

WELSH GOVERNMENT
Examination Hearing Statement

Merthyr Tydfil
Local Development Plan Examination

Hearing Session 1 – 25th June 2019

Plan Preparation, Vision and Objectives

Matters & Issues

1.1. Preparation and procedural requirements

a. Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the approved Delivery Agreement and Community Involvement Scheme?

This is a matter for the Authority

i. As per Regulation 9(6), are there reasonable grounds to believe that any deviations have not been likely to prejudice any person's opportunity to be involved in the plan-making process?

ii. Were stakeholders given a fair opportunity to comment on the Preferred Strategy and Deposit Plan during the consultation periods?

b. Has the Plan been subject to satisfactory Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment, with the likely significant effects on the environment of reasonable alternatives identified, described and evaluated within the SA Report and its Addendum?

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c. Has the Plan been subject to satisfactory Habitats Regulations Assessment?

This is a matter for the Authority

d. Does the evidence demonstrate that statutory duties conferred on the Council under other legislation have been integrated into the plan-making process, including:

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i. The well-being duty, and

ii. The public sector equality duty?

e. Does the Plan have regard to current national planning policy including Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 (PPW) and the Wales Spatial Plan?

Following the Council's Deposit plan consultation, Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 10 was published in December 2018. We note in FC51 that whilst 'references' in the LDP to PPW Edition 9 have been checked and updated the Authority will need to consider any other implications on the plan.

f. Does the Plan have regard to other relevant plans and strategies including:

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- i. the Cwm Taf Well-being Plan 2018-2023**
- ii. the Local Transport Plan for the South East Wales Valleys**
- iii. the Cardiff Capital Region Industrial and Economic Growth Plan, and**
- iv. the adopted Local Development Plans of neighbouring authorities?**

1.2. Key issues, vision and objectives

a. Has the Plan adequately captured the key land use issues and opportunities facing the County Borough, including ‘areas of concern’ outlined in the 2016 Review Report?

This is a matter for the Authority

b. Are the vision and objectives consistent with national Key Planning Principles and will they contribute towards the National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes?

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