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**Bridgend County Borough Council: Delivery Agreement 2nd Revision  
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005  
(as amended)**

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 November requesting agreement to amend your Delivery Agreement (DA).

The preparation of a Local Development Plan (LDP) is a statutory duty placed on all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. The plan is a corporate tool and land-use expression of a LPAs priorities in dealing with national and local issues, one of which is the coronavirus pandemic. Having an up-to-date development plan in place underpins the very basis of the planning system in Wales and reinforces the Government's commitment to a plan-led system.

Your Council is proposing a formal extension to the currently agreed timetable. This results in a further delay of 9 months to submission stage and a cumulative slippage of 21 months based on an indicative adoption date of March/April 2023. Whilst this delay is disappointing, I have noted and considered your reasons (section 2.5) and a delay is necessary in order to address the issues identified and to progress the necessary technical work required to maximise the chances of submitting a sound plan for examination.

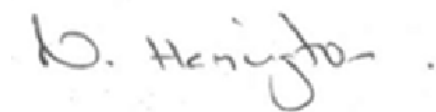
A test of 'soundness' against which the plan will be considered through the examination is whether it adheres to the agreed DA including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS). After considering your DA submission, I can **confirm agreement** to the amended timetable (where you will be **submitting the plan for examination in June 2022**) as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as

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amended). Given the continuing uncertainty arising from the pandemic a further 3 month slippage period is added to the proposed submission date which builds a small amount of flexibility into the timetable.

The published version of your DA should now be made publically available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10.

Yours sincerely,



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