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1. INTRODUCTION

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Rhondda Cynon Taf to prepare a Development Plan for the County Borough. On 20th July 2005 the Rhondda Cynon Taf Council resolved to cease work on the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and commence work on a new Local Development Plan (LDP).

Once adopted the LDP will provide the development strategy and policy framework for the County Borough over a fifteen year period, from 2006 to 2021. The Plan will provide a policy framework that integrates and balances the social, economic and environmental issues in order to meet the needs of those people living, working and visiting Rhondda Cynon Taf. The fundamental principles of achieving sustainable development will underpin all land use decisions

The purpose of this Consultation Report is to provide a record of the consultation undertaken in the preparation of the LDP to date. The structure of the report is as follows:

- **Section 2** of the report provides a brief overview of the plan making process from the production of the Delivery Agreement to the Deposit Draft LDP
- **Section 3** outlines compliance with the Delivery Agreement.

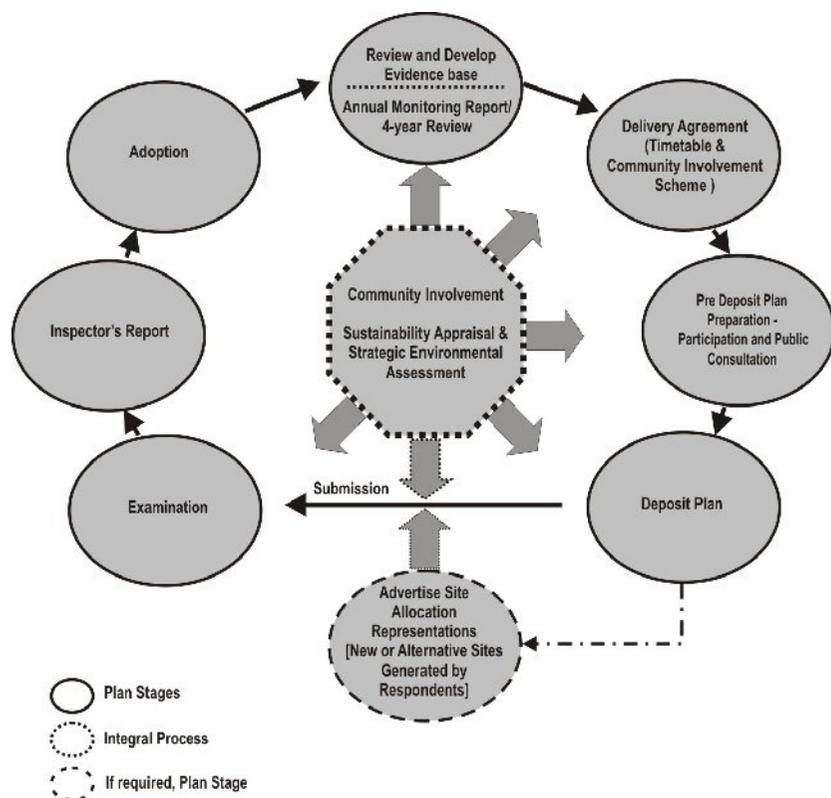
- **Section 4 and 5** include information on the consultation undertaken in respect of the Pre Deposit and Deposit Plans. The sections list those individuals and organisations consulted, the number of representations received and provides a summary of the main issues raised by respondents.
- **Section 6** explains the process of consultation being undertaken in respect of the Focussed Changes, and
- **Section 7** provides an analysis of the representations received to the Deposit Plan and identifies key areas for consideration at the LDP Examination.
- **Section 8** outlines the Council's soundness self assessment.

This document has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 and the guidance contained in section B8 of the Local Development Plan Manual (June 2006).

2 OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN PROCESS

The LDP is a 7 stage cyclical process which places at its core the need to for community involvement and the preparation of a combined sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment (SA).

Diagram 1 provides illustrates individual stages in the LDP process and their interrelationships.



As part of the process of formulating the Rhondda Cynon Taf LDP the Council has undertaken 4 of the 7 cyclical process, advertised alternative site representations and undertaken a n SA of the emerging Plan. Outlined below is an overview the process and the key stages in plan preparation.

(a) *Review and Develop Evidence Base*

The development of a robust and credible LDP evidence base is an essential element of the plan making process. The formulation of this evidence base is an ongoing process. Since the comment of work on the LDP in 2005 the Council has developed and compiled an evidence base comprising nearly 100 documents. Details of the LDP evidence base is attached as Appendix 1.

(b) *Delivery Agreement*

The purpose of the Delivery Agreement (DA) is to establish the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) early full and continuous approach to community engagement and involvement in the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The Delivery Agreement contains a detailed plan production timetable and the community involvement scheme.

Key stages in the development of the Delivery Agreement included:

- Engagement on the Community Involvement Scheme component of the Delivery Agreement with general consultation bodies during June – August 2005;
- Consultation with specific consultation bodies on the Project Management Timetable – September 2005;
- Preparation of a Draft Delivery Agreement during August – September 2005;
- Consultation on Draft Delivery Agreement during October – November 2005;
- Council approved the Delivery Agreement on 7th December 2005; and submitted the document to the Welsh Assembly Government;
- The Welsh Assembly Government formally approved the Delivery in February 2006.

Detailed information in respect of the stages in the production of the Delivery Agreement, are contained in the Delivery Agreement Consultation Record (2005).

The Delivery Agreement identifies specific and general consultation bodies. A list of the bodies is attached as Appendix 2.

A key element of the community involvement scheme was the establishment of an LDP Forum. The Forum provides an important link between the stakeholders and the Council. Details of the Forum are attached at Appendix 3.

In addition the Delivery Agreement established a management framework for the LDP process. This included the establishment of separate Member and Officer Steering

Groups. Details of the Steering Groups are attached at Appendix 4.

The agreed Delivery Agreement was revised with the approval of the Welsh Assembly Government in January 2007, February 2008 and January 2010.

(c) *Pre Deposit Plan*

The Preferred Strategy outlined the key issues to be addressed by the LDP, the Plans objectives, strategy options, the preferred spatial strategy and strategy policies.

Preparation of the Preferred Strategy took place between January and September 2006. Key stages in the development of the Preferred Strategy include:

- **Visioning:** In January 2006 the Council held two Visioning Workshop. Those invited to the Workshop included all elected members and members of the LDP Forum. The Workshops identified key issues to be addressed by the LDP and considered a range of strategy options. The Findings of these workshops are contained in the Visioning Workshop Events Record (2006).
- **Candidate Sites:** The Council issued 'a call' for candidate sites in September 2005. In total 650 sites were received. The Candidate Site Assessment Methodology was developed during the summer of

2005. The methodology was subject to consultation with key stakeholders during August 2005.

- **Evidence Base / Background Papers:** Evidence was developed in respect of a number of important areas including housing land requirements, employment land requirements, retail, strategic transportation, renewable energy and urban capacity. The Details of the LDP evidence base is attached as Appendix 1.
- **Informal consultation:** The Council informally sought the views of Welsh Assembly Government, adjoining Local Authorities and the Citizens Panel on the development and identification of the preferred strategy option.
- **Officer Group; Member Steering Group; LDP Forum:** Meet in total on 7 occasions during the period December 2005 to September 2006. The Preferred Strategy Event Record provides feed back on consultation with the LDP Forum.
- **Preferred Strategy:** The Preferred Strategy was approved in December 2006 and issued for public consultation in January / February 2007. Details of the consultation process are contained in section 4.

Detailed information in respect of the stages in the production of the Preferred Strategy, are contained in the Preferred Strategy Background Paper (2007).

(d) Deposit Plan

The Deposit Draft LDP provided a detailed policy framework for the County Borough. The Plan contained the core strategy, strategy policies, area wide policies and strategy area policies.

Preparation of the Deposit Draft LDP took place between March and November 2008. Key stages in the development of the Plan include:

- **Candidate Site Assessment:** the Candidate Site Assessment Sub Group between November 2006 and June 2007 assessed the candidate sites submitted for consideration as part of the LDP process. The 2nd stage assessment was undertaken between September and November 2007. Consultation with key consultees was undertaken during August 2008. The findings of the site assessment process were reported to Members in November 2008. Details of the process are contained in the Findings of the Candidate Site Assessment Process (2009).
- **Evidence Base:** A significant amount of new evidence was developed between March 2007 and September 2009. This includes evidence in respect of landscape areas, biodiversity, transportation, employment, principal towns and key settlements, flooding, retail, open / green space, leisure, planning obligations, housing, affordable housing viability, minerals, waste and place making for strategic sites. The Details of the LDP evidence base is attached as Appendix 1.

- **Draft LDP:** The LDP was originally drafted during Spring / Summer 2008. The Plan was subject to informal consultation with the Welsh Assembly Government, LDP Forum and elected Members during Summer / Autumn 2008. As a result of these discussions the Draft LDP was significantly revised during Autumn / Winter 2008. The Draft LDP approved in January 2009 and issued for placed on deposit in February / March 2009. Details of the consultation process are contained in section 5.
- **Officer Group; Member Steering Group; LDP Forum:** Meet in total on 5 occasions during the period March 2007 to November 2008. The Draft LDP Event Record provides feed back on consultation with the LDP Forum.
- **Alternative Site Allocations:** Following the receipt of representations to the Deposit Draft LDP in March 2010, the Council formulated a Register of Alternative Sites. The Alternative Sites Register was issued for public consultation during June / July 2010. Details of the consultation process are contained in section 5.
- **Consideration of Representations:** The representations received to the Deposit Draft LDP and the Alternative Site Allocations were assessed during the Summer 2009. Responses to the representations and suggested focussed changes to the Plan were approved by Council in December 2009. The

Focussed Changes were in January 2010. Details of the consultation process are contained in section 6.

(e) Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

SA of the emerging LDP has taken place at key stages in the plan making process since 2006. These key stages include:

- **SA Screening Opinion** was issued for consultation in August 2006;
- **SA Framework** workshop was held in January 2006 to identify key issues and develop a series of key sustainability indicators;
- A detailed **Scoping Report** was issued for public consultation in March 2006;
- **SA of Preferred Strategy** was undertaken during summer 2006 and made available for comment with the Preferred Strategy in January 2007;
- Consultation on revised **SA Indicators** took place during the summer of 2008. The revised indicators are contained in the SA of the Deposit Draft LDP;
- **SA of the Draft LDP** was placed on deposit with the plan during the February / March 2009;
- **Revised SA** was prepared during 2009. The revision addressed the issues contained in the representations to the SA of the Deposit LDP;
- **SA of Focussed Changes** was undertaken during the Autumn 2009. The report appraises all of the proposed changes.

- **The SEA Working Group** met on 6 occasions between January 2006 and September 2008.

In addition the emerging LDP was subject to a Habitat Regulation Assessment. Key stages in this process included:

- An **Appropriate Assessment Screening Report** was issued in January 2007.
- A **Habitat Regulation Assessment** was placed on deposit with the draft LDP in February 2009, and
- **Revised Habitat Regulations Assessment** was prepared in January 2010.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH THE DELIVERY AGREEMENT

Compliance with the requirements of the approved Delivery Agreement is a key element in ensuring the soundness of an LDP. A section 2 has explained the Delivery Agreement was revised, with the approval of the Welsh Assembly Government, in January 2007, February 2008 and January 2010. Each of these revisions related to the plan production timetable. The community involvement scheme remains unchanged.

The Council contends that the LDP has been prepared in accordance with the approved Delivery Agreement (including the community involvement scheme) and there have been no significant deviations.

Whilst there have been no significant deviations from the Delivery Agreement there have however, been a number of

minor changes. The changes and the reasons for these changes are outlined in Table 1.

TABLE 1: DEVIATION FROM DELIVERY AGREEMENT		
Stage	Deviation	Reason for Deviation
Statutory Deposit	The Deposit Draft LDP was subject to a 7 week consultation.	To mitigate against the impact of severe weather conditions.
Alternative Site Allocations	The proposed meeting of the SA Working Group was not held.	The LDP Manual makes clear that the local planning authority is not required to undertake an SA of alternative sites. The proposed meeting was therefore unnecessary. All members of the SA Working Group were however, invited to comment on the alternative sites as part of the consultation exercise.
Focussed Changes	Addition of further stage of consultation. The revision is contained in the Delivery Agreement Revised January 2010.	To accord with the requirements of Circular CL – 01-2009. Guidance on procedures for advertising Focussed Changes to the LDP.

4. PRE DEPOSIT CONSULTATION

The Preferred Strategy was approved in a meeting of Council on 6th December 2006. The Strategy was issued for public consultation for six weeks from 11th January until 21st February 2007.

This section of the Consultation report will provide a record of the consultation undertaken and a summary of the main representations received to the Preferred Strategy.

(a) Record of Consultation

The consultation carried out on the Preferred Strategy and accompanying documents followed the requirements of the Council's approved Delivery Agreement.

Consultation

The package of documents published on the 11th January 2007 comprised:

- Preferred Strategy;
- LDP Delivery Agreement;
- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Preferred Strategy;
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Opinion;
- Housing Land Requirement Topic Paper;
- Employment Land Availability Topic Paper;
- Representation Form

- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Representation Form
- Consultation Letter (Appendix 5)
- List of Consultation Events (Appendix 6)
- Explanation of the Preferred Strategy and Consultation Advice

Copies of the above documents were sent to the Specific Consultation Bodies.

Copies of the Preferred Strategy were hand-delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Assembly Government on 10th January 2007. This delivery also included copies of the LDP Delivery Agreement, LDP Visioning Event Record, SA/SEA Scoping Report, LDP Forum Preferred Strategy Record of Event.

Notification letters were sent to approximately 642 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included General, Other and Government Consultation Bodies and members of the public. Notification was also sent to Members and staff of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

Publicity and Participation

The package of Preferred Strategy documents was published on the Council's website on 10th January 2007. This contained advice on where and when paper copies of the documents could be inspected and details of public exhibitions. There was a direct link from the Council's home

page to the Preferred Strategy throughout the consultation period.

Public notices were placed in the Western Mail, Rhondda Leader, Pontypridd Observer and Cynon Valley Leader on the 11th and 18th January 2007. A copy of the public notices is contained in Appendix 7.

Mobile Exhibitions were held in Pontypridd on the 17th and 18th January, in Aberdare on the 24th and 25th January, in Llantrisant on the 31st January and 1st February, in Tonypany on 7th February and in Tylorstown on the 8th February 2007.

During the consultation period exhibitions were also held in Hirwaun, Mountain Ash, Tonyrefail and Treorchy Libraries and Llanharan Drop-in Centre. The aim was to engage with local people and raise public awareness / stimulate interest in the Preferred Strategy in the local community.

Council officers gave presentations to a number of organisations including Pontyclun Community Council, the Over 50's Forum, the Disability Forum and the Cwmni Communities First Partnership.

A workshop was organised on 22nd January 2007 for all Community Councils in Rhondda Cynon Taf and members of the LDP Forum to consider and debate the Preferred Strategy.

Particular care was taken to ensure that the groups identified in the LDP delivery Agreement were involved in the process.

Posters and leaflets were sent to Mental Health, Older Persons, Disability, Parent/Carer Groups, to Valrec and to the Gypsy and Travellers Council.

Availability

Preferred Strategy documents were placed for inspection in Council Offices in Abercynon, Clydach Vale, Pentre, Pontypridd, Williamstown and Aberdare. Copies were also available for inspection at 29 local and 2 mobile libraries.

The Preferred Strategy documents were placed on the Council's Website for inspection/downloading and were available through out the consultation process. The Website contained full details of the Preferred Strategy consultation including information on exhibitions, links to related LDP documents and advice on how to make representations. An on line representations form allowed representations to be submitted electronically. During the consultation period the web page was accessed on more than 1,000 separate occasions.

(b) Summary of Responses to the Pre Deposit Consultation

In total 8011 representations from 556 respondents were received in respect of the Preferred Strategy and accompanying documents.

Of these 7876 referred to the Preferred Strategy Document, 19 representations were received in respect of the SA/SEA, 2 representations in respect of the Housing Land Requirement Topic Paper and 0 in respect of the Employment Land requirement Topic Paper.

7729 of the total representation received were objections, 114 were expressing support and 168 offered comment.

Summary Main Issues

A number of important issues were raised through the Preferred Strategy consultation period.

Of particular significance are the comments of the Welsh Assembly Government, who in addition to making policy specific representations, made the following observations:

- clear links need to be demonstrated between the evidence base / contextual background studies and the robustness of the preferred strategy and the strategic sites;
- clear evidence needs to be shown of liaison with neighbouring;
- clarity needs to be provided on how other key sub-regional work is influencing the Preferred Strategy and how settlements within RCT will relate to other settlements outside RCT;
- clarity on how key issues have affected the development of the Preferred Strategy and strategic site selection
- clarity needs to be provided in relation to the flexibility of the emerging LDP in relation to developments outside as

well as within the plan area (e.g. St Athan, M4 Junction 33 Culverhouse Cross);

- an affordable housing target (or range).

7000 representations were received from 350 residents of Hirwaun. The 'Action for Hirwaun Group' objected to proposals for new housing in the settlement on the basis that it would result in the loss of important open space, turn the settlement into a commuter village, increased traffic generation and that insufficient transportation, social and community facilities existed to serve an expanded population. Action for Hirwaun also expressed concern about the lack of a strategic approach to the issue of tourism and to the development of new wind farms.

Representations were also received about the proposed strategic site in Mwyndy / Talbot Green. Concerns centred particularly around the potential damage to natural environment, increased congestion on the A4119 and that development would place additional pressure on an already over burdened educational, medical and leisure facilities.

Concern was also expressed that the Preferred Strategy failed to provide an appropriate development context for the Rhondda Valley. A number of representors expressed the view the Treorchy should be identified as a Principal Town and not as a key settlement.

Representations expressing both support and objection were received in respect of the housing land and employment land requirement figures.

Representation Responses

In accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 and the guidance contained in section B6 of the Local Development Plan Manual (June 2006) the Council did not respond to individual representations.

Consideration was however, be given to the issues raised as the Council formulates the draft LDP in the Preferred Strategy: Statement of Consultation (February 2008). The document was made available with the Deposit Draft LDP.

Implications for the LDP

The representations received during the consultation period have identified a number of important issues that the Council will need to consider and if appropriate address as the LDP is developed. None of the representations received draw significantly into question the approach outlined in the preferred strategy option. No significant or persuasive alternative strategies were presented for consideration. In view of this the preferred strategy option was taken forward as the basis for formulating the draft LDP.

Detailed information in respect of the Preferred Strategy consultation, representations and the Council's representation responses is contained in the Preferred Strategy: Statement of Consultation (February 2008).

5. DEPOSIT CONSULTATION

In February 2009 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council placed on deposit the Draft LDP,

The Deposit Draft LDP was approved a meeting of Council on 14th January 2009. The Deposit Draft LDP was published initially for public consultation for six weeks 5th February until 19th March 2009. The deposit period was extended until 26th March 2009 because of inclement weather conditions experienced at the beginning of the deposit period.

This section of the Consultation report will provide a record of the consultation undertaken and a summary of the main representations received to the Deposit Draft LDP.

(a) Record of Consultation

The consultation on the Deposit Draft LDP and accompanying documents followed the requirements of the Council's approved Delivery Agreement.

Consultation

The package of documents published on the 5th February 2009 comprised:

- Deposit Draft LDP (Written Statement)
- Proposals Map (Sheet 1 and 2)
- Constraints Map

- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Deposit Draft LDP
- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Non Technical Summary
- Habitat Regulations Assessment
- Preferred Strategy Consultation Statement
- Guidance Notes and Representations Form
- List of Consultation Events (Appendix 8)
- Consultation Letter (Appendix 9)

Copies of the above documents were sent to the Specific Consultation Bodies.

Copies of the Deposit Draft LDP were hand-delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Assembly Government on 4th February 2009.

Notification letters were sent to approximately 1743 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included General, Other and Government Consultation Bodies and members of the public. The consultation list is contained in Appendix 2.

A Corrections Addendum was issued on 11th February 2009. Written notification of the addendum and the extension of the deposit period was sent to the Welsh Assembly Government, Specific Consultation Bodies, General Consultation Bodies, 1743 interested parties listed on the LDP database. For completeness a letter of notification was also sent to all individuals and organisations on the LDP database

Publicity and Participation

The Package of Deposit Draft LDP documents was published on the Council's website on 4th February 2009. This contained advice on where and when paper copies of the documents could be inspected and details of public exhibitions. There was a direct link from the Council's home page to the Deposit Draft LDP throughout the consultation period.

The Corrections Addendum was added to the web site on 11th February 2009.

Statutory notices were placed in the Western Mail, Rhondda Leader, Pontypridd Observer and Cynon Valley Leader on the 5th and 12th February 2009. A copy of the statutory notice is contained in Appendix 10.

Site Notices were erected in prominent locations around sites allocated for development between 3rd and 4th February 2009. A copy of the site notice is attached as Appendix 11.

Postcards advising residents of the consultation were sent to every household in the County Borough. The postcards advised residents of the purpose of the consultation and provided contact details for the Council's Development Planning Team.

An article informing residents of the Deposit Draft LDP consultation was placed in the March edition of 'Outlook' the Council's newspaper. In addition a number of press releases were published in local newspapers during the deposit period.

Billboards publicising the Deposit Draft LDP were displayed at Aberdare, Aberaman, Ystrad, Porth, Ferndale and Pontypridd. The posters were displayed for a four week period between 26th January and 8th March 2009.

Public Exhibitions were held in 30 locations throughout the County Borough during the deposit period. Details of the exhibition are contained in Appendix 8. The aim was to engage with local people and raise public awareness / stimulate interest in the Preferred Strategy in the local community.

Council officers gave presentations to a number of organisations including Cwmni Communities First Partnership, Fernhill Conservation Group, the Glyncoch Community Partnership, Tonyrefail Community Council and Pontypridd Town Council.

A workshop was organised on 5th March 2009 for all Community Councils in Rhondda Cynon Taf to consider and debate the contents of the Deposit Draft LDP.

Particular care was taken to ensure that the groups identified in the LDP Delivery Agreement were involved in the process. Posters and leaflets were sent to Mental Health, Older Persons, Disability, Parent/Carer Groups, to Valrec and to the Gypsy and Travellers Council.

Availability

Deposit Draft LDP documents were placed for inspection in Council Offices in Abercynon, Clydach Vale, Treorchy, Pontypridd, Porth, and Aberdare. Copies were also available for inspection at 29 local and 2 mobile libraries.

The Deposit Draft LDP documents were placed on the Council's Website for inspection/downloading and were available through out the consultation process. The Website contained full details of the Deposit Draft Plan including information on exhibitions, links to related LDP documents and advice on how to make representations. An on line representations form allowed representations to be submitted electronically.

Consultation on Alternative Sites Allocations

The Alternative Sites Register was published for public consultation for six weeks 11th June until 22nd July 2009.

The consultation on the Alternative Site Allocations followed the requirements of the Council's approved Delivery Agreement.

Consultation

The package of documents published on the 11th June 2009 comprised:

- Alternative Sites Register

- Statutory Notice
- Guidance Notes and Representations Form

Copies of the above documents were sent to the Specific Consultation Bodies.

Copies of the Deposit Draft LDP were hand-delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Assembly Government on 10th June 2009.

Notification letters were sent to approximately 2713 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included General, Other and Government Consultation Bodies and members of the public.

Publicity and Participation

The Package of documents were published on the Council's website on 10th June 2009. This contained advice on where and when paper copies of the documents could be inspected and details of public exhibitions

Statutory notices were placed in the Western Mail, Rhondda Leader, Pontypridd Observer and Cynon Valley Leader on the 11th and 18th June 2009. A copy of the statutory notice is contained in Appendix 12.

Site Notices were erected in prominent locations around sites allocated for development between 8th and 10th June 2009. A copy of the site notice is attached as Appendix 13.

Public meetings were held at the request of local interest groups in Aberdare and Mountain Ash.

Availability

The Alternative Sites Register was placed for inspection in Council Offices in Abercynon, Clydach Vale, Pentre, Pontypridd, Williamstown and Aberdare. Copies were also available for inspection at 29 local and 2 mobile libraries. Documents were placed on the Council's website.

(b) Summary of Responses to the Deposit Consultation

In total 3654 representations from 1019 respondents was received in respect of the Deposit Draft LDP and Sustainability Appraisal. Of these 3421 of the representation received were objections, 192 were expressing support and 41 offered comment.

Petitions were received from 57 Groups. Of particular note were the 723 signature petition received from the Fernhill Rhondda Conservation Group in respect of a number of policy relating to Strategic Site 2 – Former Fernhill Colliery Site, Blaenrhondda and the 307 duplicate representations received from the Green and Friendly Association (GAFA) in respect of the policies CS10 – Minerals, AW14 – Safeguarding of Minerals, AW15 – Community Amenity Protection Buffer Zones and SSA26 – Preferred Area of Known Mineral Resource.

The consultation on Alternative Sites resulted in 2981 representations being submitted to the Council. Of these 1830 of the representations received were objections, 799 were expressing support and 352 offered comment.

Petitions were received from Groups objecting to the alternative sites.

Summary of the Main Issues

A number of important issues were raised through in the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP Consultation. These include objections to:

- The **Core Strategy**, and particularly the omission of a principal town in the Rhondda;
- The flexibility and deliverability of the **Housing Requirement** Figure;
- The viability of **Affordable Housing** requirements;
- A number of proposed **Major Road Schemes** including Ynysmaerdy to Talbot Green Relief Road and the Upper Rhondda Fach Relief Road;
- The absence of a **simplified planning zone** in Treforest Industrial Estate;
- **Minerals** policies, in particular significant objection was received to the identification of land adjacent to Craig yr Hesg Quarry as a Preferred Area of Known Mineral Resource;
- Each of the 8 **Strategic Sites identified in the plan**. The objections relate to issues such as

nature conservation, flood risk, transportation and retail need. Of particular significance are the objections received to Strategic Sites at the Former Fernhill Colliery site, Blaenrhondda, Land South of Hirwaun and Mwyndy / Talbot Green;

- Sites allocated in the LDP for **housing, employment and retail** purposes; and the promotion of 180 new sites for development, and The defined **settlement boundary** and promotion of 89 sites for inclusion in the boundaries.

Representation Responses

In accordance with the requirements of the LDP Regulations, the Council has considered each of the representations received and formulated a responses. A summary of each of the representations received and the Council's response is contained in the Representations Response Report. The changes proposed as a result of the representations are contained in the LDP Focussed Changes.

6. FOCUSSED CHANGES

In January 2010 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council made the Focussed Changes available for public consultation. A meeting of Council on 16th December 2009 approved the Focussed Changes. The Focussed Changes were published for public consultation for six weeks on 14th January until 24th February 2010.

This section of the Consultation report will provide a record of the consultation. A summary of the representations received will be presented to the Inspector for consideration at examination.

(a) Record Of Consultation

Consultation

The LDP Focussed Changes were published for public consultation for six weeks on 14th January until 24th February 2010.

The Focussed Changes documents published on the 14th January 2010 comprised:

- Focussed Changes
- Statutory Notice
- Guidance Notes and Representations Form

Copies of the above documents were sent to the Specific Consultation Bodies.

Copies of the Deposit Draft LDP were hand-delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Assembly Government on 8th January 2010.

Notification letters were sent to approximately 3732 different contacts on the Council's LDP database. This included General, Other and Government Consultation Bodies and members of the public. The consultation list is contained in Appendix 2.

Publicity and Participation

The Package of documents were published on the Council's website on 13th January 2010.

Statutory notices were placed in the Western Mail, Rhondda Leader, Pontypridd Observer and Cynon Valley Leader on the 14th and 21st January 2010. A copy of the statutory notice is contained in Appendix 14.

Availability

The Alternative Sites Register was placed for inspection in Council Offices in, Clydach Vale, Treorchy, Pontypridd, Porth and Aberdare. Copies were also available for inspection at 29 local and 2 mobile libraries.

7. ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATIONS

As Section 4 indicates, in total the Council received 6,635 representations in respect of the Deposit Draft LDP and Alternative Sites Allocations. The following section provides an analysis of the representations and identification of the main areas for consideration at examination.

(a) Analysis of Representations

Deposit LDP

Of the 3654 representation received to the Deposit Draft LDP 3421 were objections, 192 were expressed support and 41 offered comment.

In total 342 objections were received to the core strategy and strategy policies. Of particular numerical significance are the representations received to policies CS 3 – Strategic Sites (40 representations), CS 4 – Housing Requirements (43 representations) and CS 8 – Transportation (57 representations).

1243 objections were received to the southern strategy and strategy policies. A significant number of representations were received to policies AW 1 – Housing (26 representations), AW 8 – Protection and Enhancement of the Built Environment (36 representations), AW 14 – Safeguarding of Minerals (528 representations) and AW 15 Community Amenity Protection Zones (515 representations).

In total 513 objections were received to the northern strategy and strategy policies. Of particular numerical significance are the representations received to policies NSA 4 – Land Former Fernhill Colliery Site (35 representations), Blaenrhondda, NSA 8 – Land South of Hirwaun (20 representations), NSA 9 – Housing Allocations (194 representations) and NSA 12 – Settlement Boundaries (102 representations).

1440 objections were received to the southern strategy and strategy policies. Of particular numerical significance are the representations received to policies SSA 10 – Housing Allocations (271 representations), SSA 13 – Settlement Boundaries (399 representations) and SSA 26 – Preferred Area of Known Mineral Resource (537 representations).

Alternative Sites Allocations

In total 2996 representations were received to the Alternative Site Allocations. Of these 153 objections were received to the Alternative Site Deletions, 2340 objections were received to Alternative Site Allocations and in total 503 objections were received to the Alternative Site Settlement Boundaries

Petitions

Petitions were received from 28 Groups in respect of the Deposit Draft LDP and the alternative sites. Details of the Groups, areas of objection and number of signatures are contained in Appendix 15.

(b) Main Issues

The analysis of the representations received to the Deposit Draft LDP and the Alternative Site Allocations indicates clearly the primary areas of objection and therefore the areas main areas for consideration at the LDP Examination.

The Council's suggested areas for consideration at Examination are:

- Core Strategy;
- Housing Requirement Figure;
- Housing Allocations and Settlement Boundaries;
- Affordable Housing;
- Transportation;
- Minerals, and
- Strategic Sites.

Core Strategy:

The Core Strategy and Policies CS 1 and CS 2 provide a strategic framework for development in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- Definition of the Northern and Southern Strategy Area Boundary;
- Omission of a Principal Town in The Rhondda;
- The cumulative impact of development on Hirwaun, and

- The ambitious growth strategy for the Southern Strategy Area;

Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes not to amend the Core Strategy and policies CS 1 and CS 2.

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

Housing Requirement Figure

Policies CS 4 and AW 1 provide a framework for the delivery of new housing in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- South East Wales housing apportionment process;
- Household and population projections (2009);
- Accuracy of the dwelling requirement figures;
- Deliverability and flexibility of housing requirement figure, and
- The Development of strategic sites / housing allocations.

Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes not to amend policies CS 4 or AW 1.

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the

matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

Housing Allocations and Settlement Boundaries:

Policies CS 4, AW 1, NSA 9, NSA 10, SSA 10 and SSA 11 provide a framework for the delivery of new housing in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Of the 41 allocated sites 25 were subject to objection. In addition total of 180 new sites were promoted for housing development, 89 amendments proposed to the designated residential settlement boundaries. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- Deliverability and Flexibility of the Land Supply;
- Identification of small settlements; and
- The definition of residential settlement boundaries.

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

Affordable Housing:

Policies CS 5, AW 3, NSA11 and SSA 12 provide a framework for the delivery of affordable housing in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- The LDP does not provide evidence of the need for affordable housing over the plan period;
- A Strategic Housing Market Assessment should be undertaken to prove an informed assessment of the economic viability of any threshold and proportions of affordable housing proposed, including their likely impact upon the overall levels of housing delivery and creating mixed communities;
- Policy should be the same in the Northern and Southern Strategy Areas;
- Evidence needs to be presented about the availability of Social Housing Grant over the plan period, and
- Evidence needs to be presented of the strategy for bringing empty properties back into beneficial use.

Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes to amend the requirements for affordable housing outlined in policies CS 5, NSA 11 and SSA 12.

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the significance of the issues raised that the matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

Transportation

Policies CS8 provide a framework for delivery of strategic highway improvements in Rhondda Cynon Taf. The policy proposes the constructions of 5 new road schemes in the County Borough. Of particular concern was the proposal to construct the Ynysmaerdy to Talbot Green Relief Road. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- Appropriateness of the proposed Ynysmaerdy to Talbot Green relief road and
- Suggested alternative alignment.

Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes not to amend policies CS 8

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the local significance of the issues raised that the matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

Minerals:

Policies CS 10, AW 14, AW15 and SSA 26 provide a framework for the protection of mineral resources in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Key issues identified through the representations to the Deposit Draft LDP include:

- The identification of the preferred area of known mineral resource at Craig yr Hesg Quarry;

- Impact of mineral extraction on the residents of Glyncoch;
- Evidence of a land bank for sand and gravel;
- Evidence of a land bank for crushed rock;
- The safeguarding of primary, secondary and tertiary coal reserves;
- Definition and designation of mineral buffer zones;
- Definition and designation of community amenity protection buffer zones

Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes to amend policies CS 10, AW 14, AW 15 and SSA26.

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the local significance of the issues raised that the matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

Strategic Sites:

Policies CS 3, NSA 4, NSA 5, NSA 6, NSA 7, SSA 7, SSA 7, SSA8 and SSA 9 provide a framework for the development of 8 strategic sites within Rhondda Cynon Taf. Of particular significance are the objections received in relation to 3 of the sites – Former Fernhill Colliery Site, Blaenrhondda, Land South of Hirwaun and Mwyndy/Talbot Green Area.

Key issues identified through the representations in respect of **Former Fernhill Colliery Site, Blaenrhondda** to the include:

- Significant objection to the allocation of the site for 400 dwellings;
- Concerns about access to the site and highway infrastructure;
- Impact of the development on biodiversity and landscape, and
- Potential for tourism and leisure development o the site.

Key issues identified through the representations to the **Land South of Hirwaun** include:

- Allocation of additional land for heritage, tourism and leisure uses;
- Impact of the development on the Blaen Cynon SAC;
- Mineral extraction;
- Impact on the existing highway infrastructure, and
- Phasing of the new housing development in relation to the provision of services.

A total of 31 representations were received to. Key issues identified through the representations to **Mwyndy/Talbot Green Area** include:

- Impact on the existing highway infrastructure, and
- Impact of the proposed development on biodiversity and landscape;
- Quantum of retail and leisure allocation, and
- Defined site boundary

Following consideration of the representations the Council proposes not to amend policies NSA 5 and NSA 8. The Council proposes to amend the site boundary of SSA 8 - Mwyndy/Talbot Green Area.

The Council recommends to the Planning Inspector that because of the local significance of the issues raised that the matter be considered further at a round table session of the Examination.

8. SOUNDNESS SELF ASSESSMENT

Planning guidance advises local planning authorities to submit LDPs for examination that they consider to meet all the tests of soundness.

In order to demonstrate the soundness of the LDP the Council has conducted its own assessment of the soundness. Attached as Appendix 16 are the results of the is the Council's self assessment.

Appendices

APPENDIX 1: LDP EVIDENCE BASE

Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan Evidence Base

Ref. No.	Document Name	Date of Production	
EB1	Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion		2005
EB2	SA/SEA Scoping Report	March	2006
EB3	Rhondda Cynon Taf LDP Preferred Strategy	January	2007
EB4	Preferred Strategy sustainability appraisal	January	2007
EB5	Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Local Development Plan: Preferred Strategy Screening Report	January	2007
EB6	Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan: Preferred Strategy Regulation 15 Statement of Consultation	March	2008
EB7	Rhondda Cynon Taf Deposit Draft Local Development Plan 2006 - 2021	January	2009
EB8	SA/SEA Deposit Draft Plan Sustainability Appraisal Report	January	2009
EB9	SA/SEA Deposit Draft Plan Non Technical Summary	January	2009
EB10	Habits Regulations Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) Report Draft Deposit LDP	January	2009
EB11	Preferred Strategy Statement of Consultation	February	2009
EB11a	Consultation Report	January	2010
EB12	Deposit Draft Representations Register (including x2 supporting evidence CDs)	June	2009
EB13	Alternative Site Representations Register (including x1 supporting evidence CD)	October	2009
EB14	Representations Responses Register	November	2009
EB15	Sustainability appraisal / strategic environmental assessment of Focussed Proposed Changes	December	2009
EB16	Delivery Agreement revised	January	2010
EB17	Statement of Focussed Changes	January	2010
EB18	Habits Regulations Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) Report	January	2010
EB19	Urban Capacity Study Upper and Central Rhondda	August	2005

Consultation Report – January 2010

EB20	Candidate Site Assessment Methodology	August	2006
EB21	Candidate Sites Register	January	2007
EB22	Findings of the Candidate Site Assessment Process	January	2009
EB23	Alternative Site Consultation Register	June	2009
EB24	Delivery Agreement Consultation Record	December	2005
EB25	Report on the findings of visioning workshop	March	2006
EB26	LDP Forum Event Record	July	2006
EB27	Placemaking event record	September	2007
EB28	Event record of pre-despot consultation with key infrastructure providers	August	2008
EB29	Sustainability Appraisal Targets & Indicators Consultation	November	2008
EB30	LDP Forum Event Record	November	2008
EB31	Minutes of the Housing delivery workshop	October	2009
EB32	Rhondda Cynon Taf Progress Report on Population and Dwelling Projection	August	2006
EB33	Rhondda Cynon Taf 2006 Housing Needs Assessment	September	2006
EB34	South East Wales Regional Housing Apportionment Seminar	January	2007
EB35	Joint Housing Land Availability Study 2007	July	2008
EB36	Housing Matters - Local Housing Strategy for Rhondda Cynon Taf 2007 - 2012		2007
EB37	Rhondda Cynon Taf Affordable Housing viability Study Final Report	September	2009
EB38	Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan 2006 - 2021 Assessment of Housing Requirements and delivery (NLP)	October	2009
EB39	Rhondda Cynon Taf Economic Development Prospects and Employment Land Implications		2006
EB40	Review of the Rhondda Cynon Taf Economic Regeneration Strategy 2006		2006
EB41	Employment Land Review (NLP)	August	2008
EB42	Rhondda Cynon Taf Employment Land Availability Schedule 2008		2008
EB43	Employment Land Review - Availability Schedule 2009		2009

EB44	Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in RCT – Site Descriptions 2008		2008
EB45	Rhondda Cynon Taff Earth Science Audit, 2003 - 2004		2004
EB46	Criteria for the Selection of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in the County Boroughs of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff (the 'Mid-Valleys Area'), 2008		2008
EB47	A Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf, 2000 Part 1 - The Document 2008 Part 2 - Action for Nature habit and species action plan Oct 2000 Part 3 - Action for Nature appendices Oct 2000		2000
EB48	Development of Criteria for Special Landscape Area Designation for South East Wales Local Authorities 2007	July	2007
EB49	Proposals for Designation of Special Landscape Areas in Rhondda Cynon Taf, 2008	Feb	2008
EB50	Greenspace Provision Report, 2007	September	2007
EB51	Open space and play/sport area provision report	September	2007
EB52	SEWBREC Biodiversity Information Search Results	January	2009
EB53	Tourism Opportunities Study for the Heads of the Valleys Area of Rhondda Cynon Taf Final Report, 2007	March	2007
EB54	Rhondda Cynon Taf Tourism Strategy: Reaching Destination Rhondda Cynon Taf 2007 – 2013		2007
EB55	Out and About, The Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf		2007
EB56	Cynon Valley River Park Draft Strategy		2007
EB57	Rhondda Cynon Taf Leisure Study	September	2008
EB58	Rhondda Cynon Taf Household Leisure Patterns Report (NLP)	June	2008
EB59	Rhondda Cynon Taf Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment	October	2008
EB60	Robertstown FCA		

EB61	Surface, Drainage Water, Flooding Study		
EB62	Porth Town Centre Regeneration Strategy	January	2003
EB63	Treorchy Town Centre Regeneration Strategy	September	2003
EB64	Pontypridd Regeneration Strategy Final Report	July	2005
EB65	Llantrisant Old Town Regeneration Strategy	August	2005
EB66	Tonyrefail Town Centre Regeneration Strategy	June	2006
EB67	Ferndale Regeneration Strategy	November	2006
EB68	Mountain Ash Town Centre Regeneration Strategy		2002
EB69	Aberdare Town Centre Strategy	December	2009
EB70	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Retail Capacity Assessment Quantitative Update, 2008	March	2008
EB71	Rhondda Cynon Taf Retail Study: Supplementary Report on Proposed Town Centre Llantrisant, 2008	March	2008
EB72	Explanatory Memorandum on LDP Retail Evidence following changes to Pontypridd Commitments	December	2009
EB73	Hanson's Aggregates Background Documents 1 - Assessment of Environmental Effects of blasting at Craig yr Hesg quarry - 2004 2 - Extension to Craig Yr Hesg Quarry Briefing Note - 2008 3 - Craig Yr Hesg Quarry landscape and visual appraisal of proposed extension site - 2006		2004 2008 2006
EB74	Regional Waste Plan 1st Review	September	2008
EB75	Regional Technical Statement for the area covered by the South Wales Aggregates Working Party	October	2008
EB76	Minerals Background Paper	December	2009
EB77	Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan 2006 – 2021: Renewable Energy Study		2005
EB78	TAN 8 Annex D Study of Strategic Search Areas E and F: South Wales Valleys Final Report	December	2006
EB79	Access, Circulation and Parking Study	June	2007
EB80	Strategic Transport Assessment, 2007	October	2007

EB81	Strategic Transport Corridors Infrastructure Needs Studies	July	2009
EB82	LDP Cabinet, Council and DC Committee Reports	Various	
EB83	Housing Land Topic Paper	January	2007
EB84	Employment Land Topic Paper	January	2007
EB85	Climate Change Topic Paper	April	2008
EB86	Design Topic Paper	April	2008
EB87	Transportation Topic Paper	April	2008
EB88	Employment Topic Paper	April	2008
EB89	Green Wedge Topic Paper	April	2008
EB90	Town Centre Topic Paper	April	2008
EB91	Waste Management Topic Paper	April	2008
EB92	Tourism Topic Paper	April	2008
EB93	Leisure & Recreation Topic Paper	April	2008
EB94	Housing Topic Paper	April	2008
EB95	Infrastructure Topic Paper	April	2008
EB96	Retail Topic Paper	April	2008
EB97	Renewable Energy Topic Paper	April	2008
EB98	Natural Environment Topic Paper	April	2008
EB99	Minerals Topic Paper	April	2008
EB100	Design and Placemaking (SPG)	January	2010
EB101	The Historic Built Environment (SPG)	January	2010
EB102	Design in Town Centres (SPG)	January	2010
EB103	A Design Guide for Householder Development (SPG)	January	2010
EB104	Affordable Housing (SPG)	January	2010
EB105	Nature Conservation (SPG)	January	2010
EB106	Planning Obligations (SPG)	January	2010
EB107	Delivering Design and Placemaking (SPG)	January	2010

EB108	Roles & Functions of Settlements Paper	March	2008
EB109	Preferred Strategy Background Paper	April	2008
EB110	Settlement Strategy Background Paper	September	2009
EB111	Strategic Sites Background Paper	Feb	2010
EB112	Targets & Indicators Background Paper	January	2010
EB113	SEWSPG Habit Regulations Assessment - A Toolkit to support HRA Screening & Appropriate Assessment of Plans	September	2008
EB114	Record of Development of Preferred Strategy	November	2007
EB115	SEWSPG - Guidance on Preparing Affordable Housing Viability Studies	August	2009
EB116	A Better Life Our Community Plan 2004 – 2014		2004
EB117	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Contaminated Land Strategy (2004)	January	2004
EB118	Children and Young People's Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf, 2008 – 2011		2008
EB119	Hirwaun Village Study, 2008 (NLP)	April	2008
EB120	Llanharan Village Study 2008 (NLP)	April	2008
EB121	Health Social Care and Well-Being Strategy, 2008-2011		2008
EB122	Rhondda Cynon Taf Planning Obligations Review Final Report	July	2005

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF CONSULTEES

Specific Consultation Bodies

Welsh Assembly Government	The Welsh Assembly Government
Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies	Countryside Council for Wales Environment Agency Wales
Adjoining Local Authorities	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Bridgend County Borough Council Caerphilly County Borough Council City and County of Cardiff Powys County Council Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Neath and Port Talbot County Council Powys County Council Vale of Glamorgan County Council
Community Councils	Gilfach Goch Community Council Hirwaun Community Council Llanharan Community Council Llanharry Community Council Llantrisant Community Council Llantwit Fardre Community Council Pontyclun Community Council Pontypridd Town Council Rhigos Community Council Taffs Well Community Council Tonyrefail Community Council Ynysybwl & Coed y Cwm Community Council
Community Councils in adjoining Local Authorities	Aber Valley Blaengwrach Caerphilly Coychurch Higher

	<p>Glynneath Llanfrynach Llangan Nelson Ogmore Valley Pencoed Pendoylan Penllyn Pentyrch Penyrheol, Treceynydd and Energlyn Peterston-super-Ely Tongwynlais Welsh St Donats Ystradfellte</p>
Licensed Telecommunication Operators	<p>Mobile Operators Association National Telecommunications Ltd Network Development Consultants NTL Orange Personal Communications Ltd O2 UK T-Mobile Vodafone Three</p>
Local Health Board	<p>Rhondda Cynon Taff Local Health Board</p>
Utilities (Gas & Electricity Operators/Sewerage & Water Undertakers)	<p>British Gas (Transco) British Wind Energy Association Coal Authority Celtic Energy Ltd Confederation of UK Coal Producers (Coalpro) Innogy plc Lattice Property (formerly British Gas Property)</p>

	National Grid Transco Powergen RWE npower Swalec Western Power Distribution Welsh Water
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UK Government

UK Government	Department for Transport Department of Trade and Industry The Home Office Ministry of Defence
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General Consultation Bodies

Voluntary Bodies	Interlink
Ethnic Minority Groups	Commission for Racial Equality Valley's race Equality
Religious Organisations	Church in Wales Catholic Church in Wales Evangelical Movement in Wales Methodist Church Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses Muslim Council for Wales Presbyterian Church in Wales South Wales Baptist Association United Reform Church Salvation Army Cardiff Buddhist Centre UK Islamic Mission
Disability Groups	Disability Wales Disability Rights Commission Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee

	<p>Federation for the Blind Deaf Association Wales RNIB Cymru Partially Sighted Society Taff Ely Access Group Environment Council Open Spaces Society Partially Sighted Society Pedestrians Association Pond Conservation Group RNIB Cymru</p>
Arts and Culture	<p>Arts Factory Menter Iaith Model House Muni Arts Centre Rhondda Cynon Taff Community Arts Spectacle Theatre Urdd Gobaith Cymru</p>

Other Consultees

As specified in LDP Wales	<p>Airport Operators British Aggregates Association British Geographical Survey British Waterways, Canal Owners, Navigation Authorities Centre for Ecology & Hydrology Chambers of Commerce, Local CBI, Local branches of Institute of Directors Civil Aviation Authority Coal Authority Commission for Racial Equality Country Landowners & Business Association Crown Estate Office Design Commission for Wales</p>
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	<p>Disability Wales Disability Rights Commission Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications Companies, National Grid</p>
Environmental Groups at National & Regional Level	<p>Council for the Protection of Rural Wales Friends of the Earth (Cymru) British Trust for Ornithology Glamorgan Wildlife Trust Glamorgan Bird Club Glamorgan Gwent Wildlife Trust Ground Work Merthyr Rhondda Cynon Taff Pond Conservation Group Welsh Historic Gardens Trust Wildlife and wetlands Trust Wildlife Trust for South Wales Fire & Rescue Services Forestry Commission Wales Gypsy Council Health & Safety Executive Farmers Union Wales Federation of Small Businesses The Home Builders Federation Local Community, Conservation, Amenity Groups, Agenda 21 Groups/Civic Societies</p>
Local Transport Operators	<p>Arriva Trains Bebbs Bus Users UK Cardiff Bus Company Cardiff International Airport Civil Aviation Authority Confederation of Passenger Transport English Welsh and Scottish Railways</p>

	<p>First Great Western Freight Transport Association Network Rail Western Rail Passenger Committee Wales Road Haulage Association Ltd. Stagecoach Shamrock Sustrans TraVol Community Transport National Farmers Union for Wales National Playing Fields Association Network Rail & Train Operating Companies One Voice Wales Planning Aid Wales Police Architectural Liaison Officers Post Office Property Holdings</p>
Professional Bodies	<p>Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Wales) Royal Town Planning Institute (Wales) Chartered Institute of Housing (Cymru) Institute of Civil Engineers Chartered Institute of Waste Managers Rail Freight Group Sports Council for Wales Traveller Law Reform Coalition Wales Council for Voluntary Action Water Companies Wales Environmental Link Welsh Environmental Services Association</p>

Other Relevant Bodies

Area Regeneration Partnership	<p>Area 1 – Rhigos, Hirwaun, Penywaun Area 2 - Aberaman North, Aberaman South, Aberdare East, Aberdare West/Llwycoed, Cwmbach Area 3 - Abercynon, Mountain Ash East, Mountain Ash West, Penrhiwceiber Area 4 - Clifynydd, Glyncoch, Graig, Pontypridd Town, Rhondda, Trallwng, Ynysbwl Area 5 - Cymer, Porth, Ynyshir Area 6 - Ferndale, Maerdy, Tylorstown Area 7 - Treherbert, Treorchy, Pentre Area 8 - Cwm Clydach, Llyn-y-Pia, Pen-y-Graig, Tonypandy, Trealaw, Ystrad Area 9 - Gilfach Goch, Tonyrefail East, Tonyrefail West Area 10 - Brynna, Llanharan, Llanharry, Llantrisant Town, Pontyclun, Talbot Green Area 11 - Beddau, Church Village, Llantwit Fardre, Tonteg, Tyn-y-nant Area 12 – Treforest, Rhydfelin Central, Hawthorn, Taffs Wells</p>
Community First	<p>Aberaman South (Abercwmboi, Cwmaman) Cwm Clydach Cymmer Gilfach Goch Glyncoch Llwynypia Mountain Ash West Penrhiwceiber (Miskin, Penrhiwceiber, Perthcelyn) Penygraig Penywaun Rhydfelin Central/Ilan Tonyrefail West Trealaw Treherbert Tylorstown (Penrhys, Pontygwaith, Tylorstown)</p>

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Community Plan	Better Life Consortium Community Safety Living Space Health and Well Being Bro Dysg (Learning)
Education	Colleg Morganwgg National Library of Wales Pontypridd College University of Glamorgan
Housing Associations	Aelwyd Housing Association Cynon Taf Housing Association Glamorgan and Gwent Housing Association Ltd Gwerin Housing Association Hafod Housing Association Newydd Housing Association Pontypridd and District Housing Association Rhondda Housing Association Disability Action Group Rhondda Housing Association Ltd Tai Cwmdogaeth Wales and West Housing Association Ltd Welsh Federation of Housing Associations Devco
Elderly Persons Organisations	Old Age Group Age Concern National Old Age Pensioners Association for Wales Young at Heart
Ex Offenders Groups	Nacro Apex Charitable Trust Rhondda Cynon Taff Youth Offending Team
Gypsy and Travellers Groups	The Gypsy and Travellers Law Reform Group Cardiff Gypsy Sites Group
Government Agency	Arts Council of Wales

	<p>Capital Region Tourism Coed Cymru Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd Hazardous Installations Directorate Plas Carew Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales The Civic Trust for Wales The National Trust</p>
Homelessness Organisations (see also Housing Associations)	<p>Shelter Crisis</p>
Housebuilders	<p>Alex Davies Construction Ltd Anwyl Construction Co Ltd B Burns (Builders) Limited Barratt South Wales Bellway Homes (Wales) Ltd Benfield ATT Ltd Bovis Homes Limited C P Construction (Gwent) Ltd Castlemead Homes Ltd Charles Church (Wales) Compton Developments Crest Nicholson (South West) Ltd Cymric Private Development (Swansea) Ltd Cymru Homes Ltd David McLean Holdings Ltd Davies Homes Development Planning Partnership George Wimpey South West Limited Hallam Land Management Ltd Harrow Estates Plc J G Rees & Sons Jones Brothers Weston Rhyn Limited JR Homes</p>

	<p>Keltic Homes Limited Llanmoor Development Co Limited Lovell Pegasus Retirement Homes plc Persimmon Homes (Wales) Redrow South Wales Limited Richard Catterall Robert Hitchins Limited Stradform Limited Taylor Woodrow Tribute Homes Westbury Homes (Holdings) Ltd Wrencell Ltd WRW Developments Ltd WSP Development</p>
Other Local Authorities in South East Wales	<p>Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Monmouthshire County Council Newport City Council Torfaen County Borough Council</p>
Planning Consultants	<p>Seren Consulting Ltd John Thomas & Co Cynefin Consultants Arup Atkins Planning Consultants Austin-Smith: Lord Boyer Planning The Development Planning Partnership ECOTEC Research & Consulting GVA Grimley Halcrow Group Ltd Harmers Limited Hepher Dixon Hyder Consulting (UK) Ltd</p>

	<p>Jacobs Babbie Morgan Cole Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners RPS Group plc Stride Treglown Town Planning White Young Green Planning White Young Green Planning Anderson Planning & Development CDN Planning Limited Alder King LLP Arup Atkins Planning Consultants Barton Willmore Colin Buchanan and Partners CSJ Planning Consultants Ltd Louis Chicot Home Builders Federation Hodge & Co Property Holdings Ltd Cofton Barbara Rees Anthony Goss Planning Colin Boon Associates GPM Planning Services Ltd Robert Rogers Architect</p>
Political	<p>Assembly Member for Cynon Assembly Member for Ogmore Assembly Member for Pontypridd Assembly Member for Rhondda Assembly Members for South Wales Central Assembly Members for South Wales West Labour Party Member of Parliament for Cynon Member of Parliament for Ogmore</p>

	<p>Member of Parliament for Pontypridd Member of Parliament for Rhondda Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales The Welsh Conservatives Welsh Liberal Democrats</p>
Voluntary/Public Bodies	<p>Autocycle Union British Aggregates Association British Association for Shooting and Conservation British Geological Survey British Horse Society British Naturalists Association Centre for Ecology and Hydrology Camping & Caravaning Club Capel Hillside Residents Association Cardiff Cycling Campaign Community Service Volunteers Wales Countryside Alliance Country Land Owners Association Cyclists Touring Club CYLCH (Wales) Merthyr & The Valleys Mind Open Spaces Society One Voice Wales Pedestrians Association Planning Aid Wales Ramblers Association Wales The Caravan Club Transport 2000 Welsh Consumer Council Welsh Association of Motor Clubs Welsh rugby Union</p>
Children and Young People	<p>Ark Youth and Community Project Brownies and Guides</p>

Mid Glamorgan Area Scout Council
Children in Wales
Fernhill Youth Project
Hirwaun YMCA
Llantwit Fardre Youth Project
Llwynypia Youth Project
Mountain Ash YMCA
Penygraig Boys and girls Club
Pontypridd YMCA
Princes Trust
Tonypandy Scouts
Valleys Kids
YMCA
Young Builders Trust
Youth Hostel Association

APPENDIX 3: MEMBERSHIP OF THE LDP FORUM and SEA WORKING GROUP

LDP Forum

The LDP Forum comprises a combination of elected members, representatives of the 12 Area Regeneration Partnerships and the following representatives of the specific and general consultation Bodies.
Countryside Council for Wales
Environment Agency
Town Centre Forum
Home Builders Federation
Devco
CBI
Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Health Board
Business Development Group
Rhondda & Merthyr Groundwork Trust
Council for the Protection of Rural Wales
Elwa
Country Landowners Association
Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust
Welsh Water
Capital Region Tourism
Forestry Commission
Commission for Racial Equality Community Plan Thematic Partnership Coordinators

SEA Working Group

<i>Internal Officers</i>	<i>External Bodies- Representatives of:</i>
Development Planning Manager	Countryside Council for Wales
Sustainable Development Officer	Environment Agency
Countryside Manager	Forestry Commission
Head of Land Reclamation	Cadw
Environment Manager, Public Health & Protection	

APPENDIX 4: MEMBERSHIP OF OFFICER STEERING GROUP AND MEMBER STEERING GROUP

LDP Officer Steering Group

Director of Regeneration & Planning
Development Planning Manager
Director of Community Housing
Director of Strategic Policy
Head of Corporate Policy
Group Director of Environmental Services
Head of Community Leisure
Head of Corporate Estates
Director of Education
Principal Solicitor
Highway Manager
Head of Land Reclamation
Environment Manager, Public Health & Protection

LDP Member Steering Group

Leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Deputy Leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Employment
Chair of Development Control Committee
Vice-Chair of Development Control Committee

APPENDIX 5: PRE DEPOSIT CONSULTATION LETTER

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Our Ref: 12.14.16		Your Ref:		Date: 8 th Jan 2007
Ein cyf:		Eich cyf:		Dyddiad:

Dear Sirs

RHONDDA CYNON TAF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2006-2021) – PREFERRED STRATEGY

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming consultation on the Preferred Strategy for the Local Development Plan. The Council has now prepared its Preferred Strategy and is undertaking a six-week consultation on the document between 11th January and 21st February 2007.

The Council would welcome your views. The Preferred Strategy, associated documents and representation forms are now available to view on the Council website (www.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk). Should you wish to make any comments on the Preferred Strategy, I would be grateful if you could complete a representation form and return it to me at the above address by 5.00pm on **Wednesday 21st February 2007**.

Copies of the Preferred Strategy can be made available on request. Further updates in respect of the preparation of the Local Development Plan will be posted on the website in due course.

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, or indeed any aspect of the Local Development Plan, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Planning Team on 01443 665000 or via email LDP@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Davies
Director of Development and Regeneration

APPENDIX 6: LIST OF PRE DEPOSIT CONSULTATION EVENTS

Mobile Exhibitions

Pontypridd - 17th and 18th January 2007

Aberdare - 24th and 25th January 2007

Llantrisant 31st January and 1st February 2007

Tonypandy - 7th February 2007

Tylorstown - 8th February 2007.

Exhibitions

Hirwaun library – 16th January 2007

Mountain Ash library – 16th January 2007

Tonyrefail library – 30th January 2007

Treorchy library – 6th February 2007

Llanharan Drop in Centre – 22nd January 2007

Presentations

Pontyclun Community Council

The Over 50's Forum,

The Disability Forum

The Cwmni Communities first Partnership.

Workshop for all Community Councils in Rhondda Cynon Taf and members of the LDP Forum - 22rd January 2007

APPENDIX 7: PRE DEPOSIT STATUTORY NOTICE

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plans) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 15)

Notice of Pre-deposit Public Consultation for a Local Development Plan

Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan (2006-2021)
 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has prepared pre-deposit proposals documents for the above plan. The local development plan (LDP) will, upon adoption, replace the current Local and Structure Plans and be the basis for decisions on land use planning for Rhondda Cynon Taf, excluding land within the boundaries of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

The pre-deposit proposals documents outline the Authority's vision, strategic options, preferred strategy and key policies, and include key background information and an initial sustainability appraisal report (which includes the environmental report).

Copies of the documents are available for public inspection free of charge at the council offices in the Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon, Sardin House, Sardin Road, Pontypridd and The Pavilions, Clydach Vale, Tonypandy, as well as the One for All centre at Rock Grounds, Aberdare, during office hours from the 11th January to the 21st February 2007. The documents will also be available in the following Libraries throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf, during their opening times:

Hinwas	Aberllefel	Cwmbach	Moentia Ash	Pontypridd	Abercynon
Ynys-y-bell	Glyn-coch	Gilfrydd	Pontypridd	Rhydolun	Church Hill Top
Taf's Wall	Beolha	Ustrickant	Talbot Green	Ronycun	Ustrickant
Tonypandy	Forth	Freegoig	Tonypandy	Ynys-lir	Ton Fawr
Tyntonown	Isendale	Theorchy	Maesdy	Telharbet	

They are also available on the Council's website at www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk

Representations (including objections) in respect of the proposals, should be sent in writing to Sheila Davies, Director of Development and Regeneration, Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon, CF45 4SN or made on-line at the above website location by the 21st February 2007. Representations (including objections) should specify the matter to which they relate. A form for making these representations is available from the above address or on-line at the above web-site location.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the next stage of the LDP, which is the publication and public consultation of the Deposit Draft of the LDP, and the subsequent stages which will be its submission to the Welsh Assembly Government for independent examination and then the adoption of the plan.

The Authority is only required to consider representations made in accordance with this notice. Representations made at the current pre-deposit stage will not be considered by the Inspector appointed to carry out the independent examination. There will be a further opportunity for representations to be made at the deposit stage and these representations will be considered at the examination.

Deddf Cynllunio a Phlym Gorfodol 2004
Rheolwadau Amodau Amgylcheddol o Gynlluniau a Rhaglunni (Cymru) 2004
Rheolwadau Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Cynllun Datblygu Lleol) (Cymru) 2005 (Rheolad 15)

Hysbysiad o Ymgynghoriad Cyhoeddus Cyn Adreuo ar gyfer Cynllun Datblygu Lleol

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Rhondda Cynon Taf
 Mae Cynorw Iwddolirniol Siroel Rhondda Cynon Taf wedi parhau i dogfenau cynigion cyn adreuo ar gyfer y cynllun uchod. Bydd y cynllun datblygu lleol (CDL), ar ôl ei fabwysiad, yn ddiogel cynllunio Lleol a Strydfeir preswrol a bydd yn aml i benderfyniadau a gwnilunio datblydd tir ar gyfer Rhondda Cynon Taf heb gwmey y tir cydlyn arllanr Conallbathel Barau Rychainig.

Mae'r dogfenau cynigion cyn adreuo'n amlinellu gwelidgaeth yr Awdurdod, opsiynau strategol, dewis strategaeth a pholisiau llweddol, ac yn cynnwys gwybodaeth gefndir llweddol ac adroddiad cydwyneol yr arfandod o gynllunio datblygu ar gyfer y cynnwys yr adroddiad amgylcheddol.

Mae copïau o'r dogfenau ar gael i'r cyhoeddus eu gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn swyddol y cyngorau: Canolfan Menter y Cymoedd, Parc Han Lofar Navigation, Abercynon, 77 Sardin, Sardin Road, Pontypridd, Y Pavilions, Cwm Clydach, Tonypandy, ar gwnilun i Bob Un yn Rock Grounds, Aberdare yn ystod oriau swyddol 11fed o Ionawr hyd yr 21fed o Chwefror 2007. Mae'n hysbysiad ar gael yn y llyfrgelloedd canlynol ledled Rhondda Cynon Taf, yn ystod eu horeu agor:

Hinwas	Aberllefel	Cwm-bach	Aberpennar	Pontypridd	Abercynon
Ynys-y-bell	Glyn-coch	Gilfrydd	Pontypridd	Rhydolun	Parc'r Eglwys
Phyrnos Taf	Y Beolha	Ustrickant	Tonypandy	Pontypridd	Ustrickant
Tonypandy	Y Forth	Freegoig	Tonypandy	Ynys-lir	Tonypandy
Tyntonown	Glynheddyg	Theorchy	Y Maesdy	Telharbet	

Mae'r dogfenau hysbysiad ar gael ar wefan y Cynorw - www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk

Arfonwch eich sylwadau (gan gynnwys gwrthwynebiadau) ar y cynigion, ar bapur, ar gyfer y lle Sheila Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Abertalon Datblygu ac Adreuo, Canolfan Menter y Cymoedd, Parc Han Lofar Navigation, Abercynon CF45 4SN neu drwy'r gylfwrng eidd gwaith ni uchod ar ôl yr 21fed o Chwefror 2007. Dylai sylwadau (gan gynnwys gwrthwynebiadau) nodi'r materion y mae'n hysbysu ym mwy o'r hysbysiad ar gyfer cyflwyno sylwadau ar gael o'r cyfeiriad uchod neu ar wefan uchod.

Croeso i chi gylfwrng sylwadau ar y cyd â chais i arfon hysbysiad i gylfwrng penodol o gair nesol y CDL, sef y cyhoeddiad yn ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus o'r Draft Adreuo, ar y camau dilynol, sef ei gylfwrng i Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer archwilio amgylcheddol cyn fabwysiad y cynllun.

Dim ond sylwadau a f'n ymwneud â'r hysbysiad hon y mae'n ddiogel i'r Awdurdod eu hysbysu. Chaffi sylwadau a wneir ar y cam cyn adreuo preswrol na'u hysbysu gan yr Amgylchedd a benodwyd i gynnal yr Archwilio Amgylcheddol. Bydd cyflwyno i gylfwrng sylwadau ar y cam adreuo ac ystyria y sylwadau hysbysu yr archwilio.



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APPENDIX 8: DEPOSIT DRAFT LDP LIST OF CONSULTATION EVENTS

DATE	AREA	VENUE	TIME
09/02/2009	Llantrisant/Talbot Green	Llantrisant Leisure Centre	9.30am – 1.30pm
10/02/2009	Abercynon	Abercynon Library	10am – 2pm
11/02/2009	Blaenrhondda	Fernhill Workmen's Social Club	5pm – 8pm
12/02/2009	Llanharan	Llanharan Drop in Centre	1pm – 4pm
13/02/2009	Tonypandy	Dunraven Street	10am – 4pm
16/02/2009	Llantrisant/Talbot Green	Tesco	3pm – 7pm
17/02/2009	Llantwit Fardre	Llantwit Fardre Sports Centre	10am – 4pm
18/02/2009	Maerdy	Teify House	10am – 4pm
19/02/2009	Mountain Ash	Day Centre	1pm – 6pm
20/02/2009	Pontyclun	Town Centre	10am – 4pm
21/02/2009	Aberdare	Town Centre	10am – 3pm
23/02/2009	Hirwaun	Hirwaun YMCA	11am – 7pm
24/02/2009	Pontypridd	Pontypridd Library	3pm – 7pm
25/02/2009	Tonyrefail	Tonyrefail Leisure Centre	1pm – 7pm
26/02/2009	Tylorstown	Rhondda Fach Sports Centre	1pm – 6pm
26/02/2009	Glyncoch	Cefn Lane School (Meeting)	6pm – 8.30pm
27/02/2009	Pontypridd	Taff Street	10am – 4pm
28/02/2009	Llantrisant/Talbot Green	Talbot Green Town Centre	10am – 3pm
02/03/2009	Beddau	Beddau Library	10am – 1pm
02/03/2009	Aberdare	Michael Sobells Sports Centre	3pm – 7pm
03/03/2009	Hirwaun	Hirwaun Village Hall	2pm – 5pm
03/03/2009	Porth	Porth Plaza	11.30am – 4.30pm
04/03/2009	Ystrad	Rhondda Sports Centre	10am – 4pm
05/03/2009	Pontypridd	Pontypridd YMCA	1pm – 3.30pm
06/03/2009	Rhigos	Rhigos Community Centre	3pm – 6pm
06/03/2009	Treorchy	One 4 All Centre	10am – 4pm
07/03/2009	Pontypridd	Pontypridd YMCA	10am – 3pm
09/03/2009	Aberdare	Aberdare Library	10am – 4pm

APPENDIX 9: DEPOSIT DRAFT LDP CONSULTATION LETTER

Our Ref: Ein cyf:		Your Ref: Eich cyf:	Date: Dyddiad: 3 Feb 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

RHONDDA CYNON TAF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2006-2021) – DEPOSIT DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Council has now prepared its Deposit Draft Local Development Plan and is undertaking a six-week consultation on the document between 5th February and 19th March 2009.

The Council would welcome your views. The Deposit Draft Local Development Plan, associated documents and representation forms are now available to view on the Council website (www.rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk), local libraries, main Council Offices and One 4 All Centres. Should you wish to make any comments on the Plan or the Strategic Environmental Assessment, I would be grateful if you could complete the relevant representation forms and return them to me at the above address by **5.00pm on Thursday 19th March 2009**.

Copies of the Deposit Draft Local Development Plan can be made available on request. Further updates in respect of the preparation of the Local Development Plan will be posted on the website in due course.

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned, or indeed any aspect of the Local Development Plan, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Planning Team on 01443 495193 or via email LDP@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Davies
Director of Development and Regeneration

APPENDIX 10: DEPOSIT DRAFT LDP STATUTORY NOTICE

<p>Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 17)</p> <p>Notice of Deposit of Proposals for a Local Development Plan</p> <p>Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan 2006-2021 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has prepared Local Development Plan (LDP) documents for the above plan. The LDP will, upon adoption, replace the current development plan and form the basis for decisions on land use planning for Rhondda Cynon Taf. The LDP documents include the Deposit LDP, the Sustainability Appraisal Report which incorporates the Environmental Report, an initial Consultation Report together with other supporting documents. Copies of the documents are available for public inspection free of charge at the Council offices in Ty Pennant Pontypridd, Sardin House Sardin Road, and the Pavilions Cyden Vale, as well as the One for All centres at Rock Grounds Abercane and Brenewydd House Forth. The documents will also be available in the following libraries throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf, during their opening times: Hirwaun, Aberdare, Cynffwrdd, Mountain Ash, Penrhiwceiber, Abercynon, Ynysyawl, Clyncloch, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd, Rhyclaf, Church Village, Taffs Well, Beddau, Llantrisant, Talbot Green, Pontyclun, Llantrisy, Tonyrefail, Penrhy, Pen-y-graig, Tonypandy, Ynshil, Ton Ponn, Tylorstown, Ferndale, Treorchy, Mersdy and Treorchert on Thursday 5th February until Thursday 19th March 2009. They are also available on the Council's website at www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk Representations (including objections) in respect of the Deposit LDP, should be sent in writing to Sheila Davies, Director of Development and Regeneration, Level 5, Unit 3, Pennant House, Catherine Street, Pontypridd, CF37 2TB, or made on-line at www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk before 5.00pm 19th March 2009. Representations (including those taking the form of objections) should specify the matters to which they relate. Objectors should also specify the change sought, the grounds on which they are made and the tests of soundness to which they relate (see below). A form for making representations is available from the above address or online at www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk. The Authority's feedback mechanism. The Deposit LDP will be considered by an independent Inspector who will assess whether it is 'sound'. There are a number of tests of soundness and these can be found on the form for making representations or at www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk. Objections to the deposit LDP should make reference to these tests wherever possible. Any representation proposing a new or extended site for development or one that proposes to incorporate a site rejected by the Authority should include information on the site's compatibility with the plan's sustainability appraisal and community involvement. Representations may also be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the next stage of the LDP and that the LDP has been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government for independent examination and/or of the adoption of the plan. The Local Planning Authority cannot change the plan at this stage but it can decide whether it is in favour of any changes proposed. Representations made in accordance with this notice (i.e. 'duly made') will be considered by an independent inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the plan. Only those making representations seeking to change the Deposit LDP (i.e. objections) whose representations were 'duly made' have the right to appear before and be heard by the Inspector at the Examination. (Section 64 (6), of the 2004 Act.) Further information is available from www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk or at the following address: Development Planning, Development and Regeneration Level 5, Unit 3, Pennant House, Catherine Street, Pontypridd CF37 2TB</p>	<p>Deddf Cynllunio a Phynau Gorffodol 2004 Rheolwadau Asesiad Amgylcheddol a Cynllunio a Rhegloni (Cymru) 2004 Rheolwadau Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Cynllun Datblygu Lleol) (Cymru) 2005 (Rheolwac 17)</p> <p>Hysbysiad Adnewid Cynigion ar gyfer Cynllun Datblygu Lleol</p> <p>Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Rhondda Cynon Taf 2006-2021 Mae Cynon Taf wedi sefyll Sioel Rhondda Cynon Taf wedi paratodi dogfenau Cynllun Datblygu Lleol a gyflwyno i'r cyhoedd. Bydd y CDL, ar ôl cael ei fabwysiad, yn disodli'r cynllun datblygu presennol ac yn sail i benderfyniadau a faterion cynllunio datblygu tir ar gyfer Rhondda Cynon Taf. Mae'r dogfenau CDL yn cynnwys y CDL Achnau, yr Aroddiad A'fannu Cynaliadwyedd (gan gynnwys yr Aroddiad Amgylcheddol), Aroddiad Ymgynghori Cychwynno, yngyd â dogfenau akegi. Mae copïau o'r dogfenau ar gael i'r cyhoedd eu gweld ym rhed ar am ddim yn swyddogedd y Cynon yn Nhy Pennant, Pontypridd, Tŷ Sardin, Sardin Road, ac yn y Pavilions, Cym Vale, yn ogystal â Chundiau Iboon, Rock Grounds, Aberdare a Tŷ Brenewydd, Y Forth. Yn ogystal â hynny, bydd y dogfenau ar gael yn y Llyfrgellau canlynol yn Rhondda Cynon Taf yn ystod eu horeu egwr arfero: Hirwaun, Aberdare, Cwm-bech, Acaopmae, Penrhiwceiber, Abercynon, Ynysyawl, Clyncloch, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd, Rhyclaf, Penrhy Eglwys, Penrhy Taf, Y Beddau, Llantrisant, Tonypandy, Penrhy, Pen-y-graig, Tonypandy, Ynshil, Ton Ponn, Tylorstown, Glynedonog, Treorchy, Y Maerdy a Threorchert on Thursday 5th February until Thursday 19th March 2009. Mae'r dogfenau ar wefan y Cynon hefyd, sef www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk Arianwedd iechydau gan gynnwys gwrthwneidiadau ar y CDL sy wedi'i adnewid, ar bapur, ar gyfer sely Sheila Davies, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Datblygu ac Adfywio, Llawr 5, Tŷ Pennant, Catherine Street, Pontypridd CF37 2TB neu a chyflwyno nhw drwy wefan y Cynon, sef www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk cyn 5.00pm 19eg Mawrth 2009. Dylai sylwadau (gan gynnwys gwrthwneidiadau) ynghyd â CDL sy wedi'i adnewid nodi'r materion hynny y mae nhw'n ymwneud â nhw. Dylai gwrthwneidiadau nodi'r newid a ddaed sy wedi'i cynnig, y rhwyb dros y cynigion hynny a'r me'n prawd ar gyfer mesur cademid y cynllun y mae nhw'n ymwneud â nhw (gweler isod). Mae fform ar gyfer cynnig sylwadau ar gael o gywllid a'r fform hysbysiad sy wedi'i nodi uchod neu arlein, www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk. Trefniadau adnodd yr Awdurdod. Bydd y CDL sy wedi'i adnewid yn cael ei ystyried gan Awdurdod amlynnol i asesu p'f'n a yd'f'n cynllun yn 'gadarn' a'i meid. Mae nifer o f'f'n prawd ar gyfer mesur cademid y cynllun ar me'n nhw wedi'i nodi ar y fform ar gyfer cynnig sylwadau neu arlein, www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk. Dylai gwrthwneidiadau i'r CDL sy wedi'i adnewid nodi'r me'n prawd hynny lle be meid. Dylai unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cynnig sail newydd neu sail ehangach ar gyfer o'datblygu, neu sail sy wedi'i wthod gan yr Awdurdod gynnwys gwybodaeth ar gyfer adnewid y sail o'r anrannau cynaliadwyedd y cynllun a'i agwedd gymunedol. Coeso iechyd sylwadau yngyd â chais am arian hysbysiad i gyfeirid perodol i gan nesai y CDL a bu y CDL wedi'i gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru a Cynon ar gyfer aroddiad amlynnol a'u fabwysiad i'r cynllun. Does ddim hawl gyda'r Awdurdod Cynllunio Lleol i newid y cynllun yn ystod y cam yma ond mae hawl gyda'r awdurdod i dodi'r benderfyniad ynghyd pa un a yd'f'n o'r blaen unrhyw gariet i newid y cynllun. Bydd unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu cyflwyno wrtho a'i hysbysiad vna h'f'n y meid priddol i'r cae eu hystroed gan Awdurdod a'i meid sy wedi'i beid i'r awdurdod cademid y cynllun. Dim ond y meid sy wedi cyflwyno sylwadau i newid y CDL h'f'n y gwrthwneidiadau yn y 'modd priddol' sydd a'r hawl i'r meid dargos gartion yr Awdurdod yn ystod yr Aroddiad a chyflwyno'r hysbysiad. (Adran 64 (6) o Ddeddf 2004) Mae hegor o wybodaeth ar gael arlein, www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk neu ysgrifennwch at: Cynllunio Materion Datblygu, Datblygu ac Adfywio Llawr 5, Tŷ Pennant Catherine Street Pontypridd CF37 2TB</p>
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APPENDIX 13: ALTERNATIVE SITE ALLOCATION SITE NOTICES

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (Wales) Regulations 2006
(Regulation 20)

Notice of Site Allocation Representations as Local Development Plan

Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan 2006/2021
 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has prepared a Local Development Plan (LDP) for the above area which was placed on deposit for consultation on 12th July 2009. The LDP will, upon adoption, replace the former development plan and be the basis for decisions on land use planning for Rhondda Cynon Taf including **Brecon Beacon National Park**.

Responses to the deposit consultation included representations relating to site allocations shown in the LDP. These representations suggested new sites or the alteration or deletion of proposed sites in the Deposit LDP.

A Schedule of site allocation representations, together with further details are available for public inspection at the Council offices in Ty Penmaen, Catherine Street, Pontypridd, and the Pavilion, Clydach Vale, as well as at the Cow for All Centres at Rock Cross (Abertawe), Sarni House, Sarni Road, Pontypridd, Treorchy Library, Station Road, and Brynau 34 House, Penrhyn from the 1st July 2009. They will also be available on the Council website at www.rctbc.gov.uk.

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The schedule of representations does not reflect the position of the Local Planning Authority, which has yet to decide whether or not to accept any of the suggested changes. Where the deposit LDP is changed it will be a matter for an independent Inspector. Representations (including those in the form of objections) in respect of the site allocation representations should be sent in writing to Jane Cook, Service Director - Development Control, Development & Regeneration Division, Level 3, Unit 3, Ty Penmaen, Catherine Street, Pontypridd CF37 2TB or made online www.rctbc.gov.uk before 5.00pm on the 22nd July 2009.

Representations (including objections) at this stage must relate only to the allocation of sites. They should not propose further changes to the original deposit LDP or new sites. Any such representations will be disregarded as they should have been made during the earlier stages of plan preparation.

Representations (including objections) should specify the reasons to which they relate. Objections should specify the change to the grounds on which they are made and the reasons for those to which they relate.

A form for making representations is available from the above address or on file at www.rctbc.gov.uk.

The Authority's feedback mechanism: Next Steps
 The Deposit LDP and all daily made representations will be considered by an independent Inspector who will assess whether the plan is 'sound'. There are a number of ways of assessing and these can be found on the form for making representations. Objections to a site allocation representation should make reference to these sets wherever possible.

Representations made in accordance with this notice (i.e. 'daily made') will be considered by an independent Inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the plan.

Only those who made 'daily made' representations at the deposit stage have a right to appear before and be heard by the Inspector carrying out the Examination (section 24(3) of 2004 Act).

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Development Planning Team, Development and Regeneration, Level 3, Unit 3, Ty Penmaen, Catherine Street, Pontypridd, CF37 2TB.

Deddf Cynllunio a Phreio Gorfod 2004
Rheolddu Awdurdod Aglybiau Lloer a Cynllunio a Phreio Cymru 2004
Rheolddu Cynllunio Cymru a Thref Cynllunio Datblygu Lleoli Cymru 2006
(Rheolddu 20)

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Representations made in accordance with this notice (i.e. 'daily made') will be considered by an independent Inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the plan.

Only those who made 'daily made' representations at the deposit stage have a right to appear before and be heard by the Inspector carrying out the Examination (section 24(3) of 2004 Act).

Further information is available from www.rctbc.gov.uk or at the following address:

Development Planning Team, Development and Regeneration, Level 3, Unit 3, Ty Penmaen, Catherine Street, Pontypridd, CF37 2TB.



APPENDIX 14: FOCUSED CHANGE PUBLIC NOTICE

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Local Development Plan 2006-2021

Statement of Focussed Changes

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has now considered all representations received to the Deposit Draft LDP and subsequent Alternative Sites and considers that certain changes may be appropriate to ensure the Plan is sound. These changes are outlined in the 'Statement of Focussed Changes'.

These focussed changes are subject to formal consultation, which commences on **Thursday 14th January 2010 and closes on Wednesday 24th February 2010.**

Copies of the Statement of Focussed Changes are available for public inspection at the Council offices in Ty Pennant, Catherine Street, Pontypridd; and the Pavilions, Clydach Vale; They are also available at the One 4 All Centres at Rock Grounds Aberdare; Sardis House, Sardis Road Pontypridd; Treorchy Library, Station Road; and Bronwydd House, Porth as well as all other Council Libraries, from the **14th January 2010.** The Statement may also be viewed on the Council's website at www.rctcbc.gov.uk.

Representations should be sent in writing to **Jane Cook, Director of Regeneration and Planning, Regeneration and Planning Division, Level 5, Unit 3, Ty Pennant, Catherine Street, Pontypridd CF37 2TB** before **5:00 pm on the 24th February 2010**, or via email to LDP@rctcbc.gov.uk on the **24th February 2010**. A form for making representations is available from the above address or on-line at www.rctcbc.gov.uk.

Representations should specify the matters and grounds to which they relate, but please note that at this stage they must only relate to one or more of the proposed focussed changes. They should not propose further changes to the original Deposit Draft LDP or Alternative Sites, as the Inspector will not consider any such new representations.

These representations will then be forwarded to the Welsh Assembly Government and Planning Inspectorate, for consideration by the Inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the plan.

Further information is available from www.rctcbc.gov.uk, at the above address or by telephone on 01443 495193.

Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf 2006-2021

Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig

Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Rhondda Cynon Taf wedi ystyried yr holl gynrychioliadau sy wedi dod i law parthed y Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Adneuo Drafft a'r Safleoedd Amgen dilynol, ac mae e o'r farn bod rhai newidiadau yn briodol i sicrhau fod y Cynllun yn gadarn. Mae'r newidiadau i'w gweld yn y 'Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig'.

Mae'r newidiadau canolbwyntiedig yn amodol ar gyfnod ymgynghori furfiol, rhwng **dydd Iau 14 Ionawr 2010 a dydd Mercher 24 Chwefror 2010.**

Bydd copiau o'r Datganiad o Newidiadau Canolbwyntiedig ar gael i'w archwilio gan y cyhoedd yn swyddfeydd y Cyngor yn Nhŷ Pennant, Catherine Street, Pontypridd; Y Pafillynau, Cwm Clydach; Canolfanau ibobun Rock Grounds, Aberdâr; Tŷ Sardis, Sardis Road; Llyfrgell Treorci, Station Road; a Thŷ Bronwydd, Y Porth. Bydd y ddogfen ar gael ym mhob llyfrgell yn Rhondda Cynon Taf o **14 Ionawr 2010** ac ar wefan y Cyngor hefyd, sef www.rctcbc.gov.uk.

Anfonwch gynrychioliadau yn ysgrifenedig at **Jane Cook, Cyfarwyddwr Materion Cynllunio ac Adfywio, Uwchadran Materion Cynllunio ac Adfywio, Lefel 5, Tŷ Pennant, Catherine Street, Pontypridd CF37 2TB**, erbyn **5.00pm, 24 Chwefror 2010**, neu anfon e-bost i LDP@rctcbc.gov.uk ar **24 Chwefror 2010**. Mae ffurflen ar gyfer cyflwyno gynrychioliadau ar gael o'r cyfeiriad uchod, neu ar wefan y Cyngor www.rctcbc.gov.uk.

Dylai cynrychioliadau nodi'r materion a'r rhesymau y maen nhw'n ymwneud â nhw ac, yn ystod y cyfnod yma, ynglŷn ag un neu ragor o'r newidiadau canolbwyntiedig arfaethedig yn unig. Ddylen nhw ddim cynnig newidiadau pellach i'r Cynllun Adneuo Drafft neu'r Safleoedd Amgen a fydd yr Arolygydd annibynnol ddim yn ystyried cynrychioliadau newydd o'r math yma.

Bydd cynrychioliadau'n cael eu cyfeirio at Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru a'r Arolygaeth Cynllunio i'w hystyried gan yr Arolygydd a benodir i archwilio cadernid y cynllun.

Mae rhagor o wybodaeth ar gael ar ein gwefan www.rctcbc.gov.uk, yn y cyfeiriad sy wedi'i nodi, neu ar 01443 495 193.



APPENDIX 16: TESTS OF SOUNDNESS – SELF ASSESSMENT

Procedural Tests		
Test	Key Question	Self Assessment
<p>P1: It has been prepared in accordance with the Delivery Agreement including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).</p>	<p>Have all the relevant consultation/participation procedures set out in the CIS been carried out?</p>	<p>The Council has complied fully with the consultation/participation procedures set out in the CIS.</p> <p>Evidence in this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LDP Visioning Event Record (2006) • The SA Framework (2006) • The LDP Forum Preferred Strategy Event Record (2006) • The LDP Preferred Strategy Statement of Consultation (2008) <p>The LDP Forum Draft LDP Event Record (2008)</p>
<p>P2: The plan and its policies have been subjected to sustainability appraisal including strategic environmental assessment.</p>	<p>Has sustainability appraisal (SA), incorporating the requirements of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) been carried out in relation to the LDP?</p>	<p>The Council has complied fully with the requirement to undertake an SA (incorporating SEA) for the LDP.</p> <p>Evidence in this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA Screening Opinion (2005) • SA Scoping Report (2006) • SA of the Preferred Strategy (2007) • SA of the Deposit Draft LDP (2008) • SA of Focussed Changes (2010) <p>In addition the Council has also undertaken the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate Assessment Screening of Opinion (2007), and • Habitat Regulations Assessment (2008) <p>Habitat Regulation Assessment (Revised 2010)</p>

Consistency Tests		
C1: It is a land use plan which has regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas	<p>Does the plan put forward proposals for use and development of land that adequately take account of the relationship with plans/policies/requirements of other organisations (e.g. those of utility companies) and agencies providing services in the area?</p> <p>Does this include their future plans or strategy and any requirements for land and premises which should be prepared in parallel?</p> <p>Clear how the plan relates to other plans and strategies (e.g. local transport plans) which influence delivery of policies and proposals in the plan?</p>	<p>The Council considers that the Deposit Draft LDP has regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies. This is demonstrated through the development of a significant evidence base which gives detailed consideration to the the relationship between relevant plans, policies and strategies and emerging LDP policy.</p> <p>Consultation with Infrastructure providers on future needs and developments within RCT has taken place through out the LDP process.</p> <p>Chapter 1 of the Deposit Draft LDP which outlines the Welsh Assembly Government Regional and Local Strategies, and Spatial Strategy and Core Policy contained in the Deposit Draft LDP. These seek to give local land use expression to issue national and regional significance e.g. Waste, Transport and Minerals.</p>
C2: It has regard to national policy	<p>If plan contains any policies or proposals not consistent with national policy, is there local justification?</p> <p>Does it avoid wasteful/unnecessary repetition of national policy?</p>	<p>The plan has regard to National Planning Policy. Every effort has been made to ensure that only policies that are locally distinct and based on sound evidence are contained in the plan. Details of the LDP Evidence Base are contained in Appendix 3 of the Deposit Draft Plan.</p>
C3: It has regard to the Wales Spatial Plan	<p>Does plan contain any policies or proposals not consistent with the broad strategies in the WSP – if so, is there local justification?</p> <p>Does plan take account of the relevant area collaborative work undertaken for the WSP?</p>	<p>The Deposit Draft LDP provides a policy framework which accords with and seeks to provide the requirements of the Wales Spatial Plan. This positive approach is reflected in the plans Spatial Strategy and Core Policies which recognises the position of RCT Capital City Network.</p>

		The context of the Wales Spatial Plan and its implications for the RCT LDP is contained in paragraph 1.19 of the Deposit Draft Plan
C4: It has regard to the relevant community strategy/strategies	Does the LDP have regard to the community strategy, setting out policies and proposals, which deliver key components of that strategy which are consistent with higher-level planning policy and relate to the use and development of land?	<p>The plan has regard to the requirements of both the existing and emerging community strategies. The LDP reflects the vision outlined in the Community Strategy and seeks to provide spatial expression to the requirements of the strategy through the development of a series of key objectives. These objectives have been translated into the spatial framework provided by the LDP and informed the development of the core, area wide and strategy area policies.</p> <p>The relationship between the Community Strategy and the LDP is outlined in Chapter 3 of the Deposit Draft LDP.</p>
Coherence and Effectiveness Tests		
CE1: The plan sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant, it is compatible with development plans prepared by neighbouring authorities.	<p>Do policies and allocations clearly relate to the aims and objectives in the strategy set out in the submitted plan? May help if policies are cross-referenced to the key aims and objectives. Are the policies within the LDP themselves consistent?</p> <p>Are there any obvious gaps in the coverage of the plan, having regard to its purpose and relevant requirements in national planning policy?</p> <p>It is clear how plan related to those prepared by neighbouring authorities and how cross-boundary issues have been addressed?</p> <p>Where there are overlaps, are these consistent/complementary?</p>	<p>The Council considers that the Deposit Draft LDP sets out a coherent strategy from where policies and allocations logically flow and which have full regard to cross-boundary issues.</p> <p>The Council considers that there is a clear relationship between the key issues identified as the baseline for the plan, the development of the plans visions and objectives and the plans spatial strategy and core policies. This point is demonstrated by the monitoring framework contained in Chapter 7 of the Deposit Draft Plan.</p> <p>In order to ensure cross-boundary consistency the Council has been an active member of regional groups such as SEWSPG, SEWTA, SEWEF, Regional Waste Group, Regional Aggregates</p>

		<p>Working Party, Wales Spatial Plan Core Group and Heads of the Valleys Steering Group.</p> <p>The Council has been involved in a number of areas of collaborative working including for example, on issues such as Housing Apportionment; Affordable Housing Viability, Waste Management; Transportation; Roles and Functions of Places; Minerals; Biodiversity and Landscape Assessment.</p>
<p>CE2: The strategy, policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust and credible evidence base.</p>	<p>It is clear that LPA considered the relevant options and alternatives in preparing the plan? LPAs will not be expected to deal with every possible alternative or option but will be expected to consider those put to them during the process of preparation and engagement.</p> <p>Are assumptions in the LDP set out clearly and supported by evidence? Does this evidence clearly support the plan's strategy and policies? Is the evidence robust and credible and been prepared in accordance with national planning policy and good practice guidance?</p> <p>Where a balance has been struck in taking decisions between competing alternatives – is it clear how these decisions have been taken?</p>	<p>The Council considered the spatial strategy, policies and allocations are realistic having regard to the relevant alternatives and are founded on robust and credible evidence base.</p> <p>The Council has sought throughout the plan making process to ensure a credible and realistic assessment of alternatives. This approach is evidenced by the consideration of alternatives; Strategy options, contained in the Preferred Strategy Site allocations contained in the Candidate Site Assessment Process, Policy options, detailed in the LDP topic papers, and Affordable Housing Viability Study</p> <p>Through the plan making process the Council has developed a robust evidence base from which to develop policy. Details of the evidence base are contained in Appendix 3 of the Deposit Draft LDP.</p>
<p>CE3: There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring.</p>	<p>Does the plan contain realistic targets and milestones which relate to the delivery of policies? Is it clear how these are to be measured and how they are linked to the production of the annual monitoring report?</p>	<p>The Council considers the monitoring framework outlined in Chapter 7 of the Deposit Draft LDP. Coupled with the targets and indicators contained in the SA report will provide a robust mechanism for monitoring the effectiveness of the plan.</p>

	<p>Are delivery mechanisms and timescale for implementation for the policies clearly identified? Is it clear who is intended to implement each policy? Where actions required are outside the direct control of LPA is there evidence that there is necessary commitment from the relevant organisations?</p> <p>Does the processes for measuring the success of the plan accord with national planning policy and best practise guidance?</p> <p>Does the plan set out the factors essential to the delivery of key policy objectives of the plan</p>	<p>This Chapter has been further supplemented by a the Targets and Indicators Paper (2010). The paper seeks to provide context for the proposed indicators by providing outlining those factors that will be considered as part of the monitoring process.</p>
<p>CE4: It is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances.</p>	<p>Is the plan flexible enough to respond to a variety of, or unexpected changed on circumstances. Are development control policies written in a form to enable them to provide a robust and consistent framework for considering planning applications?</p>	<p>The Council considers the LDP will provide a land use framework that is both flexible and responsive to change and still able to provide the certainty necessary to determine planning applications.</p> <p>The flexibility of the plan to adapt to changing circumstances is demonstrated by:</p> <p>The core spatial strategy which promotes a local need and sustainable growth strategy</p> <p>The allocation of a range of sites both in terms of size, use and locations, and</p> <p>A policy framework which includes criteria based on policies which allow for a balance of material considerations</p> <p>Certainty is demonstrated by a policy framework which:</p> <p>Provides a clear definition of need and makes appropriate allocations to meet need;</p> <p>Provides a clear indication of where development is acceptable and where it is not.</p> <p>As assessment of the risk allocation with the plans spatial strategy is contained in paragraphs 4.21 – 4.25 of the Deposit Draft LDP.</p>