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**DEPOSIT PLAN SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT
ADDENDUM**

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0. Executive Summary

- 0.1 This document comprises an Addendum to the Deposit Plan Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report, June 2018, one of the deposit plan document prepared for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's (MTCBC) Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) 2016 -2031. The Deposit Plan SA updated and built upon the SA Baseline Scoping Report, January 2017 and the Initial Sustainability Appraisal (ISA), June 2017. This document should therefore be read in with the Deposit SA.
- 0.2 All Representations received during the Deposit Consultation exercise, held between 30th July and 10th September 2018, regarding the Deposit SA and the Council's response to them, are dealt with in the Deposit Plan Consultation Report.
- 0.3 However, following consideration of the Representations received, the Council has recommended a number of 'focused changes' to the published Deposit Plan. These can be found in the *Schedule of Focused Changes*, published alongside this document together with an up-dated *Deposit Plan Written Statement* and a number of additional supporting documents.

This report assesses these changes through the SA process comprising:

- Screening all the proposed changes to identify whether an SA is required and
- Undertaking an SA of the changes that have not been screened out.

The findings are set out in this document in Table 1 and 2.

- 0.4 In addition, this report makes a comparison for compliance with the requirements of the Future Generations and Well-being Act (FGA) 2015 and in particular the five Ways of Working prescribed by the Act.
- 0.5 On adoption of the Replacement LDP, the Council will publish a statement explaining how the SA has influenced the LDP.
- 0.6 This addendum highlights the effects that the proposed focused changes to the Replacement LDP have had in regard to the Sustainability Appraisal of the Deposit Plan. Following consideration of the updated appraisals no implications on the overall SA of the Deposit Plan were identified.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The public consultation on the Deposit LDP took place in July- September 2018 and as a result of that exercise the Council wishes to make certain changes to the LDP. All the changes proposed can be found in the 'Schedule of Focused Changes' this Report and have been included in an up-dated *Deposit Plan Written Statement*, which has been published alongside this document.
- 1.2 All proposed Focused Changes require consideration by the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in order to check if they alter the 'likely significant effects' predicted in the Deposit SA Report, or may lead to any new potential significant effects.
- 1.3 This document forms an Addendum to the June 2018 SA Report and identifies whether the outcomes of that report should be varied from those originally reported as a result of the LDP Focused Changes. Where they should be varied, this addendum has been created to specify where and how. Any supplementary recommendations have already been accepted and the LDP up-dated accordingly. As such, although this addendum is a full SA of the Focused Changes, it should still be read in conjunction with the Deposit SA Report.
- 1.4 This Addendum includes the following:
 - 'Screens' the Focused Changes to see if they 'materially' change (i.e. change what actions the LDP might inevitably lead to) what the SA assessed, or what the SA assumed about how the LDP would be implemented;
 - Undertakes a detailed assessment of the proposed changes 'screened in' to require further assessment and
 - Provides conclusions and recommendations to clarify where references in the original SA Report should be changed and reports on any further potential significant effects which could be brought about by the proposed changes to the LDP.

2. Statutory Requirements

- 2.1 Section 69(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (UK Government, 2004), as amended, requires the Council to appraise the sustainability [SA] of the LDP and to report its findings as an integral part of the plan preparation process. Under the 2004 Act, SA must cover the social and economic effects of the LDP as well as the environmental effects.
- 2.2 In addition, the Council must comply with EU SEA Directive 2001/42/EC and the Environmental Assessment of the Plans and Programmes (Wales)

Regulations 2004 which transposes the requirement to undertake formal Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) during plan preparation into Welsh law.

- 2.3 The Well-being of Future Generations Act (FGA) 2015 places a duty on the council to carry out sustainable development and requires an improvement in the delivery of social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. The Act established seven well-being goals and in order to demonstrate that appropriate consideration has been given to the Well-being goals and sustainable development principle the Council is required to have regard to the 'five ways of working' contained in the Well-being Act.
- 2.4 The Council has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to assess the impact of its policies on different population groups to ensure that discrimination does not take place and where possible, to promote equality of opportunity. This is carried out through an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).
- 2.5 TAN 20 states that the SA should assess evidence of the impacts of the spatial strategy, policies and allocations on the Welsh language whilst the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 contains provisions relating to the consideration of the Welsh language in the appraisal of development plans.
- 2.6 Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is not a statutory requirement for Councils; however, health considerations are a requirement of the SEA process and thereby the overall SA process.

3. Screening of Focused Changes

- 3.1 During the Deposit Plan consultation exercise held between 30th July and 10th September a total of 48 individuals and organisations made representations, with a total of 234 individual Representations relating specifically to the Deposit Plan and background papers. Of these 18 (8%) provided support, 120 (51%) objected, 96 (41%) provided general comment, and of a total of 2 representations related specifically to the Deposit SA/SEA. The first comment related to the implications of proposed development on the mineral supply chain and raw material requirement and suggested , amendments to the key summaries listed in Figure 7.1 of the SA to reflect both Safeguarding and Supply. A copy of all representations received and the Council's response to them are dealt with in the Deposit Plan Consultation Report.
- 3.2 As a result of analysis and consideration of the representations received, the Council has recommended a number of Focused Changes to the published Deposit Plan. A list of these can be found in the *Schedule of Focused Changes*, published alongside an up-dated *Deposit Plan Written Statement*

as amended by the Focused Changes and a number of additional supporting documents together with this document.

- 3.3 All the proposed Focused Changes have the potential to change the assessment of likely effects on social, economic and environmental interests. However, many of the changes proposed are minor or relate to updates or clarification and are therefore not significant in terms of their overall impact.
- 3.4 The first step is an initial SA 'screening' of all the Focused Changes to identify those that could have a significant effect on the final outcome of implementation of the Plan. In some cases, a single substantive change resulted in a number of changes throughout the Plan to update policies, allocations and justification paragraphs to take account of the change. Each proposed Focused Change has first been compared against the Deposit Plan policies and supporting information to check whether or not it changes the intention of that policy or supporting text, and thereby the Deposit Plan SA results or any of the SA's original assumptions. This Initial Screening is set out in the Table 3.1 below.

TABLE 3.1: Initial Screening Assessment of Focused Changes		
FC Ref: FC1	Policy /Section/Map: Para 1.2	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Addition of reference to MTANs	No	National policy reference, no significant change
FC Ref: FC2	Policy /Section/Map: Para 2.8	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Renumbering of paragraphs (2.8 should be 2.11)	No	Typographical correction
FC Ref: FC3	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW2: Provision of affordable housing	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
The level of need to be explicitly stated in the policy justification	No	Stating the level of need in the policy does not affect the target or any of the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FC4	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW2: Provision of affordable housing	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Clarification of the affordable housing target	No	There is no significant change to the affordable housing target
FC Ref: FC5	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW3: Sustainably distributing new homes	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA	Reason

	required? Yes/No	
Inclusion of new housing allocation SW3.35 – Clwydyfagwr, Swansea Road	Yes	SA is required for a new site being included in the Plan
FC Ref: FC6	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW3: Sustainably distributing new homes	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Reduction of number of dwellings proposed on housing allocation SW3.31 – Cwmfelin, Bedlinog	Yes	The number of dwellings has changed sufficiently to warrant re-appraisal.
FC Ref: FC7	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW3: Sustainably distributing new homes	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Deletion of housing allocation SW3.32 – Commercial Field, Treharris	No	The site being deleted does not significantly change the assessment of the policy
FC Ref: FC8	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW3: Sustainably distributing new homes	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Indicative delivery timescales added to the list of housing allocations	No	As the change only gives indicative timescales, the amendment does not have an effect on the SA of the policy
FC Ref: FC9	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW3: Sustainably distributing new homes	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Clarification of the components of supply of the overall housing provision	No	The amendment does not have an effect on the SA of the policy
FC Ref: FC10	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW6: Hoover Regeneration Area	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Policy text changes to include reference to cycle bridge as well as footbridge	No	No significant change.
FC Ref: FC11	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW6: Hoover Regeneration Area	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Inclusion of place making principles from the framework masterplan in the HSRA Policy	No	The amendments do not affect the SA of the policy, as the development proposed in the policy remains the same. The changes add more detail to how the development will be expected to come forward.

FC Ref: FC12	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	
Add in reference to achieve Improvement to Open Spaces.	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.	
FC Ref: FC13	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	
Amend the statement referring to Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in Policy SW10 to add reference to conserving and enhancing biodiversity as well as improving access to nature in order to clarify the aims/role of the designation.	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.	
FC Ref: FC14	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW11: Sustainable Design and Placemaking		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	
Inclusion of criteria address the water environment	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.	
FC Ref: FC15	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW11: Sustainable Design and Placemaking		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	
Addition of criteria to ensure water infrastructure is protected	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.	
FC Ref: FC16	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW11: Sustainable Design and Placemaking		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	
Additional text included relating to the Environment Act and Green Infrastructure	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.	
FC Ref: FC17	Policy /Section/Map: Policy SW11: Sustainable Design and Placemaking		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	
A reference to active travel routes is added for clarity	No	No significant change	
FC Ref: FC18	Policy /Section/Map: Policy CW1: The Historic Environment		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason	

Additional text requested by NRW regarding inclusion of 'landscape character assessments'.		No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC19	Policy /Section/Map: Policy CW1: The Historic Environment		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Additional text requested by NRW regarding the inclusion of reference to 'local parks, gardens and historic landscapes'.		No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC20	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Paragraph numbering wrong (6.7.6-6.7.11) should be 6.7.8 – 6.7.13 and so on)		No	Typographical correction
FC Ref: FC21	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Explanatory text relating to ecosystem resilience		No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC22	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EnW2 – Nationally Protected Sites and Species		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amendments to policy EnW2 and its explanatory text to reflect the requirement for a development proposal to demonstrate that it will maintain the favourable conservation status of a European Protected and to clarify references to SSSI designations and the consideration of protected species		Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC23	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EnW3 – Regionally Important Geological Sites, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation and Priority Habitats and Species		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Inclusion of reference to geodiversity into the criteria and supporting text		No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the

of policy EnW3.		policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC24	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amendment to reflect national policy	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC25	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Addition of text in relation to water improvements	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC26	Policy /Section/Map: EcW1: Provision of Employment Land	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Changes to Policy EcW1 to reflect deletion of employment allocations at HSRA	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC27	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EcW3 Retail Hierarchy – Supporting Retailing Provision	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amendments are proposed to provide additional clarity with regard to edge and out of centre retail areas in the supporting text to text Policy EcW3	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC28	Policy /Section/Map: EcW6: Out-of-Town Retailing Areas	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amendments are proposed to provide additional clarity with regard to edge and out of centre retail areas in the supporting text to text Policy EcW6	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC29	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EcW8: Renewable Energy	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Change made to Policy SW11 in line with FC15	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC30	Policy /Section/Map: Policy EcW8: Renewable Energy	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA	Reason

	required? Yes/No	
<p>Insert the summary tables for renewable heat and electricity, set out in the addendum to the REA, in the reasoned justification to Policy EcW8 and in the monitoring framework.</p> <p>Amend the reasoned justification of Policy EcW8 to reflect the results of the Landscape Sensitivity Study.</p>	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC31 Policy /Section/Map: Para 6.8.92		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Clarification of land bank position	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives, they provide clarification on specific matter.
FC Ref: FC32 Policy /Section/Map: EcW13: Minerals Safeguarding		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Removal of secondary coal resources from safeguarding areas	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FC33 Policy /Section/Map: EcW10: Sustainably supplying minerals		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
The requirement for a minimum 10-year landbank of crushed rock during the entire plan period is clarified.	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FC34 Policy /Section/Map: EcW11: Mineral Development		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
The word 'only' is removed from the policy	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC35 Policy /Section/Map: EcW11: Mineral Development		
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Deletion of bullet points that are more appropriately addressed elsewhere	Yes	Amendments to the policy may have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC36 Policy /Section/Map: Policy EcW12: Minerals Buffer Zones		

Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Changes to provide clarity on mineral buffer zones		No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FC37	Policy /Section/Map: Section 8 – site allocation details		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Section 8 to be moved to an appendix		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC38	Policy /Section/Map: Section 8 – site allocation details		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Addition of text to Site Allocation Details to clarify the hydraulic modelling assessment should include consideration of the sewerage network as highlighted by DCWW		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC39	Policy /Section/Map: Section 8 – site allocation details		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amend Site Allocation Details text to reflect amendments to housing allocations.		No	Consequential change related to housing allocations. All individual allocations and housing policies have been assessed.
FC Ref: FC40	Policy /Section/Map: Section 8 – site allocation details		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amend Site Allocation Details text to reflect issues of capacity of DCWW infrastructure		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC41	Policy /Section/Map: Section 8 – site allocation details		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amend details for sites SW3.29 and SW3.30 to reflect water supply issues		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC42	Policy /Section/Map: Section 8 – site allocation details		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Addition of text added to introduction of Employment Site Allocation Details		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.

FC Ref: FC43	Policy /Section/Map: Section 9 – Monitoring Framework		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Correction to numbering of indicators		No	Typographical corrections
FC Ref: FC44	Policy /Section/Map: Section 9 – Monitoring Framework		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amend Indicator 5.3 to comply with TAN 15.		No	Clarification to comply with national policy. Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC45	Policy /Section/Map: Section 9 – Monitoring Framework		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Additional indicator required to measure Policy EnW1.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC46	Policy /Section/Map: Section 9 – Monitoring Framework		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Include the renewable electricity resource assessment table and targets in the monitoring framework.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC47	Policy /Section/Map: Section 9 – Monitoring Framework		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Include the renewable heat resource assessment tables and targets in the monitoring framework.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC48	Policy /Section/Map: Section 9 – Monitoring Framework		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amend Indicator 16.1 to align with MTAN requirements.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC49	Policy /Section/Map: Appendices		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason

The housing trajectory and housing land supply table set out in the 'Housing Land Supply and Trajectory' paper are now included in the LDP appendices	No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC50	Policy /Section/Map: Glossary	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
New text is proposed for Glossary and Interpretation to explain the term 'Biodiversity value'	No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FC51	Policy /Section/Map:	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
References to PPW to be updated to reflect edition 10	No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives. Change corrects references to national policy
FC Ref: FCM1	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Correction of housing allocation numbers	No	Typographic correction
FC Ref: FCM2	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Removal of secondary coal resources from safeguarded mineral resources	No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM3	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Delete site SW3-32 Commercial Fields, Treharris	No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM4	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Inclusion of new housing allocation	Yes	SA is required for a new site being included

at Clwydyfagwr, Swansea Road.			in the Plan
FC Ref: FCM5	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amendment of boundary to reflect existing planning permission		No	Minor amendment to reflect existing planning permission
FC Ref: FCM6	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Inclusion of site boundary at former Ivor Steel Works site		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM7	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal Map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Delete sports pitches, amenity greenspace and play areas from proposed LNRs.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM8	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Amend Strategic Footpaths and cycleways on the Constraints Map to show designated routes only.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM9	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Show entire length of Cwm Bargoed rail line as being safeguarded.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM10	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Update Active Travel Routes following approval from Welsh Government.		No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives
FC Ref: FCM11	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map		
Proposed Focused Change		Detailed SA	Reason

	required? Yes/No	
Delete employment site allocation EcW1-1 Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area and amend boundary of existing employment site	No	Amendments to the policy do not have an impact on the implementation of the policy on the sustainability objectives.
FC Ref: FCM12	Policy /Section/Map: Proposal map	
Proposed Focused Change	Detailed SA required? Yes/No	Reason
Delete the Merthyr Road Local Search Area for Solar Energy	No	Amendment does not have an impact of implementation of the plan on the sustainability objectives

4. Detailed Assessment of Focused Changes

- 4.1 The second step of the SA of the Focused Change process is where the Focused Changes have been 'screened in' the identified 'substantive changes' have been assessed in more detail. This has involved analysing the main identified outcomes of the changes against the objectives and questions set out in the SA Framework. The appraisal works towards meeting the identified SA objectives and therefore identifying the extent to which the Focused Changes have changed these outcomes.
- 4.2 Following the initial screening, it has been determined that 6 policies require more detailed assessment, and the inclusion of a new housing allocation also require an assessment, as well as a change in the number of units on an existing allocation.

Key:++	Policy will considerably progress the sustainability objective
+	Policy progresses the sustainability objective to an extent
0	No/neutral effect – policy will not affect the sustainability objective
?	Policy will have uncertain effect on sustainability objective
-	Policy will conflict with sustainability objective to an extent
--	Policy will conflict considerably with the sustainability

Table 4.2: Detailed Assessment of Focused Changes				
FC Ref: FC5/FCM5		FC Summary: Inclusion of new housing allocation at Clwydyfagwr, Swansea Road (Policy SW3)		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	n/a	-	The site is located within 800m of the limited local services & primary school at Gellideg. All other services & facilities are over 800m away.
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	n/a	++	The site is located within the existing settlement boundary and within the settlement of Swansea Road. Development would support the character and identity of a community area experiencing Multiple Deprivation by enabling it to grow sustainably.
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	n/a	n/a	
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	n/a	+	The site is located within 400m of some areas of open space as identified by the Open Space Strategy, & some sports facilities & an active travel/cycle route. The site would also deliver new development in an area of higher deprivation.
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	n/a	+	The site option has the potential to provide new housing (less than 50 dwellings) & therefore has the potential to deliver a mix & range of dwelling types & tenures. The site measures approx. 1.9 hectares.
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	n/a	n/a	
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	n/a	n/a	
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	n/a	+	The site option is within 400m of bus stops with a frequent service (every half hour) & within reasonable walking distance (100m) without impediment to an active travel or a key pedestrian or cycling route. However, it is not within 800m of a train station.
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	n/a	?	There is an element of uncertainty, most likely until more detailed assessments have been carried out through planning applications. While utility providers have not indicated any major issues with the provision of new housing within the County Borough, given the size of the site, and the potential number of new dwellings it could accommodate, it is considered that more detailed assessments are required in this

				respect.
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	n/a	?	The site is not promoted for renewable or low carbon energy and it is unclear whether it has the potential to support renewable technologies.
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	n/a	-	The majority of the site is greenfield and does not contain any best and most versatile agricultural land.
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	n/a	0	Developments at the site is not likely to have negative effects on any nationally or locally designated biodiversity or contributes towards a severance of green and blue infrastructure or impede the migration of biodiversity. Potential for a neutral effect.
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	n/a	0	There are no water-bodies or water-courses within the site, or in close proximity. The site option is unlikely to lead to any significant effects on water quality. Appropriate mitigation could reduce negative effects with the potential for a residual neutral effect.
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	n/a	+	The site option is not located within an area of flood risk and is not at risk of surface water flooding.
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	n/a	--	The majority of the site is greenfield and there is no clear mitigation for the impact on soil.
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	n/a	0	No designated heritage assets are within or in close proximity to the site. A small number of non-designated heritage assets are in close proximity. Development at the site option will have no significant effect. There are no heritage assets within the influence of proposed development, potential for a residual neutral effect.
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	n/a	+	Development at the site option has the potential for minor positive effects because it is within the catchment of an existing Welsh language primary school (Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Santes Tudful).
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	n/a	?	The site is within existing settlement limits but is greenfield. Further assessment necessary.
Conclusion				
	The site scores well against SA objectives relating to communities, housing and reducing the need to travel. There is potential for a negative impact on the objective relating to landscape, however this will be dealt with at a later stage of development.			

FC Ref: FC6		FC Summary: Reduction of number of dwellings proposed on housing allocation SW3.31 – Cwmfelin, Bedlinog		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	-	-	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	n/a	n/a	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	++	+	The site now scores a 'single positive' as the number of dwellings proposed has dropped from 50 to 30
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	n/a	n/a	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	n/a	n/a	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	-	-	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	?	?	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	-	-	Whilst the score has not changed against this objective, the decrease in the number of dwellings proposed does increase the scope for effective ecological mitigation
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve	?	?	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

	the water environment.			this Sustainability Objective
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	--	--	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	-	-	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	?	?	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
Conclusion				
The change proposed to the site (reducing the number of dwellings from 50 to 30) has resulted in the site scoring slightly less well against the housing objective, with no other changes required to scores against other objectives. It is worth noting however that the decrease in the number of dwellings proposed does increase the scope for effective ecological mitigation.				

FC Ref: FC12, FC13 (Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces)		FC Summary: Add in reference to achieve Improvement to Open Spaces. Amend the statement referring to Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in Policy SW10 to add reference to conserving and enhancing biodiversity as well as improving access to nature in order to clarify the aims/role of the designation.		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	+	++	The amendments to the Policy further increase the access to good quality open space by seeking to improve existing open space in addition to safeguarding.
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
4	To improve human	+	+	No significant change to analysis against

	health and well-being and reduce inequalities.			this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	+	++	As the policy now aims to improve existing open space, there is greater scope for the policy to contribute meeting this objective
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
18	To protect and enhance the quality of	+	+	No significant change to analysis against

	designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.			this Sustainability Objective
Conclusion				
	The changes to Policy SW10 result in improvements in the scores relating to community infrastructure and biodiversity as the policy is now clearer in the role of LNRs, and now seeks to improve existing open space in addition to safeguarding existing resources.			

FC Ref: FC14, FC15 (Policy SW11: Sustainable Design and Placemaking)		FC Summary: Inclusion of criteria to address the water environment. Addition of criteria to ensure water infrastructure is protected.		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

	generation.			
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	+	++	The policy now goes further in relation water environment with a criteria specifically related to water quality.
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
Conclusion				
	The score in relation to the water objective has improved as the policy now goes further in relation water environment with a criteria specifically related to water quality.			

FC Ref: FC22 (Policy EnW2: Nationally Protected Sites and Species)		FC Summary: Amendments to policy EnW2 and its explanatory text to reflect the requirement for a development proposal to demonstrate that it will maintain the favourable conservation status of a European Protected and to clarify references to SSSI designations and the consideration of protected species		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective, although the changes proposed are likely to slightly improve the policies performance against this objective
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

	most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.			
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
Conclusion				
	There are no significant changes to the analysis of this policy, although the changes proposed are likely to slightly improve the policies performance against the biodiversity objective			

FC Ref: FC25 (Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection)		FC Summary: Addition of text in relation to water improvements		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential	0	0	No significant change to analysis against

	utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.			this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective, although the changes proposed are likely to slightly improve the policies performance against this objective
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective, although the changes proposed are likely to slightly improve the policies performance against this objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
Conclusion				
	There are no significant changes to the analysis of this policy, although the changes proposed are likely to slightly improve the policies performance against the water and flooding objectives.			

FC Ref: FC30 (Policy EcW8: Renewable Energy)		FC Summary: Insert the summary tables for renewable heat and electricity, set out in the addendum to the REA, in the reasoned justification to Policy EcW8 and in the monitoring framework. Amend the reasoned justification of Policy EcW8 to reflect the results of the Landscape Sensitivity Study.		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	?	?	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	-	-	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	?	?	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	-	?	The changes to the policy increase the scope of the policy to mitigate against impacts on the landscape. Although there remains some uncertainty in regard to the impact of renewable energy development, the changes to policy wording and the removal of an area of search will improve the policies performance against this objective.
Conclusion				
The changes to the policy increase the scope of the policy to mitigate against impacts on the landscape. Although there remains some uncertainty in regard to the impact of renewable energy development, the changes to policy wording and the removal of an area of search will improve the policies performance against the landscape objective.				

FC Ref: FC34, FC35 (Policy EcW11: Minerals Development)		FC Summary: The word 'only' is removed from the policy. Deletion of bullet points that are more appropriately addressed elsewhere.		
No.	SA Objective	Previous score	Revised score	Comments
1	To ensure that the community and social infrastructure needs of all residents and communities are met.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
2	To maintain and enhance community and settlement identities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
3	To support a sustainable level of population growth.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

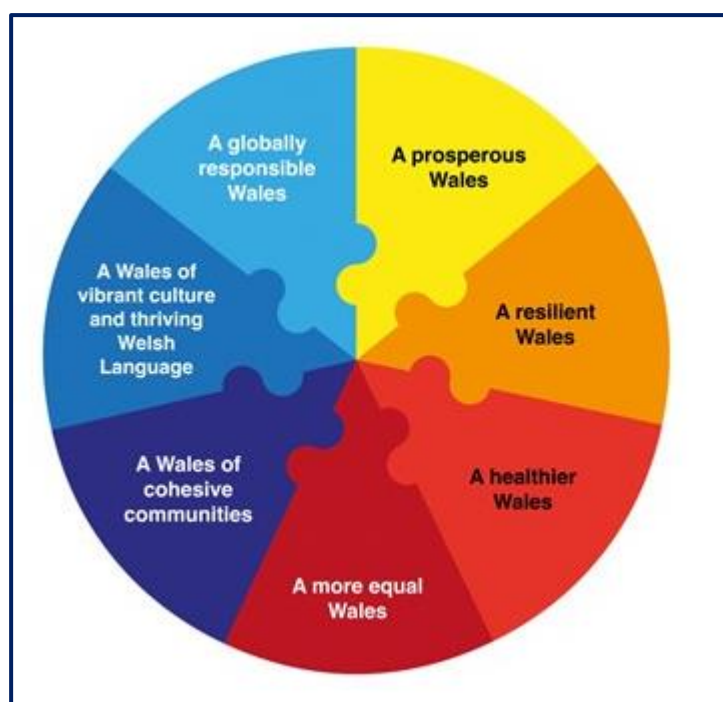
4	To improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities.	+	+	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
5	To meet the housing needs of all through a mix of dwelling tenures and types.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
6	To improve the overall quality and energy efficiency of the housing stock.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
7	To enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
8	To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.	?	?	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
9	To ensure essential utilities and infrastructure are available to meet the needs of all.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
10	To minimise efficiency use and optimise opportunities for renewable energy generation.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
11	To minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
12	To maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem connectivity.	-	-	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective although there is potential for greater negative effect if the Plan is not used appropriately.
13	To minimise the demand for water and improve the water environment.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
14	To minimise the risk of flooding.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
15	To protect and conserve soil and safeguard mineral resources.	++	++	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective although the changes to the policy slightly relax the policy stance on mineral development
16	To protect and enhance of heritage assets that defines the County Borough as the most significant Welsh town of the Industrial Revolution.	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective
17	To facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh	0	0	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective

	language.			
18	To protect and enhance the quality of designated areas of landscape value and good quality townscapes.	-	-	No significant change to analysis against this Sustainability Objective although there is potential for greater negative effect if the Plan is not used appropriately.
Conclusion				
	The overall impact of the policy is likely to remain positive, provided that the policy is used appropriately in conjunction with other relevant policies contained in the Replacement LDP in order to mitigate the impacts on landscape and biodiversity.			

5. Compliance with The Well-being of Future Generations Act (FGA) 2015

- 5.1 The Replacement LDP was informed by the key trends and issues identified through preparation of the SA/SEA Scoping Report and ISA which comprised a general review of social, economic and environmental information, the national, regional and local policy context, including national well-being goals (see Figure 5.1 below) and strategic assessments of key issues.

Figure 5.1: The Well-being of Future Generation's Goals



- 5.2 In addition, in response to the FGA the Cwm Taf Public Services Board prepared four well-being briefing documents looking at the cultural, economic, environmental and social well-being of people and communities with the aim of preparing a Well-being Assessment report. Following this the board commissioned consultants¹ to explore key issues and responses arising from the briefing notes through stakeholder workshops as part of a well-being assessment consultation. In-line with Appendix 3 of the DA, the Cultural, Economic and Social Well-being workshops were designed to inform the Replacement LDP, with the Environmental well-being workshop, held on 4th November 2016, being run to focus on key issues for the LDP.
- 5.3 As a result the Deposit Plan objectives address a variety of issues which contribute to improving the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of Wales. This helps to ensure that the LDP links in closely with the

¹ Netherwood Sustainable Futures and PwC

Cwm Taf Wellbeing Plan and the broader aims of the FGA which defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle. The objectives are also broadly grouped in accordance with the FGA and to reflect the National Well-being goals. In particular Sustainability Objective:

- 2 aims, to maintain and enhance community and settlement identities;
- 4 aims, to *improve human health and well-being and reduce inequalities*;
- 7 aims, to enhance the attractiveness of the County Borough to support economic development;
- 11 aims, to minimise the contribution to climate change whilst maximising resilience to it and
- 17 aims, to facilitate services and facilities that support distinctive local culture and the Welsh language and Sustainability.

5.4 Figure 5.2 below lists and defines the well-being goals.

Figure 5.2: Definition of the Well-being of Future Generation's Goals

Goal	Description of the goal
A prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.
A resilient Wales	A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).
A healthier Wales	A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).
A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

5.5 Table 5.1 below demonstrates further how the objectives and policies contained within the Deposit LDP (as amended) are compatible with and positively contribute towards the Well-being goals.

TABLE 5.1: Assessment of the Replacement Deposit Plan (as amended) against the National Well being Goals

Well-being Goal	How the LDP contributes to this goal	Relevant LDP Policy
<p>A prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p><i>LDP Objective 1 Sustainable Population Growth: To encourage a sustainable level and distribution of population growth.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 3 Housing Provision: To ensure the sufficient provision of land for the delivery of a range and choice of housing and affordable housing to address local housing needs.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 4 Regeneration: To promote the suitable reuse of previously developed land and the continued regeneration of local communities.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 12 Economic Development: To provide and safeguard appropriate land for economic and skills development.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 13 Rural Economy: To strengthen and diversify the rural economy.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 14 Town and Local Centres: To develop the town and local centres as accessible, attractive, viable and vibrant places.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 15 Leisure, Recreation and Tourism: To support sustainable tourism, leisure and recreation developments and encourage an all year round tourism industry</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 16 Renewable Energy: To promote renewable and low carbon energy.</i></p> <p>The LDP contains policies that protect finite resources and promote low carbon technologies and sustainable use of energy. Elsewhere the plan identifies sites for employment to encourage economic development, whilst also safeguarding existing employment sites to ensure sustainable supply of employment resources.</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy SW3: Sustainably Distributing New Homes</p> <p>Policy SW6: Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area</p> <p>Policy EcW1: Provision of Employment Land</p> <p>Policy EcW2: Protecting Employment Sites</p> <p>Policy EcW3: Retail Hierarchy – Supporting retailing provision</p> <p>Policy EcW5: Town and Local Centre Development</p>
<p>A resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a bio diverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to</p>	<p><i>LDP Objective 1 Sustainable Population Growth: To encourage a sustainable level and distribution of population growth.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 4 Regeneration: To promote the suitable reuse of previously developed land and the continued regeneration of local communities.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 5 Infrastructure: To ensure that community infrastructure and open space supports the regeneration of local communities.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 6 Sustainable Design: To promote high quality,</i></p>	<p>Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces</p> <p>Policy CW1: Historic Environment</p> <p>Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation</p>

<p>adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p><i>sustainable and inclusive design and support measures which mitigate the predicted effects of climate change.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective7 Transport: To support an integrated transport system, promote active travel and ensure new developments are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport links.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 9 Heritage and Cultural Assets: To protect, enhance and promote all heritage, historic and cultural assets.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 10 Biodiversity: To improve ecosystem resilience and connectivity which support habitats and species of principle importance.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 11 Countryside and Landscape: To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape and the countryside.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 16 Renewable Energy: To promote renewable and low carbon energy.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 17 Minerals: To ensure a sustainable supply of minerals.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 18 Sustainable Resources & Waste: To promote the efficient use of materials and resources and ensure an integrated network of waste management facilities.</i></p> <p>The LDP contains specific policies that protect the natural environment and biodiversity, particularly where designated or protected sites, habitats or species are concerned.</p> <p>Efficient use of resources, renewable, low or zero carbon technologies are promoted and inappropriate development in flood zones is precluded</p>	<p>and Ecosystem Resilience</p> <p>Policy EnW5: Landscape Protection</p> <p>Policy EcW13: Mineral Safeguarding</p>
<p>A healthier Wales: A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p>	<p><i>LDP Objective 3 Housing Provision: To ensure the sufficient provision of land for the delivery of a range and choice of housing and affordable housing to address local housing needs.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 5 Infrastructure: To ensure that community infrastructure and open space supports the regeneration of local communities.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 6 Sustainable Design: To promote high quality, sustainable and inclusive design and support measures which mitigate the predicted effects of climate change.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective7 Transport: To support an integrated transport system, promote active travel and ensure new developments are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport links.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 8 Community Facilities: To support existing</i></p>	<p>Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces</p> <p>Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience</p> <p>Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection</p>

	<p>community facilities and suitable community led development.</p> <p>The LDP contains policies to provide homes, employment, recreation and community facilities which contribute towards people's physical and mental well-being.</p> <p>The LDP contains policies that protect the natural environment and biodiversity, which contribute towards people's physical and mental well-being</p>	<p>Policy EnW5: Landscape Protection</p> <p>Policy EcW8: Renewable Energy</p>
<p>A more equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances)</p>	<p>LDP Objective 3 Housing Provision: To ensure the sufficient provision of land for the delivery of a range and choice of housing and affordable housing to address local housing needs.</p> <p>LDP Objective7 Transport: To support an integrated transport system, promote active travel and ensure new developments are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport links.</p> <p>LDP Objective 8 Community Facilities: To support existing community facilities and suitable community led development</p> <p>The LDP contains policies to provide homes, employment, recreation and community facilities which enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy SW3: Sustainably Distributing New Homes</p> <p>Policy SW12: Improving the transport network</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected Communities.</p>	<p>LDP Objective 1 Sustainable Population Growth: To encourage a sustainable level and distribution of population growth.</p> <p>LDP Objective 6 Sustainable Design: To promote high quality, sustainable and inclusive design and support measures which mitigate the predicted effects of climate change.</p> <p>LDP Objective7 Transport: To support an integrated transport system, promote active travel and ensure new developments are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport links.</p> <p>LDP Objective 14 Town and Local Centres: To develop the town and local centres as accessible, attractive, viable and vibrant places.</p> <p>The LDP contains policies that promote viable and vibrant communities that are safe well-connected. This includes policies that promote new, and safeguard existing services and facilities, alongside key infrastructure and sustainable transport modes.</p>	<p>Policy SW3: Sustainably Distributing New Homes</p> <p>Policy SW6: Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area</p> <p>Policy SW9: Planning Obligations</p> <p>Policy SW11: Design and Placemaking</p> <p>Policy SW12: Improving the transport network</p>

<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language: A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</p>	<p><i>LDP Objective 2 Welsh Language and Culture: To protect and enhance Welsh language and culture.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 8 Community Facilities: To support existing community facilities and suitable community led development.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 9 Heritage and Cultural Assets: To protect, enhance and promote all heritage, historic and cultural assets.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 14 Town and Local Centres: To develop the town and local centres as accessible, attractive, viable and vibrant places.</i></p> <p><i>The LDP contains policies to promote and protect the County Borough's heritage, and that enable development that encourages people to participate in the arts and sports and recreation.</i></p>	<p>Policy SW6: Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area</p> <p>Policy SW13: Protecting and improving local community facilities</p> <p>Policy CW1: Historic Environment</p> <p>Policy EcW5: Town and Local Centre Development</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales: A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global wellbeing.</p>	<p><i>LDP Objective 1 Sustainable Population Growth: To encourage a sustainable level and distribution of population growth.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 4 Regeneration: To promote the suitable reuse of previously developed land and the continued regeneration of local communities.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 6 Sustainable Design: To promote high quality, sustainable and inclusive design and support measures which mitigate the predicted effects of climate change.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 8 Community Facilities: To support existing community facilities and suitable community led development</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 10 Biodiversity: To improve ecosystem resilience and connectivity which support habitats and species of principle importance.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 11 Countryside and Landscape: To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape and the countryside.</i></p> <p><i>LDP Objective 16 Renewable Energy: To promote renewable and low carbon energy.</i></p> <p>The LDP will ensure that Merthyr Tydfil maximises the contribution it makes towards meeting the national targets for renewable energy generation and the reduction of carbon, whilst also seeking to protect environmental features such as biodiversity and natural resources. In doing so the LDP shall contribute to the enhancement of global wellbeing.</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy SW3: Sustainably Distributing New Homes</p> <p>Policy SW11: Design and Placemaking</p> <p>Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience</p> <p>Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy EnW5: Landscape Protection</p>

- 5.6 FGA also requires consideration of the 'five ways of working' as shown in Figure 5.3 below:

Figure 5.3: The Well-being of Future Generation's Five Ways of Working



5.7 The figure below lists the ways of working:

Figure 5.4: Definition of the Well-being of Future Generation's Five Ways of working



5.8 The five ways of working have been adopted as 'key principles' in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) (Edition 10). Table 5.2 below demonstrates how the objectives and policies contained within the Deposit LDP (as amended) are compatible with and positively contribute towards the Five Ways of Working.

5.9 The following five Key Planning Principles (identified in PPW 10) have also been integrated into the table below:

- Growing our economy in a sustainable manner;
- Making best use of resources;
- Facilitating accessible and healthy environments;
- Creating and sustaining communities;
- Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact.

TABLE 5.2: Assessment of the Replacement Deposit Plan (as amended) against the Well being of Future Generation's Five Ways of Working

Way of Working	How the LDP contributes to this Way of working	Relevant LDP Policy
<p>Thinking for the long-term: Thinking about long-term needs and demands as well as current ones.</p>	<p>The LDP covers the time period 2016-2031 and is a medium to long term land use plan for the County Borough.</p> <p>The entire strategy of the LDP is based on providing sufficient land to provide for the needs of the population of the County Borough over the next 15 years.</p> <p>The overall strategy of the LDP also proposes a lower level of development than the previous LDP, and this should enable the strategy to be met in a more sustainable manner, and allow for more potential options in regard to future LDPs.</p> <p>This way of working will also assist in meeting the Key Planning Principles identified in PPW 10 related to growing the economy of Merthyr Tydfil in a sustainable manner and making the best use of our resources.</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy SW6: Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area</p> <p>Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience</p> <p>Policy EcW1: Provision of Employment Land</p>
<p>Prevention: Acting to prevent problems getting worse or from starting in the first place.</p>	<p>A long term issue that has been identified in the County Borough had been the loss of services as the population declined over the course of several decades.</p> <p>More recently, the population has started to grow again, and the LDP now looks to continue this trend, in a sustainable manner, to help ensure that the problems associated with a declining population are prevented.</p> <p>Allocating sufficient land for housing and employment uses should assist in retaining and sustainably growing the population of the County Borough. Policy SW11 also ensures that any development proposed will be of a high quality design, increasing the attractiveness of the County Borough as a place to live.</p> <p>Ensuring that open spaces are protected could also assist in improving the health of future generation from a preventative perspective through encouraging a healthier, more active lifestyle.</p> <p>This way of working will also assist in meeting the Key Planning Principles identified in PPW 10 – primarily, growing the economy of Merthyr Tydfil in a sustainable manner.</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy EcW1: Provision of Employment Land</p> <p>Policy SW9: Planning Obligations</p> <p>Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces</p> <p>Policy SW11: Sustainable Design and Placemaking</p>

<p>Integration: Considering how actions in one area may impact on other areas.</p>	<p>The process of preparing a LDP ensures that integration with other strategies is an integral part of Plan Preparation.</p> <p>One of the initial pieces of work carried out is a review of existing plans, policies and programmes that assists in identifying the issues for the LDP to address and ensure consistency between the LDP and other strategies.</p> <p>Preparing the LDP using an integrated approach will assist in making the best use of resources, in accordance with the key planning principles contained in PPW10. The level and location of the growth proposed in the Replacement LDP has been carefully considered in line with other policies and plans to ensure that County Borough is sustainable in the long term.</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy CW1: Historic Environment</p> <p>Policy EnW1: Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience</p> <p>Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy EnW5: Landscape Protection</p> <p>Policy EcW1: Provision of Employment Land</p>
<p>Collaboration: Working with others – including third sector bodies and communities - to help achieve goals that have been decided together.</p>	<p>As part of the initial scoping work early in the LDP process, the Planning Department collaborated with the Cwm Taf partnership board in hosting a work shop on Environmental Well Being.</p> <p>Representatives from MTCBC also sit on the South East Wales Strategic Planning Group (SEWSPG) which looks at land use planning issues at a regional level.</p> <p>A collaborative approach is critical in ensuring that a LDP can maximise environmental protection and limit environmental impact in accordance with the principle contained in PPW. Working with Natural Resources Wales and local groups has ensured that the Plan contains a suite of policies and designations that minimise the impact of the LDP strategy eg allocating the most appropriate land for development, and protecting the environment through designating local nature reserves.</p>	<p>Policy SW1: Provision of new Homes</p> <p>Policy SW3: Sustainably Distributing New Homes</p> <p>Policy EnW4: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy EnW5: Landscape Protection</p> <p>Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces</p>
<p>Involvement: Involving the people that services or activities are going to benefit</p>	<p>Involvement is a critical part of LDP preparation. The LDP is subject to a number of public consultation exercises at various stages through the process.</p> <p>Stakeholders have been involved through topic-</p>	<p>Policy SW6: Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area</p> <p>Policy EnW1:</p>

or affect from as early a stage as possible.	<p>based Working Groups, and through drop-in events held during the public consultations. The Planning Department was also pro-active at the outset of LDP preparation, actively seeking out expressions of interest of stakeholders that wanted to be involved through the LDP process.</p> <p>Creating and sustaining communities is one the five key principles included in PPW, and involvement is key in working towards this principle. The Hoover Strategic Regeneration Area will create a new community in the County Borough, and the involvement of various stakeholders throughout the LDP process has assisted in preparing the framework masterplan which will help to create a well-designed, cohesive community.</p>	Nature Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience
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6 Welsh language, Health and Equality Impact Assessments

- 6.1 For the appraisal of the Deposit Plan the integration of Welsh language, health and equality concerns has focused on ensuring that these issues are well represented in the SA Framework [through objectives and decision-aiding questions relating to SA Objective 17, for the Welsh language and SA Objective 4. for Health and equalities.] against which the Deposit Plan policies have also been assessed. Consideration of Welsh language, health and equality issues has also been addressed iteratively as the appraisal process has progressed.
- 6.2 In addition, the SA process supported the identification and refinement of the plan strategy so that it can contribute to reducing inequalities and support the development of policy approaches that can cumulatively improve the well-being of local communities. Improvements to existing development through regeneration could further help to improve health reduce and inequalities and the Deposit Plan policy formulation reflects this.
- 6.3 To demonstrate compliance with the Equality Act 2010, an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) accompanied the Council Report seeking approval to consult the public on the Deposit Plan.

7. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 7.1 This addendum highlights the effects that the proposed focused changes to the Replacement LDP have had in regard to the Sustainability Appraisal of the Deposit Plan.
- 7.2 New assessments for the additional site allocation at Clwydyfagwr, Swansea Road; an amended assessment for the Cwmfelin, Bedlinog site allocation; and amended assessments for Policies SW10, SW11, EnW2, EnW4, EcW8 and EcW11 have been carried out.
- 7.3 Following consideration of the updated appraisals no implications on the overall SA of the Deposit Plan were identified, although there were some minor improvements to the performance of the policies against some Sustainability Objectives.
- 7.4 The addendum also shows that the Replacement LDP is compliant with The Well-being of Future Generations Act and integrates successfully with the Well-Being goals and the ways of working.

Appendix 1 – Site Assessment: Clwydyfagwr, Swansea Road

SITE DETAILS		
Site Reference:	-	Representor Number: 132
Site Address:	Clwydyfagwr, Swansea Road	
Area (Ha):	1.79	
Current Use(s):	Vacant land	
Proposed Use(s):	Residential	
OWNERSHIP		
Is the site wholly in the ownership of the proposer?	No	
If not, are all other land owners aware of this submission?	Yes (Mr S Pound)	
STAGE 2 SITE SUITABILITY ISSUES		
LAND TYPE	YES/NO	COMMENTARY
Is the site greenfield or brownfield?	Brown-field	The site is a former spoil tip.
Is the site situated on BMV agricultural land? (Grades 1, 2 and 3a)	No	N/A

Is the site within an existing settlement?	Yes	The site is within existing settlement of Swansea Road
LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY	YES/NO	COMMENTARY
Is the site easily accessible to local services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling?	Yes	The site is within walking distance of the post office, local shops and bus stops, however the nearest school is 900m from the site.
Is the site currently accessible from the existing highway network?	Yes	<p>The site is accessible from adopted highway Winchfawr Road. The Council's Engineers have advised that the principle of development is considered acceptable. New highways, drainage infrastructure or ground works will be required to bring forward an acceptable development proposal however this does not represent an insurmountable constraint.</p> <p>A Road Safety Audit/Transport Assessment (dependent on the exact nature of proposals) should be carried out to identify the required local highway network improvements required.</p>
Is the site likely to affect the setting of a Listed Building or a Scheduled Ancient Monument?	No	N/A
Is the site located within or adjacent to a Conservation Area, Registered Historic Park and Garden or Historic Landscape?	Yes	GGAT have advised that the site lies within Merthyr Tydfil Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest. A Desk Based Assessment of the archaeology of the site would be required.
Is the site located within a mineral safeguarding area?	No	N/A
Are there any other important features associated with the site, e.g. boundary walls or trees?	No	N/A

Is this site affected by 'bad neighbour' uses (e.g. power lines, railway lines, major highways, heavy industry)?	No	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL	YES/NO	COMMENTARY
Is the site located within or adjacent to a European, National, regional or Local ecological designation?	No	The Gellideg Fields North SINC is situated approximately 30 metres to the North of the site, but is separated by existing development.
Will the proposal involve the removal of trees with TPO or ancient woodland?	No	N/A
Is there a possibility that the site is contaminated?	Yes	A ground conditions survey would be required as the site is a former spoil tip. Random sampling across whole site is required. At least 5% area coverage to ensure 95% certainty of hotspot detection.
Is the site affected by any existing planning designations or permissions?	Yes	The site is allocated in the existing LDP as Housing Site H6 under Policy AS1.
PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS	YES/NO	COMMENTARY
Is the site within a flood risk zone?	No	n/a
Is the topography of the land suitable for development? Does the site have any other physical constraints? (e.g. topography, access, severe slope, vegetation cover etc.)	Yes	There is a steep embankment around the perimeter of the site. Although there is a clearly defined plateau that is potentially suitable for development. A Ground Investigation Report will be required, including a contamination survey, due to

		various past activities on site.
WIDER BENEFITS	YES/NO	COMMENTARY
Are there other potential benefits associated with the development e.g. provision of community facilities?	No	The site is not considered to be of sufficient size to provide additional community benefits although development of the site would provide additional housing supply in the Primary Growth Area and CIL contributions.
DELIVERABILITY AND VIABILITY (Residential only)	YES/NO	COMMENTARY
Have reasonable steps been taken to demonstrate that the site is deliverable in the plan period and is viable? (e.g. any technical feasibility studies or development viability appraisals)	Yes	No specific site specific studies are available. An up-to-date broad level development viability assessment for the County Borough has been undertaken that indicates development of the site, providing the required levels of affordable housing and CIL contributions, would be viable. This has included adequate allowances for developer profit and abnormal costs that are appropriate for the area. There are no insurmountable constraints identified and residential development of the site could therefore be considered realistic.
Is the site subject to any other key constraints that might affect the developable area or wider deliverability of the site?	Yes	<p>Japanese Knotweed exists within the vicinity of this site and therefore survey and assessment may be required.</p> <p>Part of the site is within a development high risk area in terms of coal mining & a coal mining risk assessment would therefore be required.</p>

SITE APPRAISAL SUMMARY	
The site comprises a former spoil tip and would provide a logical infill site in the community of Swansea Road. The site is accessible from an adopted highway and is situated within an existing residential area. Whilst some constraints have been identified these are not considered to be untypical for the area or insurmountable.	

STAGE 2 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT		
SERVICE PROVIDER	SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND POTENTIAL ISSUES	MITIGATION NECESSARY
NRW	No comment.	N/A
Power	WPD have confirmed that they do not envisage any particular problems in relation to planned developments in the County Borough. Due to the dynamic nature of the local distribution network developers should contact WPD to obtain up-to-date and accurate information at the development planning stages.	Consultation with utility providers as part of detailed development proposals will be required to identify whether any protection measures or upgrades would be required.
Water/Sewerage	The site is partly located in the Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Cilfynydd waste water treatment works area. There are no problems envisaged with the public sewerage network for accommodating the domestic foul flows from this site. There are no issues in providing this site with a water supply.	N/A
Health	No health care capacity issues have been raised regarding the levels of proposed growth in the LDP.	N/A

Education	Sufficient capacity can be provided for future levels of planned growth within the County Borough.	N/A
Highways (including drainage)	<p>The Council's Engineers have advised that the principle of development is considered acceptable. New highways, drainage infrastructure or ground works will be required to bring forward an acceptable development proposal however this does not represent an insurmountable constraint.</p> <p>A Road Safety Audit/Transport Assessment (dependent on the exact nature of proposals) should be carried out to identify the required local highway network improvements required.</p>	A Road Safety Audit (RSA) / Transport Assessment would be required.
Environmental Health	A ground conditions survey would be required as the site is a former spoil tip	Random sampling across whole site is required. At least 5% area coverage to ensure 95% certainty of hotspot detection.
Other internal consultees	No additional comments received.	N/A
OVERALL CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS	<p>The site assessment has not identified any insurmountable constraints and development of the site is considered to be realistic and deliverable within the Replacement LDP plan period. Development of the site would contribute towards the Plan's housing and regeneration objectives (particularly objectives 1, 3, 4), providing an additional housing site within the Primary Growth Area. The site is therefore recommended for allocation within the Deposit Plan.</p>	