

Merthyr Tydfil
Replacement Local Development Plan (2016-2031)
EXAMINATION

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AGENDA

for

Hearing Session 1 on 25 June 2019 at 10:00

MATTER 1: PLAN PREPARATION, VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Opening remarks and introductions

Opening statement from Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

1.1. Preparation and procedural requirements

- a. Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the approved Delivery Agreement and Community Involvement Scheme?
 - i. As per Regulation 9(6)¹, 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 process²?
 - 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 Addendum³, and Welsh Language impacts adequately assessed⁴?
- c. Has the Plan been subject to satisfactory Habitats Regulations Assessment?
- d. Does the evidence⁵ demonstrate that statutory duties conferred on the Council under other legislation have been integrated into the plan-making process, including:
 - i. The well-being duty⁶, and
 - ii. The public sector equality duty⁷?
- e. Does the Plan have regard to current national planning policy including Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 (PPW) and the Wales Spatial Plan?
- f. Does the Plan have regard to other relevant plans and strategies including:
 - 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

¹ Of The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)

² Deposit Plan Consultation Report 2018 [SD14] paragraphs 8.8-8.9.

³ Sustainability Appraisal Report June 2018 [SD06] and Addendum December 2018 [SD08]

⁴ [See Inspector's supplementary note for hearings 1 and 2](#)

⁵ Including the Cwm Taf Wellbeing Assessment Consultation Report [SD54] and Equalities Impact Assessment Briefing Paper [ED007b]

⁶ Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, section 3

⁷ Equality Act 2010, section 149

- 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 Report⁸?
- b. Are the vision and objectives consistent with national Key Planning Principles⁹ and will they contribute towards the National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes¹⁰?

1.3. Any other matters

⁸ Review Report 2016 [SD20] paragraph 2.2

⁹ PPW Figure 3

¹⁰ PPW Figure 4