

Report of LDP Key Stakeholder Forum Draft Delivery Agreement

**15th August 2006
Bridgend Rugby Club, Tondy Road**

1. Introduction

The first meeting of the Bridgend Local Development Plan Key Stakeholder Forum was held on the 15th August 2006 in the President's Suite of Bridgend Rugby Club from 10am to 3pm. The purposes of the first meeting were to:

- Formally convene the LDP Key Stakeholder Forum
- Introduce the Key Stakeholder representatives to the LDP system
- To brief the Key Stakeholders on the draft Delivery Agreement and seek their views on its contents; and
- To brief the Key Stakeholders on the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and seek their views on its contents.

The draft Delivery Agreement and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report were, at the time, on public consultation which ran from the 3rd August – 8th September 2006.

In total, 66 delegates attended the Forum meeting, representing 46 organisations (see Appendix A). These were divided into eight tables for the discussion sessions regarding the draft documents.

The purpose of this report is to highlight the issues which were raised at the meeting (in verbal discussions and from notes taken by table invigilators) and to recommend, where necessary, any amendments to the draft Delivery Agreement. This report should be read in conjunction with the Council's Response to Representations on the draft LDP Delivery Agreement report, which details individual comments made to the document; the Council's response; and any proposed actions and changes to the document.

This report does not deal with comments and discussion related to the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report which also occurred at the Forum meeting. These will be the subject of a separate report produced by Baker Associates.

2. Introduction to the LDP System in Bridgend County Borough

The Forum meeting began with a presentation from the Council regarding the LDP system and how it operates. A copy of the presentation can be found at Appendix B. Questions were invited on the contents of the presentation.

A question was asked how the current process differs from the future LDP and how the LDP and SPGs (Supplementary Planning Guidance) would be synchronised with the Wales Spatial Plan. The Council stated that it has discretion to devolve policy issues to SPG, but it, along with other authorities,

had been reluctant to do so in the past; however they were now positively encouraged to do so. It was asked if this would delay the LDP process. The Council responded that SPGs will not do this as they can be produced concurrently.

Discussion then ensued with regards to the Porthcawl SPG; with a reassurance from the Council that as time passes and circumstances change any changes to the SPG can still be afforded weight.

One delegate expressed concern that parts of the UDP would be 'cherry picked' from the LDP. The Council responded by stating that the LDP will have to take account of what the UDP says and test it through the LDP process but that Bridgend was in a fortunate position of having an adopted UDP to work from.

3. The Draft Delivery Agreement

The Forum continued with a presentation from the Council regarding the draft Delivery Agreement. A copy of the presentation can be found at Appendix C. Questions were invited on the contents of the presentation.

It was queried whether the Council have the staff and financial resources to carry out the LDP process. The Council responded that the staff resources are in place and, if needed, additional financial resources would be requested from the Executive Director – Environment.

It was also asked if there would be any penalties on the Council for not meeting Welsh Assembly Government targets. The Council explained that if the deadlines are not met the Assembly would require a valid reason and an amendment to the timetable would need to be agreed. The worse-case scenario is that the Assembly could take over the Development Plan process from the Council.

There followed discussion in groups which were structured by the facilitators to follow the same consultation questions used in the public representation form. The feedback from these discussions is summarised below. All Council Action points are summarised in Appendix D.

Q1. Does the timetable clearly define all of the main stages of the LDP preparation process?

The general view of the Forum was that the timetable did clearly define all the main stages of the LDP process.

Q2. Do you think the Timetable is realistic and deliverable?

There was a mixed response to this question. Those groups that expressed the view that the timetable was not realistic gave the following reasons:-

- The consultation periods are not long enough for internal reporting mechanisms within organisations.
- There should be a minimum consultation period of 2 months.
- Consultation periods should avoid the holiday periods of August and Christmas. A view which was informed by many representatives of Community Councils which have an annual recess during the month of August.
- The baseline information (as contained in the SEA Scoping Report) is inadequate requiring substantive new survey work which will be time consuming and expensive and will put pressure on the timetable.
- Community engagement with some 'hard to reach' groups will be time consuming
- A view was also expressed that it would be helpful to hold briefing sessions prior to the official public consultation periods and the Forum meetings so information could be fed back to organisations.

Council's response and actions proposed

- Whilst the Council recognises the need to be flexible and generous with regard to periods of consultation, it also believes that partner organisations may need to change their own internal working practices in order to meet the requirements of consultation and the Delivery Agreement. In addition, the overall plan preparation period is necessarily compressed by the Welsh Assembly Government requirement to adopt an LDP within 4 years. **The Council will undertake to hold consultation periods on future LDP documents for at least 6 weeks and will avoid August and Christmas. Where this is not possible the consultation period will be extended, as appropriate.** The Council has examined the timetable and considers the timescale to be flexible enough to accommodate this commitment.
- The Council considers that it has allocated enough time in the draft Timetable to undertake the work necessary to update baseline information and to undertake consultation with all relevant parties.
- It is acknowledged by the Council that timely briefing of the Forum will lead to better consultation responses. Whilst meetings before the official public consultation period starts may be impractical. **The Council will undertake to hold LDP Stakeholder Forum meetings either in the week before public consultation begins or at the latest in the first week of consultation.**

Q3. Did you find the information in subsection 3.4 on how the Council intends to manage the process clear and easy to understand?

The general answer to this question was Yes. Although a strong theme coming across was that the process contained too much jargon. SA and SEA should be expressed as 'Sustainability Appraisal' and 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' respectively.

In the interests of transparency it was also suggested that the public should know who sits on the LDP Steering Group. It was also queried whether the LDP Stakeholder Group had a terms of reference.

Council's response and actions proposed

- The Council acknowledges that the Delivery Agreement may appear inaccessible to certain groups of society. However, one of the roles of the LDP Stakeholder Forum was to disseminate information to representatives for them to pass on to the groups they represent. The Delivery Agreement itself is a technical and procedural document and therefore in its very nature contains technical language which has no jargon-free substitute. However, **with reference to Diagram 2, it is proposed to replace SA and SEA with Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment.**
- To ensure further transparency in the process, **The Council undertakes to issue Terms of Reference for the LDP Key Stakeholder Forum at the next meeting, and to further clarify the rationale for membership and roles of the Forum and LDP Steering Group in the Delivery Agreement.**

Q4. Do you agree with the principles of Community Involvement as set out in subsection 4.2 of the draft Delivery Agreement?

Overwhelming answer was Yes. Although there was an acknowledgement that some groups and sections of society will not want to 'engage' in the process and in some parts of the County Borough engagement structures are weak or non-existent. More importantly it was considered that the community needs to have a feeling of confidence in the process. It was suggested that Town and Community Councils take a lead in engaging the community.

Council's response and actions proposed

- No action required

Q5. Do you think the range of community involvement methods set out in subsection 4.3 – 4.6 and Appendix 1 are appropriate to use at the various stages indicated?

There was a mixed response to this question. Some groups agreed that the methods identified were a good starting point and should not be too prescriptive to allow flexibility in the process. Other groups thought that the methods came across as 'bland' and too broad-brushed and that more innovation is required to engage people.

Some specific ideas were to use local events and shows; extensive use of the website and to place notices in doctor's surgeries / hospitals. There was also a view that the LDP should 'piggyback' other Council consultation exercises with respect to other plans and strategies. It was suggested that the Forum should be used at each stage to determine methods of involvement.

Council's response and actions proposed

- The Council considers that it needs to operate flexibly in its approach to public consultation and, in the interests of resource prudence, would not at this stage commit itself to consultation methods which would be ineffective.
- All Local Development Plan documents and reports have been, and will continue to be available on the Council's website. It has also been possible for respondents to submit their views online as well as using the standard forms. Council Officers will attend any events / meetings / forums which are they are invited to (where practicable). However the Council will rely on representatives of the Forum to make these approaches as it cannot easily identify appropriate events on its own.
- For the local area forums and particularly the topic issue groups the Council will endeavour to use, where possible, existing forums and organisations, rather than create new ones. Many of these issue groups can be found under the umbrella of the Local Strategic Partnership. LDP work will be undertaken concurrently with the review of the Community Strategy where possible. **The Council will amend the Delivery Agreement to clarify the role of existing groups and forums in the consultation process relating to the LDP.**

Q6. Does Appendix 1 of the draft Delivery Agreement make it clear when and how different people / organisations will have an opportunity to get involved in the preparation of the LDP?

Again there was a mixed response to this question. Some groups commented that Appendix 1 was clear and provided a good base to be expanded upon later. One group noted that columns 4 & 5 ('Who will be involved' and Methods of Involvement') were a little misleading and another asked for an additional column on 'how' people can be involved in the process. One group asked that Local Community Groups be included in the review and development of the evidence base.

Council's response and actions proposed

- The Council considers that Appendix 1 is clear, logical and well structured. The 'methods of involvement' column includes information on who will be involved at what stage and how they will be involved. It is unclear how Local Community Groups can be involved in the review and development of evidence, however should they wish to submit their own evidence to supplement the Council's data-gathering exercises then this is to be welcomed. However, the *LDP Manual* does not recommend that an "extensive and time consuming Survey – Analysis stage is required before LDP production can commence" which is why

the Council have chosen to have an ongoing evidence gathering stage up until the deposit of the LDP.

Q7. Do you consider the composition of the LDP Key Stakeholder Forum (See Appendix 3) to be adequate?

The general view was that the composition of the Key Stakeholder Forum was adequate. A number of groups however were suggested as additions:-

- Major Landowners
- PACT
- Regional Transport Consortia
- Other Specific WAG departments (eg. Enterprise, Innovation & Networks)

Council's response and actions proposed

- The Council will clarify the membership rationale in the final Delivery Agreement as stated above.
- The Council does not consider that Major Landowners should be included in the LDP Key Stakeholder Forum because they have their own private interests in land development which should appropriately be expressed (by agents) through the regular consultation processes.
- PACT (Partnerships and Communities Together) is the name given to the neighbourhood meetings that will form the structure through which Neighbourhood Policing will be delivered. In this respect these interests are already represented by the Bridgend Community Safety Partnership (which includes South Wales Police).
- The Council's Transportation department are represented by Officers at the Forum, they in-turn will notify the Regional Transport Consortia (specifically SEWTA) of LDP preparation. **The Council will add SEWTA to the Interested Party Database at Appendix 4 to the draft Delivery Agreement so that it receives notification of LDP preparation.**
- The Welsh Assembly Government's Planning Division has its own internal consultation processes with respect to other departments and has specifically requested that all LDP consultation to WAG should be directed to them only.

Q8. Do you consider the Statutory Consultees and Interested Party Database (see Appendix 4) to be adequate?

A number of additions were suggested; these included:-

- The Council of Churches
- Various Residents Groups
- Transport Organisation EST
- Operators and Landowners of the Rhiw Shopping Centre
- The Farming Community

- Boys and Girls Club in Bettws
- Divisional Police Headquarters
- Wildmill Residents Association
- Minerva Residents Association

It was noted that the database should be constantly updated and kept under review.

Council's response and actions proposed

The Council will endeavour to establish the contact details of all those Interested Parties listed by the Forum and add them to the consultation database; these names will be reflected in Appendix 4 of the Delivery Agreement.

The Council will try to ensure that the LDP consultation database is kept up-to-date. However, with over 600 consultee contact details already in the database, it will be for the individuals and organisations to keep the Council updated should any of those details change in the future.

Q9. Are there any other comments about the Delivery Agreement?

It was noted that there was a lack of synchronisation between the development of the Wales Spatial Plan, the Regional Transport Plan and LDPs. It was also noted that the LDP will be the spatial expression of the Community Strategy.

Council's response and actions proposed

The Council notes these points. However, preparation of an LDP has been highlighted as a key priority for Local Authorities by the Welsh Assembly Government and it therefore cannot be put on hold pending reviews / publication of other documents. If information from these documents becomes available before the deposit of the LDP, then the Council will be obliged to take their contents into account.

Appendix A – Delegates at LDP Key Stakeholder Forum – 15th August 2006

Present: -

Baker Associates	John Baker Cicely Postan
Bettws Communities First Partnership	Lynne Simmons
Brackla Community Council	Community Councillor W Bennett
Bridgend Biodiversity Partnership & Bridgend Heritage Partnership	Steve Moon
Bridgend Chamber of Trade	Mike Jones Lee Le Bruilly
Bridgend Children's & Young People's Partnership	Michelle Jaynes
Bridgend Community Consortium for Education and Training	Adrian Beynon
Bridgend Community Safety Partnership	John Davies PC Andrew Lawless
Bridgend County Borough Council	Councillor P A Hacking Councillor A E Davies Councillor R Deere Councillor M Quick Councillor C Teesdale Councillor K Waktins David Llewellyn Gerald Hulin * Steve Bool * Sue Jones * Stuart Ingram * Nick Lloyd * Jonathan Lane * Hayley Landon Adam Provoost Nigel Moore Richard Metford * Kwaku Opoku-Addo *
Bridgend Economic Partnership	Amy Ryall
Bridgend Environmental Partnership	Mike Jenkins
Bridgend Housing Partnership	Peter Green
Bridgend Local Access Forum	Councillor Granville
Bridgend Local Strategic Partnership	Brian Roderick
Bridgend Manufacturers Group	Tony Lewis

Bridgend Older Persons Strategy Partnership	Gordon Jones
Bridgend Partnership Board and Bridgend Local Health Board	Zoe Wallace
Bridgend Tourism Forum	John Bunker Denise Fletcher
Bridgend Town Centre Forum	Jonathan Hughes
Bridgend Town Council	Councillor David Unwin
Bridgend Waste Management Forum	Huw Jenkins
Caerau Regeneration Forum	Aled Singleton
Coity Higher Community Council	Hopkin Thomas
Communities First Team	Frances McShane
Countryside Council for Wales	Scott Hand
Coychurch Higher Community Council	Kenneth Russell
Environment Agency Wales	Suzanne Waldron
Evanstown Communities First Partnership	Jason Williams
Ewenny Community Council	Julie Baxendale
Garw Valley Regeneration Forum	Delyth Samuel
Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd	Neil Maylan
Laleston Community Council	Community Councillor Norman
Llangynwyd Middle Community Council	Malcolm James
Maesteg Town Centre Forum	Helen Jeffries
Maesteg Town Council	Community Councillor Harry Fenney
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	Ann Marie Hurley Dave Morris
Porthcawl Regeneration Forum	Andrew Parry-Jones
Porthcawl Town Council	Mrs C P Anderson
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	Gareth Hall Owen Jones
St Brides Minor Community Council	John Collett Brian Rees
Vale of Glamorgan Council	Victoria Abraham Lucy Turner

* = Table discussion facilitator

Appendix B – Introduction to LDP System Presentation

Moving to the Local Development Plan System in Bridgend County Borough



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Why the change?

Planning Delivering for Wales (2002) described the existing Unitary Development Plan System as....

- Lengthy
- Produced plans which are too detailed / complex
- Poor progression nationally. Only 10 out of 25 Local Planning Authorities have an adopted Plan (although Bridgend CBC is one of these!)
- Slow review process

It therefore proposed introducing a new Local Development Plans system for Wales

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Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

- Retains supremacy of the Development Plan (LDP) in the determination of planning applications:

Section 38(6):

"If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise"

- Part 6 of the Act (Wales) states that Local Planning Authorities must prepare a plan for their area to be known as an LDP.

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What is a Local Development Plan?

- It will become the 'Development Plan' in legal terms for the determination of planning applications
- It will supersede the Unitary Development Plan
- Under WAG Plan rationalisation it is one of only four high-level Strategies which Local Authorities are required to prepare.

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The Four strategies are:

- Community Strategy
- Local Development Plan
- Children and Young People's Strategy
- Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy

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What is the Function of a Local Development Plan ?

- An LDP must set out:
 - the Local Planning Authority's objectives in relation to the development and use of land in its area and include:
 - General policies for the implementation of those objectives
 - Specific policies for different areas within the authority - site specific allocations

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What must it take into account?

- An LDP must have regard to: -
 - Wales Spatial Plan
 - Current national planning policies (PPW, MPPW, TANs etc)
 - Community Strategy

What must it take into account?

- The Welsh Assembly Government has produced a number of documents relating to the form and content of Local Development Plans:
 - Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plans) (Wales) Regulations 2005
 - Local Development Plans Wales
 - LDP Manual
 - Planning Policy Wales Companion Guide
 - Planning your Community: A Guide to Local Development Plans

UDP and LDP Comparison

- Content

Unitary Development Plans	Local Development Plans
Compendiums including repetition of national policy, overlapping policies and detailed development control policies for every land-use.	Slimmer Document (no repetitions of national policy and limited reasoned justification)
Strategic policies not necessarily in sync with Community Strategy	Contains vision, strategy and specific policies; related to Community Strategy
Local policies often over long and complicated	Better use of Supplementary Planning Guidance

UDP and LDP Comparison

- Strategic Environmental Assessment / Sustainability Appraisal

Unitary Development Plans	Local Development Plans
Not Mandatory (although a Sustainability Appraisal was carried out)	Required

UDP and LDP Comparison

- Process

Unitary Development Plans	Local Development Plans
No adoption target	4 year target to adopt
	Full review every 4 years
No statutory continuous monitoring	Continuous monitoring
No clear statement of intended public involvement	Clear public involvement
	7 Cyclical Stages

UDP and LDP Comparison

- E-planning

Unitary Development Plans	Local Development Plans
Publication of UDP related documents on the internet was optional	Regulations require the publication of the majority of LDP documentation to be placed on the Council's web site
No facility available for representations to made on-line	Representations should be able to be submitted electronically

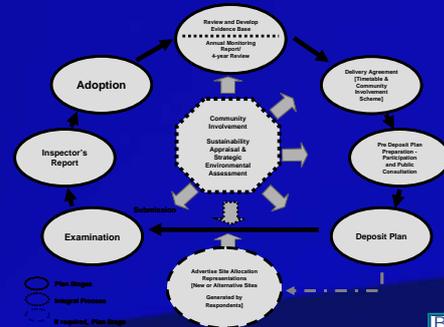
BCBC is currently developing it's planning web-pages which now includes an Interactive UDP and other planning information. All LDP Reports, Documents, Background Information, Consultation Representations and news will appear on the web site where practicable.

Preparation Process

- The LDP Preparation Process can be divided into 8 stages:

1. Review and Development of Evidence Base
2. Delivery Agreement
3. Plan Preparation
4. Deposit and Submission
5. Examination
6. Inspectors Report detailing proposed changes to the deposit LDP
7. Adoption
8. Review

Preparation Process



1. Review and Development of Evidence Base

- LDP Production should be informed by a robust evidence base.
- The Development Planning Section is already reviewing & developing the evidence base by:
 - Reviewing national policy context
 - Reviewing the local context
 - Reviewing local strategies

2. Delivery Agreement

The Delivery Agreement is a public statement that sets out the preparation timetable and how it will involve stakeholders and the community in preparing the Local Development Plan.

3. Plan Preparation

- LDP Vision & Objectives
- Strategic Options
- Public Consultation

4. Deposit LDP

What should be included?

- Introduction
- A Strategy
- Area-wide policies for development
- Major allocations of land
- Specific policies and proposals for key areas of change or protection
- Succinct reasoned justification to explain policies and to guide their implementation
- A proposals map on a geographical base.

5. Examination

- Independent Examination in Public
- What is the Inspector's criteria for assessing soundness of the LDP?
 - is it a land use plan,
 - does it conform generally with national planning policy and is set in the context of the *Wales Spatial Plan* and relevant regional strategies
 - does it contain a coherent strategy and is internally consistent with that strategy;
 - is it founded on a robust evidence base
 - does it have clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring

5. Examination

- Independent Examination in Public
- What is the Inspector's criteria for assessing soundness of the LDP?
 - is it realistic
 - is it able to deal with changing circumstances
 - is it consistent with those elements of neighbouring authorities development plans where cross boundary issues are relevant
 - has it taken proper account of views of the community
 - has it been prepared following the proper procedures, including the sustainability appraisal/strategic environmental assessment processes.

6. Inspector's Report

- The Inspector will produce a report identifying proposed changes to the LDP
- The Inspector's Report and proposed changes are binding!

7. Adoption

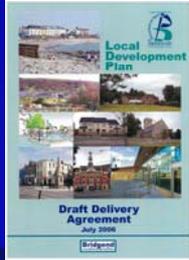
The Local Authority must adopt the LDP within 8 weeks of receipt of the Inspectors report.

8. Review

- After adoption the Plan will be monitored on an annual basis
- The Plan will be reviewed at least once every 4 years.

Appendix C – Draft Delivery Agreement Presentation

Bridgend Local Development Plan Draft Delivery Agreement



What is the Delivery Agreement?

- The Delivery Agreement aims to:
- Show that Bridgend County Borough Council is meeting the legal requirements for the delivery of its new Local Development Plan.
 - Set out the local planning authority's strategy for community involvement and its links to other community involvement initiatives.
 - Identify in general terms which local community groups and other bodies need to be consulted.
 - Show how local people, community groups, and other bodies can be involved in a timely and accessible manner.
 - Show that the methods to be used to involve local people, community groups, and other bodies are suitable for the different stages of the Local Development Plan and for particular communities.
 - Show that the local planning authority can resource and manage the process effectively.
 - Show how the results of community involvement are to be fed into the preparation of the Local Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Guidance.
 - Set out the mechanisms for reviewing the relevant procedures



What does the Delivery Agreement include?

The Delivery Agreement includes :

1. The timetable for plan production up to adoption of the plan, which is definitive for the stages up to the deposit of the plan, and indicative for the remaining stages up to adoption
2. The resources that the Council will commit to the plan
3. The Community Involvement Scheme (CIS), which proposes how the Council will engage stakeholders in preparing, reviewing and amending the LDP



1. LDP Timetable

Stage 1	Review and Develop Evidence Base for LDP and SA (SEA)	April 2006 – June 2009
Stage 2	Delivery Agreement	April 2006 – January 2007
Stage 3	Pre-Deposit LDP Participation & Consultation	January 2007 – June 2008
Stage 4	Deposit LDP and Feedback	April 2008 – May 2009
Stage 5	Advertisement of 'Alternative Sites' & SA(SEA)	April 2009 – June 2009
Stage 6	Submission and Examination	July 2009 – July 2010
Stage 7	Inspectors Report	July 2010 – September 2010
Stage 8	Adoption	July 2010 – October 2010
Stage 9	Annual Monitoring Report and Review of LDP	October 2010 onwards



1. LDP Timetable

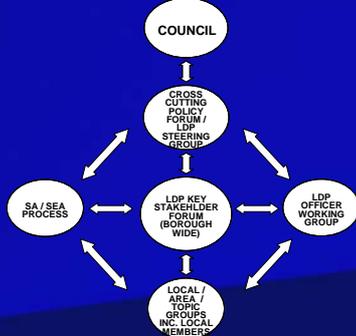


2. Resources

The Delivery Agreement outlines both the financial and staff resources which the Council will commit to the preparation of the Local Development Plan.



Inter-relationships and Lines of Accountability



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3. Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

The CIS seeks to:

- detail how the LDP will be prepared, developed, monitored and reviewed in partnership with the community and other stakeholders in a structured, effective, transparent and inclusive way;
- seek to establish a consensus between stakeholders on the Plan's aims and objectives and in its options and preferred strategy;
- detail how the Council will effectively engage with the community in the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), to certain policies of the LDP; and
- use these processes to produce a 'sound' plan.

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3. Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

The CIS contains:

- Principles of Community Involvement;
- Process of Community Involvement;
- Methods of engaging the Community;
- Use of the Citizens Panel;
- Document Availability and Deposit Locations;
- Consensus Building issues; and
- Relationships between LDP and other strategies

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Appendix 1: Bringing it all together

DEFINITIVE STAGES

Stage 2: Delivery Agreement (Regulation 9)

Stage in the LDP Preparation Process 1	Purpose 2	Timescale 3	Who will be involved: 4	Methods of involvement: 5	Likely Outcomes & Reporting Mechanisms 6	Resources 7
Draft Delivery Agreement The Draft Delivery Agreement comprises the Local Planning Authority's proposed timetable for the preparation of the LDP together with its Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).	To inform stakeholders that the Council is preparing a LDP and seek community involvement. To seek Views of stakeholders and consultees on the content of the Draft Delivery Agreement	Start: April 2006 Finish: September 2006	Development Planning Team Other Council Officers LDP Steering Group LDP Key Stakeholder Forum Council All Specific consultation Bodies UK Government Departments General Consultation	Report to: LDP Key Stakeholder Forum LDP Steering Group Council Letters and Draft Delivery Agreement Sent to specific consultation bodies. Letters sent to all Other consultees. Notice of Commencement of LDP Preparation, then Draft Delivery Agreement placed on Council's Web Site.	Any comments will be considered and Draft Delivery Agreement amended if required. A summary of comments received With Delivery Agreement presented to LDP Steering Group. A summary of comments received With Delivery Agreement presented to Council. Council resolution Will be requested to Approve the (revised).	Development Planning Team Administrative Support Other Council Staff ICT Support Printing Costs Postage Costs Press / Advert Costs

Consultation on the Draft Delivery Agreement

- Consulting on the Consultation!
- Consultation Period: 3rd August – 8th September 2006
- Key Stakeholder Forum – 15th August 2006
- Documents available to inspect with response forms in all County Borough libraries and the Planning Department
- Documents available to view online; responses can be submitted via the web site using on-line form
- All responses will be posted on web site
- Feel free to contribute in writing any observations from your organisation which may be raised after today's Forum meeting

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What happens next?

After the close of the consultation period:

- LDP Steering Group will consider all written representations received, plus outcomes of Key Stakeholder Forum
- LDP Steering Group will recommend any changes to the Draft Delivery Agreement to Council
- Once agreed, Council will formally submit approved Delivery Agreement to the Welsh Assembly Government
- Once agreed Final Delivery Agreement will be published and kept under review

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Questions?



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Appendix D – Summary of Action Points and Changes to the Draft Delivery Agreement

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