

**Rhondda Cynon Taf
Local Development Plan (2006 – 2021)**

Representations Register

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1. Introduction

The Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan (LDP) was placed on deposit for a 7-week period between 5 February and 26 March 2009. During this time the Council received 3,260 representations from 1,020 individuals and organisations in respect of the policies and proposals contained in the LDP.

In accordance with the requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005, the Council has prepared a register of representations received of the during the deposit period.

2. Contents of the Representations Register

The register contains full details of the representations received in respect of the policies and proposals contained in the Deposit Draft LDP. Where possible the Council has sought to reproduce all the information submitted on the representation form in questions 1 to 11. Unfortunately this has not been possible in all cases. Where the representor has not outlined their representation on the form, but relied on supporting information, the Council has had no alternative other than to summarise the representation.

It should be noted that comments received in respect of Q12 and Q13 have not been included in the representations

register. The information will however, be assessed and reported to the Council for consideration.

In order to ensure information contained in this register can be easily accessed, the document has been divided into the following parts:

- Part A Index of representations in policy order;
- Part B Details of each representation submitted in representor order; and
- Part C Index of representors.

3. Additional / Supporting Information

In addition to completed representation forms, the Council also received a significant amount of additional / supporting documentation from individual representors. This information includes:

- Detailed Site and Policy Assessments;
- SA/SEA Assessments, and
- Petitions.

Because of the volume of information submitted, it has not been possible to include this additional / supporting documentation in the representations register.

The information is however, available for public inspection and can be viewed at the Council's office at Level 5, Unit 3, Ty Pennant, Catherine Street, Pontypridd.

4. Multiple Representations

Multiple representations have been received in respect of a number of policies and proposals in the LDP where the representation forms are identical. For example, Green And Friendly Action (Glyncoch) submitted 307 representation forms, each objecting to several policies. Each form has been recorded as an individual representation to each of the policies identified.

Where representations supported by a petition have been received from local interest groups, for example the Fernhill Rhondda Conservation Group, the register records the individual representations and notes that each representation is supported by a petition with the number of signatures (in the Fernhill case, 732).

5. Late And Unduly Made Representations

The Council has received 9 late and 170 unduly made representations. These representations have not been accepted by the Council and therefore do not form part of this register.

6. Next Stages In The Local Development Plan Process

Submission and Examination

Once the consultation periods are complete, the Council will consider the representations and produce a final Consultation Report. Each of the main issues raised will be summarised in the report. The Planning Inspectorate will then examine the report, all the representations, the deposit LDP, the evidence base and the Sustainability Appraisal Report.

The Examination ensures that the LDP is based on 'sound' information and thinking, and that the views of those with concerns about the plan have been considered. The Inspector will then decide what issues should be considered at the Examination in Public.

It is currently anticipated that the Examination in Public will take place during March and April 2010.

Inspector's Report of Findings

After the Examination in Public the Inspector will review all relevant information and consider what changes the Council should make to the draft LDP. The Inspector's Report of Findings outlining changes and the reasons for them will then be issued.

It is currently anticipated that the Inspector's Report will be issued in October 2010.

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Adoption

Within eight weeks of receiving the Inspector's Report of Findings, the Council is required to formally adopt the LDP. The Plan will come into operation from the point of adoption. The adopted LDP will formally supersede the Replacement Structure Plan and four Local Plans that currently remain in force.

It is anticipated that the Council will formally adopt the LDP during December 2010.

7. Further Advice

If you require any further advice or assistance in respect this or other LDP documents or wish to be placed on the Council's consultation database, please contact the Development Planning Team at:

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