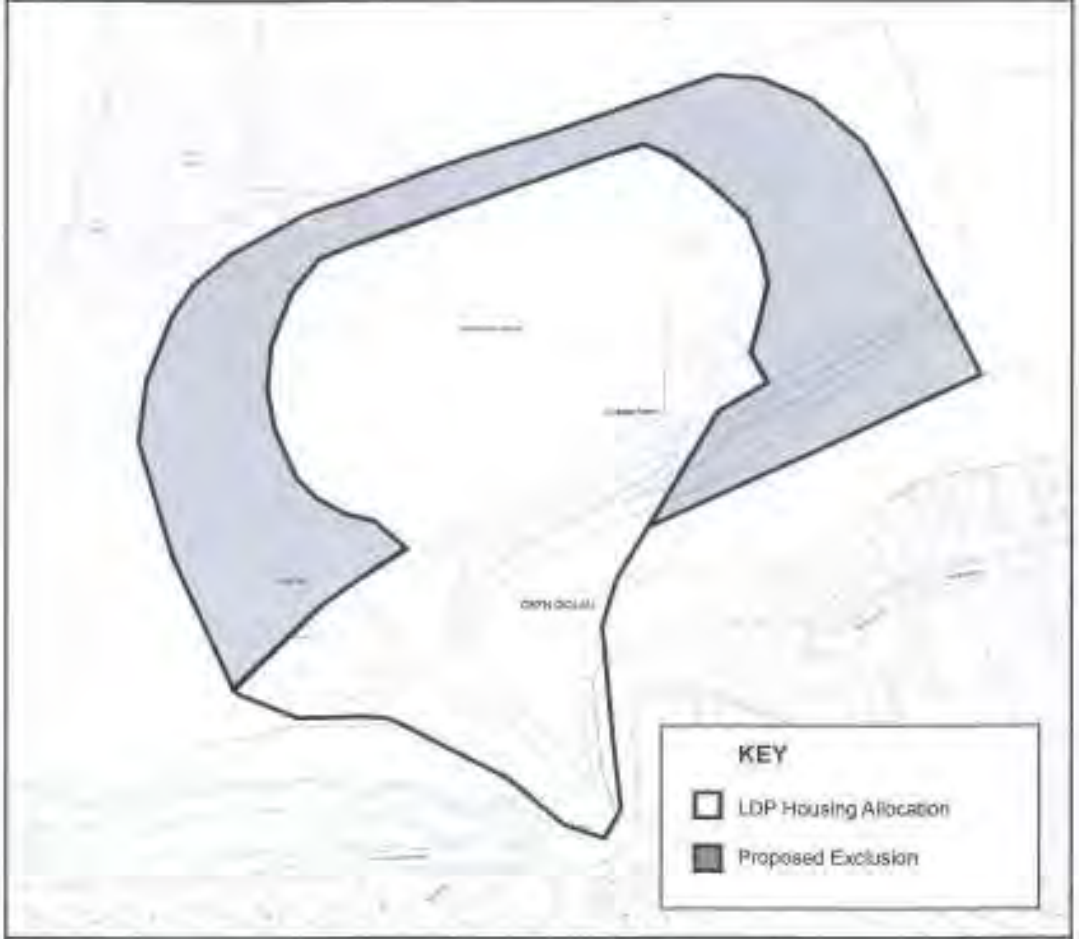
SITE ALLOCATION REPRESENTATIONS (ALTERNATIVE SITES)

Representation made to AMEND THE EXISTING LDP ALLOCATION

Alternative Site Ref: AS (A) 07

Site Name: H1.4 Jesmondene Stadium **Area:** Tredegar

Proposed Amendment: Amend Boundary to exclude area outside of Stadium



Representations (including objections) in respect of the above proposal should be sent in writing to: Development Plans Manager, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, NP22 3AA, or send by email to: planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM ON 01495 354740 OR EMAIL: planning policy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk OR VISIT THE COUNCILS WEBSITE: www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

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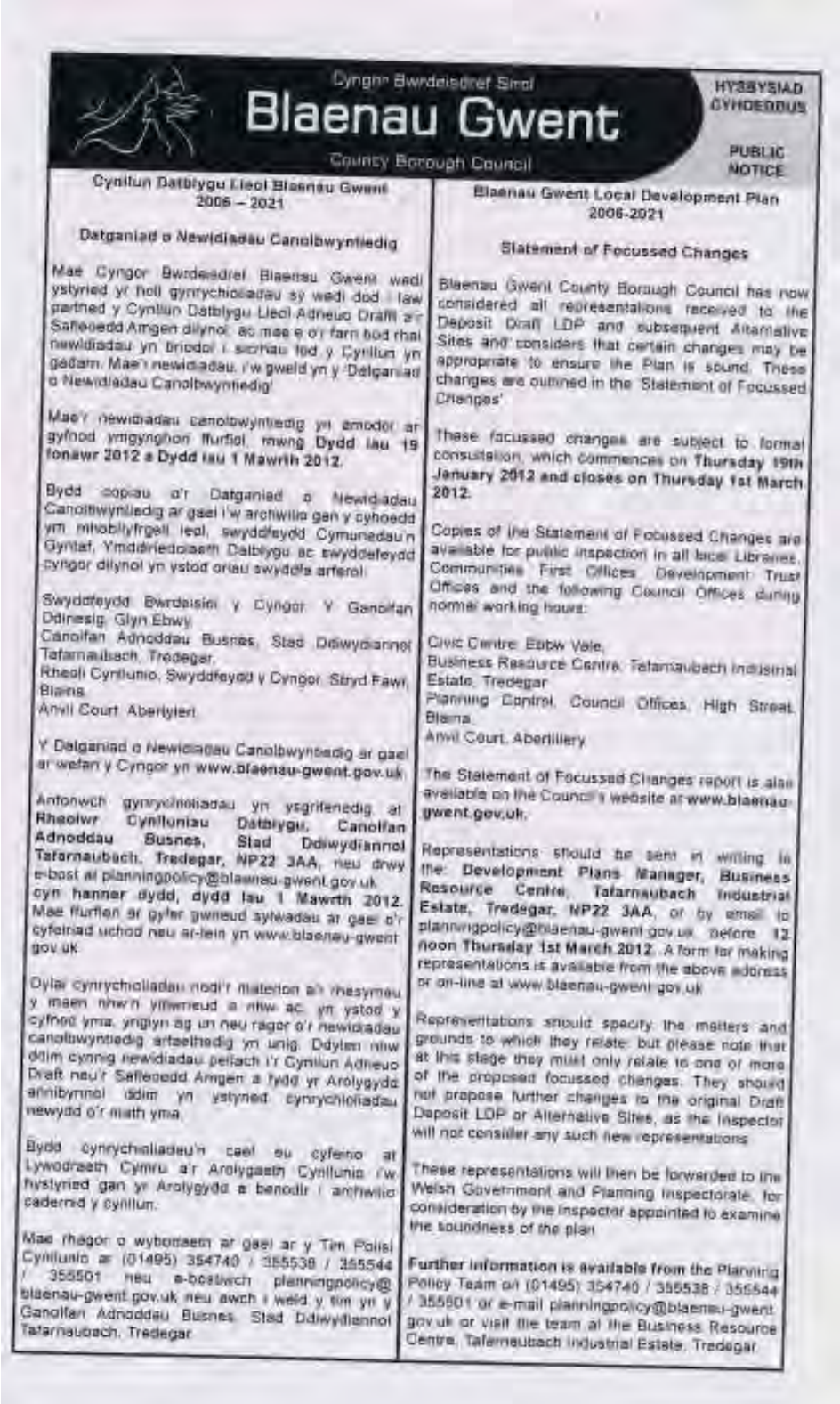
APPENDIX 19: STATUTORY NOTICE PLACED IN THE GWENT GAZETTE FOR THE FOCUSSED CHANGE CONSULTATION STAGE



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol

Blaenau Gwent

County Borough Council

HYSBYSIAD CYHOEDDUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Blaenau Gwent 2006 – 2021

Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig

Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Blaenau Gwent wedi ystyried yr holl gynrychioliadau sy wedi dod i law parthed y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Adneuo Drafft a'r Safleoedd Amgen dilynol, ac mae e o'r farn bod rhai newidiadau yn briodol i sicrhau fod y Cynllun yn gadarn. Mae'r newidiadau, i'w gweld yn y 'Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig'

Mae'r newidiadau canolbwyntiedig yn amodol ar gyfnod ymgynghori ffurfiol, rhwng **Dydd Iau 19 Ionawr 2012 a Dydd Iau 1 Mawrth 2012.**

Bydd copiau o'r Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig ar gael i'w archwilio gan y cyhoedd yn mhobllyfrgell leol, swyddfeydd Cymunedau'n Gyntaf, Ymddiriedolaeth Datblygu ac swyddfeydd cyngor dilynol yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol:

Swyddfeydd Bwrdeistref y Cyngor Y Ganolfan Ddinesig, Glyn Ebwy
Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar.
Rheoli Cynllunio, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Stryd Fawr, Blaina
Anvil Court, Abertyleri

Y Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor yn **www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk**

Anfonwch gynrychioliadau yn ysgrifenedig at **Rheolwr Cynlluniau Datblygu, Canolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar, NP22 3AA**, neu drwy e-bost at planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk **cyn hanner dydd, dydd Iau 1 Mawrth 2012.** Mae ffurflen ar gyfer gwneud sylwadau ar gael o'r cyfeiriad uchod neu ar-lein yn www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Dylai cynrychioliadau nodi'r materion a'r rhesymau y maen nhw'n ymwneud a nhw ac, yn ystod y cyfnod yma, ynglyn ag un neu ragor o'r newidiadau canolbwyntiedig arfaethedig yn unig. Ddylen nhw ddim cynnig newidiadau pellach i'r Cynllun Adneuo Drafft neu'r Safleoedd Amgen a fydd yr Arolygydd annibynnol ddim yn ystyried cynrychioliadau newydd o'r math yma.

Bydd cynrychioliadau'n cael eu cyflwyno at Lywodraeth Cymru a'r Arolygaeth Cynllunio i'w hystyried gan yr Arolygydd a benodir i archwilio cadernid y cynllun.

Mae rhagor o wybodaeth ar gael ar y Tim Polisi Cynllunio ar (01495) 354740 / 355538 / 355544 / 355501 neu e-bostiwch planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk neu ewch i weld y tim yn y Ganolfan Adnoddau Busnes, Stad Ddiwydiannol Tafarnaubach, Tredegar.

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Statement of Focussed Changes

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council has now considered all representations received to the Deposit Draft LDP and subsequent Alternative Sites and considers that certain changes may be appropriate to ensure the Plan is sound. These changes are outlined in the 'Statement of Focussed Changes'

These focussed changes are subject to formal consultation, which commences on **Thursday 19th January 2012 and closes on Thursday 1st March 2012.**

Copies of the Statement of Focussed Changes are available for public inspection in all local Libraries, Communities First Offices, Development Trust Offices and the following Council Offices during normal working hours:

Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale,
Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar
Planning Control, Council Offices, High Street, Blaina
Anvil Court, Abertillery

The Statement of Focussed Changes report is also available on the Council's website at **www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk.**

Representations should be sent in writing to the: **Development Plans Manager, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar, NP22 3AA**, or by email to planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk before **12 noon Thursday 1st March 2012**. A form for making representations is available from the above address or on-line at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Representations should specify the matters and grounds to which they relate, but please note that at this stage they must only relate to one or more of the proposed focussed changes. They should not propose further changes to the original Draft Deposit LDP or Alternative Sites, as the Inspector will not consider any such new representations.

These representations will then be forwarded to the Welsh Government and Planning Inspectorate, for consideration by the Inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the plan.

Further information is available from the Planning Policy Team on (01495) 354740 / 355538 / 355544 / 355501 or e-mail planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or visit the team at the Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar.

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APPENDIX 20: AN EXAMPLE OF A FOCUSSED CHANGE SITE NOTICE

Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan
Focussed Change Consultation

Blaenau Gwent
Regeneration Division

Ref:	FC10.C
Site Name:	EMP1.8 Crown Business Park Platform A
Change Proposed:	Amend boundary of Policy EMP1.8 (to enable the extension of the Green Wedge).

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Representations in respect of the above proposed change should be sent in writing to: Development Plans Manager, Business Resource Centre, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar. NP22 3AA or email: planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE PLANNING POLICY TEAM ON **01495 354740** OR EMAIL: **planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk** OR VISIT THE COUNCILS WEBSITE: **www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk**

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APPENDIX 21: TESTS OF SOUNDNESS – SELF ASSESSMENT

Test	Key Question	Self Assessment
Procedural Tests		
P1: It has been prepared in accordance with the Delivery Agreement including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).	Have all the relevant consultation / participation procedures set out in the CIS been carried out?	The detailed schedule of when consultation will take place for each stage of LDP preparation is set out in the Blaenau Gwent Delivery Agreement (May 2007)and the Revised Delivery Agreement (January 2011). The Consultation Report sets out how each stage of the LDP preparation process has taken place. Apart from the disbandment of the Local Forum and that a meeting with the LDP Forum was not held to report the representations received at the deposit and alternative site stages, all consultation activities up to and including submission of the LDP have been adhered to and have been carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005.
P2: The Plan and its policies have been subjected to sustainability appraisal including strategic environmental assessment	Has sustainability appraisal (SA), incorporating the requirements of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) been carried out in relation to the LDP?	The LDP has been subject to SA/SEA throughout its preparation. The Draft SA Scoping Report provided an initial assessment of the key sustainability issues for the borough alongside extensive baseline information to inform the

		production of the LDP. The LDP Sustainability Appraisal Report (SAR) documents the process of SA undertaken during the production of the Deposit LDP and also assesses the proposed Focussed Changes. Atkins Ltd has independently assessed the LDP policies through the process of Sustainability Appraisal. The results of the assessment have resulted in mitigation measures being introduced through changes to the policies to improve their performance in sustainability terms. An initial assessment was undertaken in November 2008 and changes were made in response to the SA. Assessments were also undertaken in May 2010, April 2011 and in December 2011 to the Preferred Strategy, Deposit Plan and Focussed Changes respectively.
Consistency Tests		
C1: It is a land use plan which has regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas	Does the plan put forward proposals for use and development of land that adequately take account of the relationship with plan/policies/requirements of other organisations (e.g. those of utility companies) and agencies providing services in the area?	The Deposit LDP has been prepared with due consideration of relevant European, national, regional and local policy guidance. In order to satisfy the requirements of the SEA directive a full review of relevant plans and programmes from EU level to the local level has been undertaken to identify implications and issues to consider as part of the

	Does this include their future plans or strategy and any requirements for land and premises which should be prepared in parallel? Clear how the plan relates to other plans and strategies (e.g. local transport plans) which influence delivery of policies and proposals in the plan?	preparation of the SA (inc SEA) and the LDP. This includes consideration of cross boundary issues from the review of the adopted development plans for neighbouring authorities and consideration of issues emerging in the preparation of neighbouring authorities LDPs. The Plan also takes into account regional work for example, on waste, minerals and housing. The key implications at the strategic level have been taken into account in the preparation of the Deposit LDP.
C2: It has regard to national policy	If plan contains any policies or proposals not consistent with national policy, is there local justification? Does it avoid wasteful/unnecessary repetition of national policy?	The Deposit LDP has regard to national policy and guidance identified in the review of relevant plans and programmes (including policies) in the Sustainability Appraisal Report. Chapter 2 of the Deposit LDP also directly refers to key National Policy documents and each Background Paper identifies relevant national policy which have guided policy development. Guidance contained in the Local Development Plan Manual (2006) and LDP Wales (2005) indicates that LDPs should not repeat national planning policy. The Strategic Policies of the LDP have been prepared in accordance with national policy so that national policy has not been repeated within the Deposit LDP unless it has been considered appropriate to do so. The Strategic Policies have been prepared with due consideration to Planning Policy

		Wales taking into account the most recent edition.
C3: It has regard to the Wales Spatial Plan	Does the plan contain any policies or proposals not consistent with the broad strategies in the WSP – if so is there local justification? Does plan take account of the relevant area collaborative work undertaken for the WSP?	Chapter 2 of the Deposit LDP directly refers to the Wales Spatial Plan and identifies how the Deposit LDP reflects the Spatial Plan's core themes, vision, and the plans for how the area is to be developed. Blaenau Gwent is within the South East Wales – Capital Region. The Capital Region has been broken down into three areas – Blaenau Gwent is in the Heads of the Valleys Plus. Ebbw Vale is identified as being a key settlement by the WSP and is identified in the LDP as the main settlement. Other key issues are taken forward into the LDP as set out in Chapter 2 and in the Background Papers on the various topics covered by the Plan.
C4: It has regard to the relevant community strategy / strategies	Does the LDP have regard to the community strategy, setting out policies and proposals, which deliver key components of that strategy which are consistent with higher level planning policy and relate to the use and development of land?	The Deposit LDP reflects Blaenau Gwent's Community Plan 'Making a Difference – A Community Strategy for Blaenau Gwent 2010-2030 (Chapter 2 refers). The Plan expresses, in appropriate land use planning terms, those elements of the Community Strategy that relate to the development and use of land. The Vision developed for the LDP incorporates the Community Plan vision - a better place to live work and visit. The various Background Papers also explains how the Plan has taken on board the Community Strategy's themes and vision in developing

		its policies.
Coherence and Effectiveness Tests		
CE1: The plan sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant, it is compatible with development plans prepared by neighbouring authorities	Do policies and allocations clearly relate to the aims and objectives in the strategy set out in the submitted plan? May help if policies are cross referenced to the key aims and objectives. Are the policies within the LDP themselves consistent? Are there any obvious gaps in the coverage of the plan, having regard to its purpose and relevant requirements in national planning policy? Is it clear how the plan relates to those prepared by neighbouring authorities and how cross boundary issues have been addressed? Where there are overlaps, are these consistent/complimentary?	The Council considers it's deposit LDP to be coherent and to flow from the identified national, regional and local policy framework including the Wales Spatial Plan and the Community Strategy. It also takes into account work undertaken at the regional level, with neighbouring local authorities on apportioning projected household growth in South East Wales, the recommendations of the Regional Waste Plan, Regional Aggregates Working Party, Regional Transport Plan and other regional working. Neighbouring authorities have been invited to workshops and consulted on the preparation of the Plan. The Council have also met with neighbouring authorities on a regular basis at meetings of the LDP Pathfinder and South East Wales Strategic Planning Group Meetings. The Council has also worked closely with neighbouring authorities on general issues such as, special landscape areas, habitat regulation assessment, SINC identification, affordable housing viability assessment, cross border issues and monitoring.
CE2: The strategy, policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a	Is it clear that the LDP considered the relevant options and alternatives in preparing the plan? LPAs will not be expected to deal with	The Deposit LDP is realistic and appropriate as it is based on a robust evidence base and has been developed through consultation on relevant

robust and credible evidence base	every possible alternative or option but will be expected to consider those put to them during the process of preparation and engagement. Are assumptions in the LDP set out clearly and supported by evidence? Does this evidence clearly support the plan's strategy and policies? Is the evidence robust and credible and been prepared in accordance with national planning policy and good practice guidance? Where a balance has been struck in taking decisions between competing alternatives – is it clear how these decisions have been taken?	alternatives. The Deposit LDP has been prepared in the context of relevant national, regional and local guidance and the implications of these document have been considered as part of the process. Chapter 2 summarises the key documents relevant to the emerging Strategy as informed by the work undertaken by the review of relevant plans, policies and programmes in the Sustainability Report and the Preferred Strategy document. The Council have undertaken a number of background studies to inform the Deposit LDP providing an evidence base and a reasoned justification for the policies and proposals within the Deposit Plan. A list of these documents is included at Appendix 3 and further detail of the studies are provided in the Background Papers. The Vision for the LDP and the Preferred Strategy option 'Growth and Regeneration' have been developed with due consideration to the Wales Spatial Plan. The Deposit LDP translates the Vision and Objectives into a meaningful land use strategy guided by participation at workshops and comments on the Preferred Strategy.

		Location for growth and a justification for housing and employment figures are evidenced within the Deposit Plan and supporting documents. The Background Papers sets out the evidence behind the policies and proposals of the Plan – covering 12 topic areas.
CE3: There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring	Does the plan contain realistic targets and milestones which relate to the delivery of policies? Is it clear how these are to be measured and how they are liked to the production of the annual monitoring report? Are delivery mechanisms and timescales for implementation for the policies clearly identified? Is it clear who is intended to implement each policy? Where actions required are outside the direct control of LPA is there evidence that there is necessary commitment from the relevant organisations? Do the processes for measuring the success of the plan accord with national planning policy and best practice guidance? Does the plan set out the factors essential to the delivery of key policy objectives of the plan?	Chapter 9 of the Plan sets out clear mechanisms for implementing the allocations in the Plan. The Plan recognises the importance of monitoring and includes at Appendix 1 a clear monitoring framework with targets and triggers. This will ensure the objectives of the Plan and Strategic Policies are implemented and where appropriate indicate the trigger needed to change policy. An Annual Monitoring Report will be produced to assess and monitor the effectiveness and performance of the LDP.
CE4: It is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances	Is the plan flexible enough to respond to variety of, or unexpected changes or circumstances? Are development management policies written in a form to enable them to provide a robust and consistent framework for	The Council considers that the LDP will provide a land use framework that is both flexible and responsive to change and still able to provide the certainty necessary to determine planning applications.

	considering planning applications?	The flexibility of the plan to adapt to changing circumstances is demonstrated by: The spatial strategy which promotes a local need and regeneration growth strategy The allocation of a range of sites both in terms of size, use and location A policy framework which includes criteria based policies which allows for a balance of material considerations Certainty is demonstrated by a policy framework which: Provides a clear definition of need and makes appropriate allocations to meet need Provides a clear indication of where development is acceptable or not. The annual monitoring and the 4 year review will allow changes to be made if the need arises.

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