



rhondda cynon taf
local development plan
cynllun datblygu lleol

Local Development Plan 2006-2021

Adoption Statement

March 2011



STRONG HERITAGE | STRONG FUTURE
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
TREFTADAETH GADARN | DYFFODOL SICR

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2006-2021)

ADOPTION STATEMENT

March 2011

Jane Cook,
Director of Regeneration & Planning
Sardis House,
Sardis Road,
Pontypridd
CF37 1DU

Contents

	<i>Page</i>
PART 1 - TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS) (WALES)	
REGULATIONS 2005	
1.0 INTRODUCTION	1
2.0 ADOPTION STATEMENT	1
PART 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES (WALES)	
REGULATIONS 2004	
3.0 INTRODUCTION	
<i>Local Development Plan</i>	3
<i>Sustainability Appraisal & Strategic Environmental Assessment</i>	3
4.0 HOW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN	4
5.0 HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT	
<i>Appraisal of the Site Selection Process (2005)</i>	5
<i>Appraisal of the Preferred Strategy (2006/2007)</i>	5
<i>Appraisal of Topic Papers (2008)</i>	5
<i>Appraisal of the Deposit LDP (2009)</i>	6
<i>Appraisal of the Focussed Changes (2009)</i>	6
6.0 CONSULTATION	6
7.0 ALTERNATIVES	7
8.0 EXAMINATION	
<i>Matters Arising Changes</i>	7
9.0 MONITORING	8
10.0 FURTHER ADVICE	10
APPENICIES	
1: Matters Arising Changes (MAC): SA/SEA Review	11
2: Sustainability Monitoring Proposed Targets and Indicators	16

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 25(2) of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development Plans) (Wales) Regulations 2005 and Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004, the Council is required to prepare an Adoption Statement for the Local Development Plan.

Part 1 of the Statement addresses the requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development Plans) (Wales) Regulations 2005 and Part 2 accords with the requirements of Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004.

PART 1 - TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2005

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Part 1 of this statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 25(2) of The Town & Country Planning (Local Development Plans) (Wales) Regulations 2005, the Council is required to prepare an Adoption Statement for the Local Development Plan.

2.0 STATEMENT OF ADOPTION

2.1 The Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan was adopted on **2nd March 2011**. The Local Development Plan became operative on its adoption.

2.2 The Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan is the planning policy document for Rhondda Cynon Taf. It sets out key policies and land use allocations that will shape the future of the County Borough and guide development needs up to 2021. The Local Development Plan replaces the following;

- Mid Glamorgan (Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough) Replacement Structure Plan (adopted 1999);
- Rhondda Cynon Taff (Rhondda) Local Plan (adopted 1998);
- Rhondda Cynon Taff (Cynon Valley) Local Plan (adopted 2004);
- Rhondda Cynon Taff (Taff Ely) Local Plan (adopted 2003);
- Mid Glamorgan Minerals Local Plan for Limestone Quarrying as affecting Rhondda Cynon Taff (adopted 1997).

2.3 Copies of the Local Development Plan, including its Proposals Map are available for public inspection free of charge at the at the Council offices in Sardis House Sardis Road, 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

- 2.4 The documents will also be available for public inspection free of charge in Libraries in the following locations;

Hirwaun, Aberdare, Cwmbach, Mountain Ash, Penrhiwceiber, Abercynon, Ynysybwl, Glyncoch, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd, Rhydfelin, Church Village, Taffs Well, Beddau, Llantrisant, Talbot Green, Pontyclun, Llanharry, Tonyrefail, Porth, Penygraig, Tonypandy, Ynyshir, Ton Pentre, Tylorstown, Ferndale, Treorchy, Maerdy and Treherbert.

The adopted Plan is also available on the Council's website at www.rctcbc.gov.uk

- 2.5 In addition to the adopted plan, the following documents have been published and are also available in electronic format at the above locations:

- Adoption Statement (and in hard copy)
- Final Sustainability Appraisal (including the Environmental Report)
- Habitat Regulations Assessment
- The Inspectors Report (and in hard copy)
- The Consultation Report

A charge will be made for hard copies of the Local Development Plan, Adoption Statement and the Inspectors Report.

- 2.6 Anyone who wishes to challenge the validity of the LDP on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 or that any requirement of the Act or regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the adoption of the LDP, may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the 2004 Act. Applications for such a challenge must be made within six weeks of the date that the Notice of Adoption was first published, which will be **10th March 2011**.

PART 2 - Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Part 2 of this Statement is the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Adoption Statement for Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Development Plan (LDP). The Adoption Statement describes how the SA/SEA process has influenced the progression of the LDP and how environmental considerations and consultation responses have been taken into account during the development of the LDP. It also notes why the Deposit LDP was progressed in the light of other reasonable alternatives and highlights the monitoring measures that have been developed to track the effects of the plan.

Local Development Plan

- 3.2 LDP are a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDP provides the development strategy and spatial policy framework for the LDP area (excluding the Brecon Beacons National Park area in the northern part of the County) for the fifteen years to 2021. Sustainable development principles underpin land use planning and the LDP provides a policy framework that integrates social, environmental and economic issues that are relevant to the people who live and work in Rhondda Cynon Taf, and those who visit the County Borough.

Sustainability Appraisal & Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Planning legislation requires that Development Plans are subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. This is a systematic process that is designed to evaluate the predicted social, economic and environmental effects of development planning. European and UK legislation require that LPDs are also subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), a process that considers the effects of development planning on the environment. Where significant adverse effects are predicted, the SEA aims to identify means to avoid or mitigate such effects. Government guidance advises that these two processes should be carried out together and requires Plans to be subject to SA incorporating SEA.

- 3.4 The SA/ SEA Regulations require that a 'statement' be made available to accompany the adopted plan or programme. The Regulations require that this post 'Adoption Statement' provides the following information:

- How environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;
- How the Environmental Report (the SA/SEA Report) has been taken into account;
- How opinions expressed in relation to the consultations on the plan/ programme and Environmental Report have been taken into account;
- The reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
- The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.

- 3.5 LDP was also subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), including Appropriate Assessment (AA), which was carried out in parallel to the SA/ SEA process. The HRA assessed the impacts of LDP in combination with the effects of other plans and projects, on European sites designated for their ecological status. This assessment also accompanied the Deposit LDP and was reported separately.

4.0 HOW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 4.1 In early 2006 an SA Scoping process was undertaken to ensure that the SA addressed the key sustainability issues pertinent to the County Borough. Relevant plans and programmes were also reviewed and from this analysis key sustainability problems, issues and opportunities were identified. An SA Framework was compiled and published as part of the SA Scoping Report. This report was subject to consultation with statutory and wider stakeholder/ interest groups (including through a Technical Workshop in February 2006); and their comments were incorporated into the SA Framework.
- 4.2 In December 2006 Enfusion took forward the ongoing appraisal of the LDP by completing the SA of the Preferred Strategy. A strategic level appraisal of the LDP Vision, and a compatibility analysis of the LDP Objectives with the SA Objectives, was undertaken. Detailed appraisal was also carried out on the Spatial Strategic Options and the Strategic Policies presented. The findings and recommendations of the Appraisal were published for consultation alongside the Preferred Strategy in January/ February 2007.
- 4.3 As part of the pre-Deposit Plan Preparation the Council produced a series of Topic Papers addressing the key policy areas for the LDP. To support the LDP preparation, these Topic papers were subject to

detailed SA (May 2008) in line with the appraisal to date. The appraisal findings helped to inform and progress the development of the Deposit Draft Plan.

- 4.4 The Deposit Draft Plan was then further subject to detailed SA by Enfusion in November/December 2008, and which also took into account the consultation commentary received in response to the previous SA Reports (Preferred Strategy). This appraisal covered the Core Strategy (Northern Strategy Area and Southern Strategy Area); the Core Policies, Area Wide Policies and strategic site allocations. The appraisal included a series of recommendations which were progressed as part of the plan development. The SA/SEA Report was published alongside the pre-submission Deposit Draft Plan (Jan, 2009).
- 4.5.1 Following the consultation on Deposit Draft Plan, the Council developed the plan further through a number of Focused Proposed Changes. These changes were screened and where necessary appraised against the SA Framework to consider their potential effects. The findings of this screening and appraisal process were detailed in an annex to the main SA/SEA Report (SA/SEA of Focused Proposed Changes, Sustainability Appraisal Report: Annex, Dec 2009). Recommendations from this additional appraisal work were reflected in the final list of Matter Arising Changes (MAC) produced following the examination process.

- 4.6 The MAC were also screened against the SA Framework to ensure that any potential effects were considered and taken into account in the final LDP for adoption. The key findings from this process are noted in Section 8 of this statement and at Annex 2.
- 4.7 The integration of environmental considerations into the LDP has, therefore, been undertaken progressively as the Plan has developed. The Scoping process and subsequent updates to baseline material, ensured that the sustainability issues most relevant to the County Borough were identified; and the overall strategy and individual policies have been appraised against this Framework of objectives.

5.0 HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

- 5.1. The SA/SEA Report (Environmental Report) and LDP were developed in parallel, with each stage of the SA/SEA informing and influencing the progression of the LDP. Section 2 has outlined how environmental issues have been integrated with the LDP process and the following text summarises how the issues identified through key stages of SA/SEA have influenced and informed the LDP development.

Appraisal of the Site Selection Process (2005)

- 5.2 As part of the consideration of options the Council developed a Site Assessment Method to ensure that

candidate sites met the aims and objectives of the LDP. Sustainability appraisal was integral to this process. The Assessment Method was subject to SA/SEA and Sustainability Threshold Assessment (STA) was incorporated into the site selection to ensure that SA objectives were effectively considered during the site selection process.

Appraisal of the Preferred Strategy (2006/2007)

- 5.3 The Appraisal of the Preferred Strategy included consideration of the Strategic Spatial Options proposed. The appraisal identified that a strategic approach that combined growth with a focus on local needs was the most sustainable option. This approach was subsequently carried forward in the LDP through the development of the Northern Strategy Area and Southern Strategy Area tailored policy approaches within the Deposit LDP.

Appraisal of Topic Papers (2008)

- 5.4 To develop the key policy areas underpinning the LDP, the Council produced a series of Topic Papers. These Topic Papers were subject to a detailed SA/ SEA process, which resulted in a number of focused recommendations for policy content, alongside more strategic suggestions to combine or amend policy topics. These recommendations were taken forward to the Deposit LDP.

Appraisal of the Deposit LDP (2009)

5.5 The Deposit Draft LDP was subject to a further appraisal in 2008 resulting in a number of key recommendations for the: Core Policies; Area Wide Policies; Northern Strategy Area and Southern Strategy Area. These recommendations were all taken forward in the LDP (full details of how the LDP was progressed are provided in Table 5.5 of the SA Report 2009).

Appraisal of Focussed Changes (2009)

5.6.1 Following the consultation on Deposit Draft Plan, the Council developed the plan further through a number of Focused Proposed Changes, which were subject to SA/SEA screening and appraisal where appropriate. The appraisal in particular, noted the reductions in the proportion of affordable housing being proposed for delivery through the LDP and recommended that where possible percentages be proportionately increased. This recommendation was progressed alongside the wider evidence underpinning the final affordable housing policy set out in the Deposit LDP.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation is a key component of the SA/SEA process and consultation for the SA/SEA of the LDP has been undertaken in accordance with: Article 6 of the EU Directive 2001/42/EC; the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations

2004; and the Council's Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).

6.2.1 For SA/SEA there is a statutory requirement to consult authorities with environmental responsibilities, which in Wales are: the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW); Environment Agency Wales (EAW) and Cadw (now part of the Assembly Government). In addition consultation should be undertaken with the public and a wider range of interested stakeholders.

6.3. Consultation with the full range of stakeholders was undertaken at the following key stages of the SA/SEA. The consultation responses and the actions taken are recorded in the SA Report (Dec, 2009).

- **SA/SEA Scoping (2006)** – stakeholders made suggestions and recommendations for SA objectives and indicators.
- **SA Preferred Strategy (2007)** – SA report including detailed appraisal of policy and spatial options provided.
- **SA of Deposit Draft Plan (2009)** – SA Report documenting the full SA/SEA process including consultation commentary received. Consultation comments and how they were taken into account are provided in Appendix II of this (2009) report.

6.4. In addition to the main consultation stages for the SA/SEA accompanying the key stages of LDP publication, consultation with key stakeholders was

also undertaken in the development of the monitoring framework of indicators (July 2007). The proposed monitoring framework was also set out on the Council's website to allow for wider public consultation (December 2008).

7.0 ALTERNATIVES

- 7.1 As part of the development of the LDP, the Council considered a range of spatial and policy options.
- 7.2. Spatial options were considered through the Preferred Strategy and these options were subject to detailed SA/SEA (2006/2007). The spatial options chosen reflected the SA/SEA findings that combining an approach that promotes growth within the Borough, alongside a specific consideration of local needs in the North and South of RCT, presented the most sustainable approach.
- 7.3. Policy options were progressively developed and considered through the Preferred Strategy and Topic Papers. As noted in Sections 2 & 3 of this statement, these stages were informed by the findings of the SA/SEA process. More detail on the consideration of options and the SA/SEA recommendations is provided in:
- SA of Preferred Strategy (2006) – Section 5
 - SA of Deposit Draft (2009) – Section 4

8.0 EXAMINATION

Matters Arising Changes

- 8.1 Prior to submission the Council proposed a series of focused changes. These were subject to SA/SEA review and the findings were presented as an annex to the Main SA/SEA report (Dec, 2009). These documents were ratified by the Council in January 2010 and presented alongside the wider evidence base at Examination.
- 8.2 The Council proposed a series of further changes in response to matters raised through the examination process by the Inspector and participants at the hearing sessions. These Matters Arising Changes (MAC), have also been reviewed and screened from an SA/SEA perspective. Most of the changes are refinements to the plan (e.g. corrections, rewording, typographical errors) that do not affect the findings of the SA/SEA process. Where changes are relevant to the SA/SEA process they have been highlighted in Annex 1 of this Adoption Statement and the key review findings are summarised below.
- 8.3 A number of the changes made (MAC 4, 5, 16, 19, 21, 52, 54, 58) serve to improve the progression of key SA objectives (see Annex 1). Additionally, changes arising from the examination process (e.g. MAC 84) take forward SA/SEA recommendations made through the review of Focused Proposed Changes. These

changes improve the performance of the plan against the SA objectives.

- 8.4 Changes have arisen through the examination process to policies for Housing (CS 4), Affordable Housing (CS 5) and Strategic Sites NSA 6 & 7, SSA 7,8, 7 9). These MAC take forward changes first proposed through the Focused Proposed Changes (Dec, 2009). The SA/SEA review of these changes has not identified any new or additional effects to those considered and summarised in the SA of Focused Proposed Changes (Dec, 2009). Overall the changes continue to support and progress key SA Objectives for Housing (1) and Communities (3).
- 8.5. The Matter Arising Changes have also introduced two new (supplementary) policies. The policy for Treforest Industrial estate supports the redevelopment of an existing employment site and effectively progresses SA objectives for Employment (6) and wider environmental criteria seeking to ensure that development makes best use of previously developed land (Land and Soils, 14). The policy for Gypsies and Travellers supports the existing provision provided through SSA 27, and allows for additional land provision should it be necessary. The SA review notes that the appraisal findings reported in the SA/SEA of the LDP (Jan, 2009) are supported by this approach, with no additional effects identified.

9.0 MONITORING

- 9.1 The requirements for monitoring and a detailed monitoring framework for the LDP were set out in the SA Report accompanying the Deposit Draft LDP (2009). The following paragraphs outline the approach taken in developing the monitoring framework, and Annex 2 provides the detailed monitoring targets and indicators for the SA/SEA of the LDP.
- 9.2 The Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive requires that the significant environmental effects of implementing a plan or programme are monitored in order to identify unforeseen adverse effects and if necessary, to identify the need for remedial action. Government also requires local planning authorities to produce Annual Monitoring Reports to track the progress of Local Development Plan implementation. According to official guidance, 'These need to include the findings of SA monitoring'. Therefore, the monitoring strategy for the SA/SEA should aim to be integrated with the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report.
- 9.3 The proposed monitoring strategy for the SA/SEA, as set out below, should:
- Clearly set out who is responsible for the monitoring, as well as its timing, frequency and format for presenting results;

- Provide for the collection of new information, thereby updating and strengthening original baseline data, rectifying any deficiencies, and providing an improved basis for the formulation of future plans;
 - Establish a mechanism for action to enhance positive effects of the plan, mitigate any negative ones and assess any areas that were originally identified as containing uncertainty. The aim should be to keep the LDP working at maximum effectiveness for the benefit of the community; and,
 - Support wider community engagement by providing a clear and easily understandable picture of how actual implementation of the LDP is affecting the authority areas. Is it moving the area towards or away from the more sustainable future we intended? Are any significant effects identified actually happening? Are any unforeseen consequences being felt? Are any mitigation measures that were proposed operating effectively?
- 9.4 Indicators seek to measure all relevant aspects of the areas addressed by the SA/SEA - social and economic as well as environmental and they are drawn from:
- Objectives and targets set out in the LDP – some of which are quantitative and may be expressed as maps, graphs, diagrams or percentages (e.g. Percentage of new housing built on brownfield land, target of 10% of

- energy on major new developments to be provided by renewables etc.);
 - Indicators already identified and used in the SA process,
 - Measures drawn from the baseline data collected during the early stages of the LDP or from the previous Local Plan (e.g. air quality, extent of wildlife habitats, need for affordable housing); and,
 - Measures suggested by the community which are typically more qualitative (e.g. quality of life) and could be useful in enriching understanding and giving people a sense of ownership of the LDP.
- 9.5 To ensure compatibility with, and reference to, regional and national sustainability aims; sustainability targets and indicators have also been developed with reference to the Welsh Assembly Government Sustainable Development Scheme (2008), and in particular the Wales Spatial Plan Update and the Sustainable Development Indicators for Wales (2008). These indicators link to the UK indicators produced nationally by the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra). The indicators therefore reflect the sustainable development aims and priorities for Wales whilst ensuring consistency with the UK sustainable development framework.

Email: LDP@rctcbc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01443 494735

10.0 FURTHER ADVICE

- 10.1 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:

Spatial Development Team,
Planning Services,
Sardis House,
Sardis Road,
Pontypridd
CF37 1DU

Annex 1: Matters Arising Changes (MAC): SA/SEA Review

MAC No	Policy/ Paragraph/ Appendix	Proposed Change	SA/SEA Screen
MAC 4 Session 1 AP6	Policy CS 1 Criterion 9	Insert new Criterion 9 to Policy CS1 as follows: ‘Reducing daily out commuting by private car and promoting sustainable forms of travel’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides additional support for SA objective 7 seeking to reduce private car travel and promote sustainable modes of transport.
MAC5 Session 18 AP4	Policy CS 2 Criterion 2	Amend Criterion 2 of Policy CS 2 to read: “Protecting the culture and identity of communities by focusing development within defined residential settlement boundaries and promoting the reuse of under used and previously developed land and buildings. ”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insertion effectively progresses SA Objective 8 Built Environment and SA objective 14, Land and Soils.
MAC6 Session 2 APs 1 & 4	Policy CS4	Amend CS 4 and justification text Site Proposed use <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS4 has been amended through the introduction of housing number ranges. This change to housing numbers at the strategic sites (introduction of minimum housing number figures) was screened as part of the SA/SEA review of proposed focused changes (Jan 2010). The finding of the review, which considered the potential effects of changed/increased housing numbers at this site remain current for these amendments. No further SA/SEA commentary required.
MAC7 Session 3 APs 2 & *	Policy CS5	Amend Policy CS5 as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS5 has been revised through the inclusion of additional policy justification text and a reduction in the number of affordable houses that the Council will seek to provide through the planning process. The reduced figure is less than that proposed through the Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010). The SA/SEA screen of the Proposed Focused Changes addressed the issue of reducing the number of affordable houses being delivered by the plan. It was noted that while the housing SA

MAC No	Policy/ Paragraph/ Appendix	Proposed Change	SA/SEA Screen
			objective was not as effectively progressed by the change, housing provision needs to be viable and the amendments were appraised accordingly. The MACs do not alter the SA/SEA findings presented in the SA/SEA of Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010).
MAC16 Session 15A APs 4 & 9	Policy CS 10	Insert the follow paragraphs after paragraph 4.81 of Policy CS10: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progresses SA objectives for Minerals (16), Landscape (9) and Biodiversity (10).
MAC19 Session 13 A AP4 Session 18 AP 2	Policy AW2	Amend Policy AW2 as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes support and progress SA objectives for Water(11) and Landscape (9), Biodiversity (10).
MAC 21 Session 3 AP 4	Policy AW4	Add the following paras to the reasoned justification to AW4: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional wording provides clear support for Housing SA objectives (1) which seeks to deliver a mix of housing types and help meet affordable housing needs.
MAC45 Session 2 APs 1 7 4, Session 6A APs 1,2 & 3	Policy NSA 6	Add text to Policy NSA 6 as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inclusion of the Former Phurnacite Plant Site at Abercwmboi for 500 dwellings was considered in the SA/SEA review of Proposed Focused Changes (Jan 2010). No further SA/SEA comments required.
MAC 52 Session 4 APs 4& 7	Policy NSA 8	Under the bullet points listed at paragraph 6.41 of Policy NSA 8 add: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording proposed progresses SA Biodiversity objective (10) and is in line with the recommendations arising from the Habitats Regulations Assessment Appropriate Assessment report

Adoption Statement - March 2011

MAC No	Policy/ Paragraph/ Appendix	Proposed Change	SA/SEA Screen
		(9 th Dec, 2010).	report.
MAC 54 Session 4 AP6	Policy NSA 8 Paragraph 6.42 (f)	Amend the para 6.42 as follows: f) 'Landscape, habitat restoration and protection and habitat mitigation including the protection and management of the areas of marsh fritillary butterfly habitat identified within the Strategic Site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording proposed in accordance with findings and recommendations of the Habitats Regulations Assessment, Appropriate Assessment report.
MAC 58 Session 3 APs 2 & 8	Policy NSA 11	Amend Policy NSA 11 as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording proposed takes forward SA/SEA recommendations arising from the SA/SEA review of Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010). Overall this provides for a more effective progression of the SA objective 1 (Housing) which seeks to promote affordable housing to allow local people to live within communities.
MAC 66 Session 2 APs 1 7 4 Session 8B AP5	Policy SSA 7	Amend Policy SSA 7 as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of an increased range of housing numbers at this site was considered as part of the SA/SEA screen of Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010). No further SA/SEA commentary required.
MAC 81 Session 2 APs 1 & 4 Session 8A AP 1	Policy SSA 9	Amend Policy SSA 9 to read: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue of an increased range of housing numbers at this site was considered as part of the SA/SEA screen of Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010). No further SA/SEA commentary required.
MAC 84 Session 8A APs 7 & 9	Policy SSA 9 Paragraph 6.146	Amend Para 6.146 to read: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional text takes forward SA/SEA recommendations from the Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010) to ensure that local Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINCs) that are afforded protection.

MAC No	Policy/ Paragraph/ Appendix	Proposed Change	SA/SEA Screen
MAC 92 Session 3 AP 2 & 8	Policy SSA 12	Amend Policy SSA 12 as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The SA/SEA screen of the Proposed Focused Changes (Jan 2010) addressed the issue of reducing the number of affordable houses being delivered by the plan. It was noted that while the housing SA objective was not as effectively progressed by the change, housing provision needs to be viable and the amendments were appraised accordingly. The MAC changes improved the proportion of provision of affordable housing by requiring 20% on sites of 5 or more units. The MAC do not alter the SA/SEA findings presented in the SA/SEA of Focused Proposed Changes (Jan 2010).
MAC99 Session 11 APs 9, 10 & 11 Session 21 AP 10	Policy SSA XXX Treforest Industrial Estate/Parc Nantgarwr	Amend Policy SSA XXX - Treforest Industrial Estate/Parc Nantgarwr and justification text to read as follows: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New policy to support the redevelopment of the industrial estate with compatible, sustainable business uses. Provides good support and progression of SA objectives for employment (6) and land and soils (14) by maximising employment opportunities and the re-use of previously developed land. ■ Justification also notes requirement to address flood risk issues in development, supporting SA objectives for water (11).
MAC 131	Policy W XXX and justification text	Policy AW XXX Gypsies and Travellers: <i>Full details provided in Matters Arising Changes from the Examination. Schedule of Changes Proposed by the Council (9th Dec, 2010).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New policy to ensure accommodation provision for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people, in addition to SSA 27 which provides land at Beddau Caravan Park. ■ The policy makes provision for use of land where accommodation cannot be provided at Beddau. The approach is in accordance with SSA 27 and the appraisal findings reported in the SA/SEA of the LDP (Jan 2009) which indicated that: 'The policy clearly recognises the need to take account of established communities whilst providing for travelling people who are part of British heritage and

MAC No	Policy/ Paragraph/ Appendix	Proposed Change	SA/SEA Screen
			tradition. Recognising the need for sites and setting out a clear policy framework will have a positive benefit in the long term.'

Annex 2: Sustainability Monitoring Proposed Targets and Indicators¹

SA Target	SA Indicator	Shared Indicator - Source	Comments
1. Housing			
Reduce discrepancies between requirement and availability of affordable and special needs housing stock.	Number of new affordable housing units provided during the year as a percentage of all housing units provided during the year [from social landlords/ section 106 agreements & through old housing stock]	Improvement Plan 2007 PI Ref LPA/006	New indicator in improvement plan, part of Core Data set – targets expected to be developed through LDP.
2. Culture and Heritage			
Reduce number of buildings on at risk register (year on year) (<i>target could also include scheduled ancient monuments & number of conservation areas reviewed</i>)	Buildings at Risk (absolute number)		There are no extant indicators for the historic environment either within the Local Improvement Plan 2007 or at national level.
Maintain/ protect locally designated sites of cultural value and areas of high archaeological value	Number of Designated Sites with Management Plans		
3. Communities			
Improve access to public transport and community facilities for all	Percentage of total population with access to services		Community Plan objectives for 2007/08 are to develop and promote new and improves Accessible Transport provision in partnership with the 'Better Transport' Forum. No proposed indicators for 2007/08, but series of actions noted.

¹ * Changes made to the Monitoring Framework as result of consultation (Dec 2008) are highlighted in bold italic text.

SA Target	SA Indicator	Shared Indicator - Source	Comments
Increase % of people with qualifications and improve skills	<p>Number of enrolments on adult education courses per 1000 population</p> <p>% of 15/16 year olds achieving the 'core subject indicator' (grade C in GCSE English or welsh and Science in combination)</p>	<p>Improvement Plan 2007 Local PI Ref C6</p> <p>Improvement Plan 2007 Local PI Ref 2.6</p>	
4. Health			
Increase access to recreation and sports facilities <i>& the countryside</i>	Number of visits to indoor and outdoor sports and recreational facilities per 1000 population	Improvement Plan 2007 PI Ref LCS/001 a) b) NEW INDICATOR	
5. Economy			
Broaden the Economic base by creating more varied and stronger businesses	Economic activity by sector		Target reflects 2007/08 objectives from Improvement Plan 2007 (Boosting our Local Economy)
6. Employment			
Increase opportunities to work within the district.	[%] increase in local job growth by sector/ reduction in numbers of economically inactive		Target reflects Improvement Plan 2007 (Boosting our Local Economy) objective in relation to the delivery of the RCT Economic Regeneration Strategy. Proposed measures include increase in local job growth by sector and reduction of numbers of economically inactive

SA Target	SA Indicator	Shared Indicator - Source	Comments
	[%] of resident working age population employed	SD indicator for Wales	
7. Transport			
All new developments located to support and encourage sustainable travel choices	% [or absolute number of] developments that deliver sustainable transport solutions [number of new developments with travel plans/ home zones/ car clubs]		No existing/ extant indicator
8. Built Environment			
Promote improved design standards and encourage community participation in the planning process	% (or number of) new developments and buildings meeting BREEAM and/or Code for Sustainable Homes Standards		No existing/ extant indicator
9. Landscape			
Achieve favourable conditions of nationally and locally important landscape designations	% designations reporting favourable condition status		No existing/ extant indicator
10. Biodiversity			
Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity of the area	% change in RCT BAP priority habitats and species	SD Indicator for Wales	Information from RCT Countryside/ CCW
11. Water			
Promote sustainable water resource management	% [or number of as proportion of total] of new development with integrated sustainable drainage systems		No existing/ extant
Reduce Flood risk to people, property and maintain integrity of the floodplain <i>Avoid development in flood risk</i>	Amount of new development in C1 and C2 as a proportion of the total development allowed contrary to TAN 15		No existing/ extant indicator

SA Target	SA Indicator	Shared Indicator - Source	Comments
<i>areas.</i>			
12. Climate Change			
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions	% change in carbon dioxide emissions in the housing stock	Improvement Plan 2007 PI Ref PAPI 07 EEF/001 b) ii)	Opportunity to extend indicator measure beyond housing and to include other greenhouse gases
13. Energy			
Improve energy efficiency and maximise the use of renewable energy	% reduction in energy use in housing stock	Improvement Plan 2007 PI Ref PAPI 07 EEF/001 b) i)	Shared indicators also national strategic indicators and policy agreement PIs [PAPI 7]
Encourage energy efficient design in development	% [or number of as proportion of total] new developments and buildings meeting BREEAM and/or Code for Sustainable Homes Standards		No existing/ extant indicator
14. Land and Soils			
Increase proportion of development on previously developed land	The number of new housing units provided during the year on previously developed land as a percentage of all new housing units provided during the year.	Improvement Plan 2007 PI Ref PLA/007 [Core Data Set]	This is a new indicator - target to be developed through the LDP. Opportunity for analogous target/ indicator for non-housing development
15. Waste			
Reduce tonnage of waste to landfill	% of municipal wastes sent to landfill	Improvement Plan 2007 indicator PI Ref WMT/004 b)	Information from Regional Waste Plan
Move Waste up the Waste Hierarchy	% of municipal waste reused and/or recycled	National Strategic Indicator PI Ref WMT/001 bi)	
16. Minerals			
Increase % of secondary and recycled aggregate sources in all developments	% use of aggregates from secondary and recycled sources		No existing/ extant indicator
17. Air Quality			
Maintain and improve air quality	% decrease in pollutants monitored through Air Quality		Existing AQMA monitoring statistics;

SA Target	SA Indicator	Shared Indicator - Source	Comments
	<i>Management Area (NOx, NO2, PM10)</i>		