

Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

The Environmental Assessment of Plans, Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004

Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan (2006 –2021)

Screening Opinion

In accordance with the requirements of regulation 9 and 10 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans, Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 the Council has **screened** the local development plan to determine the likely significance of the effects the plan on the environment. In doing so the Council has taken into account the selection criteria in schedule 1(1) and(2) of the Regulations.

For the purposes of this screening opinion the local development plan is taken to comprise the following:-

- Spatial Strategy and Preferred Options Paper, and
- Deposit Draft Local Development Plan

The Council determines that the local development plan will, once adopted:-

- a) Set the framework for controlling and regulating all forms of development in Rhondda Cynon Taf;
- b) Be a key element of the plan hierarchy in Rhondda Cynon Taf, and will influence the development of the regional transport plan for South East Wales, the regional waste plan for South East Wales, the local housing strategy, the community plan, the air quality plan, local biodiversity action plan and a range of topic based supplementary planning guidance;
- c) Provide an important framework for promoting and achieving sustainable development in Rhondda Cynon Taf;
- d) Provide a framework for development which will have regard to the nature, size and location of development and its impact on the environment;
- e) Play a key role in ensuring the implementation of community legislation on the environment;

- f) Provide a framework for to consider the impact of new residential, retail, employment, transportation and community development;
- g) Result in development additional to that which already exists within Rhondda Cynon Taf;
- h) Provide a planning policy framework will consider the impact of development on human health and the environment;
- i) Provide a planning policy framework which will consider the effect of development on ??? hectares of land within the administrative boundary of Rhondda Cynon Taf;
- j) Provide a planning policy framework which will consider the effects of development on the special natural characteristics and cultural heritage of Rhondda Cynon Taf, and
- k) Provide a planning policy framework, which will consider the effects of development on areas of landscape, which have recognised national, community or international protected status.

The Council therefore considers that the local development plan is likely to have significant effect on the environment of Rhondda Cynon Taf. The plan will therefore be subject to a strategic environmental assessment.



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