

**Matter 5: Productive and Enterprising Places – Renewable Energy BRIDGEND
REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2033)
EXAMINATION**

AGENDA

for

Hearing Session 5 Wednesday 8 March 2023 10:00 – 13:00

Virtual Hearing

Matter 5: Productive and Enterprising Places – Renewable Energy

Issue: Does the Plan provide a framework for the management of renewable energy and low carbon development that is soundly based, justified and consistent with the requirements of national policy?

1. Is the Renewable Energy Assessment robust, based on credible evidence and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?
2. Does the Plan provide an appropriate balance between realising the area's potential for renewable energy production and the protection of the landscape, natural and historic environment of Bridgend?
3. Does the Policy SP13 provide an appropriate policy framework for realising Bridgend's potential for renewable energy generation?
 - a) Is the policy consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?
 - b) Are the defined local search areas for wind and solar robust? and should they be annotated on the proposals map?
 - c) Should defined local search area for wind be amended to take account of the pre-assessed areas for wind energy contained in Future Wales: The National Development Plan?
 - d) Are the requirements of Policy SP13(b) and paragraph 5.4.85 appropriate for the consideration of wind energy development of less than 10 MW? and how will the approach work when considered in conjunction with Policies SP17 and DPN4?
4. Should the pre-assessed areas for wind energy contained in Future Wales: The National Development Plan be annotated on the proposals map?
5. Is the target for energy generation contained in Table 10 – Targets for Area-Based Resource Use appropriate or should it be more ambitious?
6. Are Policies ENT10 and 11 necessary? and do they provide an appropriate mechanism for securing low carbon heating technologies for new development and energy efficient design?
 - a) Have the requirements of the policies been superseded by amendments to Part L of the Building Regulations?
 - b) Should 'Major Development' be defined in the policies reasoned justifications?

- c) Is the requirement for energy masterplans to be provided by all major development based on robust and credible evidence? and what impact would this threshold have on the viability of new development?