

Bridgend Local Development Plan Examination

Session 10 – Minerals

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The Countryside Council for Wales (CCW): Represntor 54

4. Other minerals

Q4e Would extensions to Cornelly quarry require an allocation?

Should it be decided to allocate any proposed extensions to Cornelly quarry within the LDP, CCW recommend that the Plan makes reference to the need for any application to be accompanied by adequate information to screen for a project level habitats regulation assessment (HRA).

5. Sand and Gravel

Q5d Is it implicit that the Plan is to be read as a whole, in which case is this already covered by Policies such as ENV6?

Please see response to Q1a of *Session 1: Strategy and Vision*. Subject to a statement clarifying that the Plan should be read as a whole, we consider that the protection and enhancement of the natural environment is covered by policies elsewhere in the Plan.

7. ENV11 Mineral Development

Q7a. Does the representor dispute the Council's response? (ie that the Criteria in Policy ENV11 are sufficient to cover the issue of impacts on international and national nature conservation designations, and protected and priority species.)

There is the potential for the impacts of mineral development, particularly changes to hydrological regimes, to be experienced on international and nationally designated sites some distance away from the actual development site. This is recognised in Planning policy Wales (PPW) and Mineral Planning Policy Wales (MPPW), where it states '*Mineral proposals within or likely to affect them...*' The criteria in Policy ENV11, specifically criterion c and the reference to biodiversity within the site and on adjoining land, is therefore inadequate to provide protection to such sites.

CCW therefore disputes the Council's response.

Furthermore, we consider that there is inconsistency between Policies ENV11 and ENV12 and the way that international and nationally designated sites are considered.



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We recommend that Policy ENV11 is amended either by inserting '*the potential impact on international and national nature conservation designations, and protected and priority species, and*' at the start of criterion c, or amending the Policy in line with criteria 2 and 3 of Policy ENV12.

Q7b Are the Review of Mineral Planning Permissions (ROMP) and Review of Mineral Conditions relevant considerations in regard to the identification of dormant resources as required by MTAN 1 paragraph 47?

No Comment

Q7c. What if any reference should the Plan make to ROMP and the Review of Conditions?

The HRA of the LDP prepared on behalf of Bridgend, identified as a mitigation measure for the Plan to avoid any likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites, the need for mineral policies in the LDP and application decisions to take full account of the potential impacts of quarry dewatering operations on Kenfig SAC.

It is not evident that this has been done for the mineral policies in the Plan, and they make no reference to the ROMP and Review of Conditions that are currently being undertaken, and the need to consider any implications that dewatering associated with quarrying operations may have for Kenfig SAC.

To avoid any likely significant effects on Kenfig SAC through the Plan and its policies, we consider the mitigation measures proposed in the HRA of the Plan should be implemented. Therefore to ensure that there is full recognition of the impacts that dewatering operations at the group of quarries around Cornelly may have on Kenfig SAC, both for potential applicants considering future extensions of any of the quarries, and for consideration when determining any planning application that might come forward during the lifespan of the Plan, we consider that reference to the ROMP, the Review of Conditions and the potential impacts of quarry dewatering operations on the SAC is included as part of the justification to Policy ENV11.



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