

**BRIDGEND**  
**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2033)**  
**EXAMINATION**

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**AGENDA**

for

**Hearing Session 1 Tuesday 28 February 2023 10:00 – 17:00**

**Virtual Hearing**

**Plan Preparation and LDP Strategic Framework**

*Issue – Is the LDP legally compliant, and is the Plan's Strategy justified and likely to be effective in ensuring that development needs of Bridgend can be met in a way that contributes to the achievement of sustainable development?*

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Opening Statement by Bridgend County Borough Council**
- 3. Procedural Matters**
- 4. Questions**

***Plan Preparation***

1. Has the LDP been prepared in accordance with the requirements of:
  - a) The approved Delivery Agreement, including the Community Involvement Scheme?
  - b) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) (2015)? and
  - c) The Equality Act (2010)?
2. Has the Plan been subject to a robust Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment? and have all the 'likely significant environmental effects' of the Plan and all 'reasonable alternatives' been identified, described, and evaluated?
3. Has the Plan been subject to a robust Habitats Regulations Assessment? Where 'likely significant environmental effects' have been identified, has an adequate Appropriate Assessment been undertaken?
4. Does the HRA take account of National Resources Wales advice regarding phosphate levels in Riverine Special Area of Conservation?
5. Is the Plan consistent with Future Wales: The National Development Framework?
6. Has the Plan had regard to the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 with regard to the well-being goals and ways of working?
7. Have there been any significant changes in national policy or local circumstances since the LDP was placed on deposit? if there have, what are the implications of these changes for the Plan? do they need to be addressed through the preparation of new evidence and/or revisions to the Plan? what is the intended timescale for this work?

### *Vision, Objectives and Strategy*

8. Is the Plan's Vision sufficiently aspirational and locally specific to form the basis for planning to 2033? and how will they be delivered?
9. Are the Plan's objectives SMART and capable of delivering on the identified Vision?
10. Does the Plan's Growth and Spatial Strategy represent an appropriate approach for delivering, managing, and distributing growth over the Plan period?
  - a) How has the Growth and Spatial Strategy been derived and is it based on robust evidence?
  - b) What are the key components of the Growth and Spatial Strategy and how do they interact?
  - c) Does the Growth and Spatial Strategy represent a sustainable approach to planning over the plan period? and does it effectively link transportation, employment and residential growth?
  - d) Does the Growth and Spatial Strategy maximise the use of previously developed land? and adopt the sequential approach to the release of land as set out in Planning Policy Wales?
  - e) Is the Strategy and policy framework consistent with national planning policy relating to Flood Risk?
  - f) Is the Growth and Spatial Strategy consistent with those of neighbouring authorities? what are the main cross boundary issues and how have these been addressed?
11. How was the Settlement Hierarchy derived, and is it based on robust and credible evidence?
  - a) What is the purpose of the settlement hierarchy? will it guide new development to the most sustainable locations? and is it clear what types and amount of development, other than housing, will be appropriate in each tier of the hierarchy?
  - b) What is the rationale for the proportions of development split across the tiers?
  - c) Are the settlement boundaries drawn sufficiently widely to enable the predicted amount of growth?
12. How was the Regeneration and Sustainable Growth Strategy defined? and is it based on robust and credible evidence?
13. How was the Regeneration Growth Area and the Sustainable Growth Area defined and are they based on robust and credible evidence?
14. Is the approach to site selection sufficiently clear and transparent, and is it founded on a robust and credible evidence?
  - a) Are the allocated sites based on a robust site assessment methodology that takes into account all potential constraints?
  - b) Have all infrastructure requirements been considered to ensure the timely deliverability of allocated sites?
15. Is it clear why the Strategic Development Sites were selected over other candidate sites? and is the Plan over reliant on the delivery of these sites?
16. How will the Plan apply the principles of sustainable placemaking?

17. Will the requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, in respect of sustainable drainage systems have an impact on the development capacity, viability and/ or deliverability of allocated sites?
18. How will the Plan seek to mitigate the impact of climate change?
19. How will the plan address the issues of the Welsh language?
20. Will the Plan be supported by Supplementary Planning Guidance? and what will be the status of Place Plans and how will they relate to the LDP?