

**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION
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SESSION 1 - REVIEW OF DISTINCTIVENESS OF LDP POLICIES

Section 7 of this session poses the following questions:

Are the detailed policies that support the strategy locally distinctive? Do any of the policies repeat national guidance? If so, should these policies be amended or deleted? Do the policies contain an appropriate element of flexibility?

I said at the Pre Hearing Meeting that I would write to the Council inviting them to prepare a **short** written statement on a number of policies that may be discussed at this session. Accordingly, I invite the Council to consider LDP Policies SP6, SP7, SP9, SP10, SP11, DM1, DM2, DM3, DM5, DM9, DM14, DM15 and DM17 and to prepare short notes (bullet points would be acceptable) clarifying how they are locally distinctive and whether they repeat national guidance. I suggest the Council prepare its response in a table in A4 landscape form as follows:

Policy	How is this policy locally distinctive?	Does the policy repeat national guidance? If not, why not?	Is it necessary to delete/ amend the policy?	If so, what changes are needed for reasons of soundness?
SP6				
SP7 etc etc				

The Council is directed to submit its response to this request for information by **12 noon on 15 June**. The programme officer will circulate the response to all other parties who confirm they will attend this session.

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