

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

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**AGENDA**

for

**Hearing Session 4 Tuesday 7 March 2023 10:00 – 17:00**

**Virtual Hearing**

**Matter 4: Productive and Enterprising Places – Employment and Infrastructure**

*Issue - Is the economic strategy coherent and based on a clear and robust preparation process? Will it address the Key Issues and Strategic Objectives effectively and efficiently? Are the policies realistic and appropriate in the light of relevant alternatives and are they based on robust and credible evidence?*

*Employment*

1. Is the Economic Evidence Base Study based on robust and credible evidence? and are the findings sufficient to inform the Plan's economic strategy?
2. What are the key drivers for change in Bridgend's employment market? and how has the Plan addressed these considerations?
3. How many new jobs are estimated to be created as a consequence of the Plans economic strategy? And in what sectors?
4. What is the cross-border employment relationship? what proportion of the existing jobs within Bridgend are filled by employees from outside the County Borough? how many of Bridgend's residents travel to work outside the County Borough? and how has this movement been accounted for in its employment forecasts?
5. Is the level of employment land provision identified in Policy SP11 appropriate?
  - a) How has the overall figure of 71.7 hectares been derived? is the level of employment land provision fully justified and supported by robust and credible evidence?
  - b) Does Policy ENT2 clearly differentiate between allocated and committed sites? are the sites realistic and economically viable? and are they free from significant constraint and deliverable over the Plan period?
  - c) Is the hierarchy of employment sites appropriate? and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?
  - d) What is the Plan's strategy for the distribution of employment land? does it have regard to the requirements of Future Wales – The National Plan and other regeneration initiatives?
  - e) Are all the sites allocated in Policies SP11 and ENT1 intended to be developed for B1, B2 and B8 purposes? if not should the policies be amended to make clear the intended / potential use?

- f) Does Policy ENT3 provide an appropriate framework for the development of employment proposals on non-allocated sites? Is it flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances?
- g) Should details of the strategic and non-strategic employment sites be included in the Implementation and Delivery Appendix?
- 6. Does Policy ENT4 provide an appropriate framework for the management of employment sites in rural areas?
- 7. Does Policy ENT5 provide an appropriate framework for the management of development at the Former Ford Site, Bridgend? and should it be included in Policies SP11 and ENT1?
- 8. How will the Plan maintain and enhance the County Borough's tourism, culture and leisure offer?

### *Infrastructure*

- 1. Does Policy SP10 provide an appropriate mechanism for securing new infrastructure? is it based on robust and credible evidence and consistent with national planning policy?
- 2. Will Policies SP9 and COM9 provide an effective framework for the protection of existing, and delivery of future, community facilities?
- 3. Does the Plan provide a clear and consistent framework for securing planning obligations? and how will competing priorities would be managed?