MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Planning (Wales) Act 2015

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended 2015)

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended 2012)

Notice of Public Consultation on Pre-Deposit Proposals for a Local Development Plan

MERTHYR TYDFIL REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2016-2031

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (MTCBC) has prepared pre-deposit documents for the replacement LDP. The replacement LDP will, upon adoption, supersede the current LDP which was adopted in 2011 and form the basis for decisions on land use planning matters in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough (excluding the area within the Brecon Beacons National Park).

The pre-deposit proposals documents are as follows:

- Preferred Strategy
- Initial Sustainability Appraisal (including a Non-Technical Summary)
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report

Pre-deposit proposals documents are subject to a formal public consultation between Friday 14th July 2017 and 12.00pm (midday) Friday 6th October 2017.

Other supporting background documents, including the Candidate Sites Register, will also be issued for consultation during this period.

As of Friday 25th August 2017, the consultation period has been extended to Friday 6th October 2017 as the Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment accompanying the consultation has been updated to that signed off by the Welsh Ministers.

All consultation documents and a form for making representations will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices, The Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN and other locations listed below during their normal opening hours:

- Council Offices, Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4TQ
- Merthyr Tydfil Central Library, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AF
- Rhydycar Library Hub, Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1UT
- Treharris Library, Perrott Street, Treharris, Merthyr Tydfil, CF46 5ET
- Dowlais Library, Church Street, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 3HS
- Aberfan Community Library, Pantglas Road, Aberfan, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4QE

They will also available online at: <u>www.merthyr.gov.uk</u> or from the Cwm Taf Hub <u>www.cwmtafhub.co.uk</u>

Comments on the pre-deposit proposals documents, the Candidate Sites Register and other supporting information must be made in writing and received by the County Borough Council between 14th July 2017 and 12.00pm (midday) on the 6th October 2017.

Comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address that the LDP has been submitted to the National Assembly for independent examination under section 64 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and of the adoption of the LDP.

All comments made by the deadline will be acknowledged and considered, however the Council cannot guarantee that comments received after this date will be considered.

You can either email completed forms to: <u>devplanning@merthyr.gov.uk</u> or post them to:

Head of Planning & Countryside Planning & Countryside Department Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Unit 5, Triangle Business Park Pentrebach Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ

If you have any queries about how to submit your comments please: Email the LDP team @ <u>devplanning@merthyr.gov.uk</u> or Telephone 01685 726279

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