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County Borough Council

HEARING SESSION 5
COMMERCIAL, RETAIL, LEISURE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
ACTION POINT 5.3 – COUNCIL RESPONSE

Action Point

Council to amend paragraph 4.40 to identify Cyfarthfa Retail Park and Trago Mills as out-of-centre developments.

Council's Response

This statement has been prepared by the Council in response to an issue that arose at Hearing Session 5. Paragraph 4.40 of the Replacement LDP Written Statement refers to Cyfarthfa Retail Park and Trago Mills as 'edge-of-centre' developments. In line with the justification and changes proposed under matter 5.3 (d) in the Council's Hearing Statement the following amendments are proposed to LDP paragraph 4.40 to clarify these are identified as out-of-centre locations.

Matters Arising Change

4.40 The Town Centre, particularly, is seen as a key asset and will continue to form the lynchpin for regeneration. The strategy reflects the need to continue town centre regeneration and will aim to capitalise on the extra spending power attracted to Merthyr Tydfil through ~~edge-of-centre~~ **out-of-centre** developments such as the Cyfarthfa Retail Park and Trago Mills. Fundamental to the success of this approach is ensuring that the retail offer in each of these locations is kept sufficiently distinct so as not to undermine the vitality and viability of the town centre. Furthermore it provides support for the tourism sector and for the retailing role of the town and local centres.