

Notice of Pre-deposit (Preferred Strategy) Public Consultation for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Revised Local Development Plan (2022-2037)

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 15) (as amended 2015).

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) has prepared the pre-deposit proposals documents for the plan stipulated above. Once adopted, the Revised Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2022-2037 will replace the existing, adopted Local Development Plan 2006-2021, becoming the basis for all land use planning decisions within Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The Council are inviting comments on the pre-deposit proposals documents, which outline the Vision, Growth and Spatial Options, Preferred Strategy, and Strategic Policies for Rhondda Cynon Taf. Comments are also invited on the Candidate Sites listed in the Candidate Sites Register (CSR), which were submitted during the Call for Candidate Sites process. Other documents published include the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report, Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report and a suite of Background Evidence Base Papers.

The Preferred Strategy and background documents are available to view on the Council's website, here:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/PlanningandBuildingControl/RevisedLocalDevelopmentPlan20222037/PreferredStrategyConsultation.aspx>

Additionally, copies of the documents are available for inspection during normal opening hours at the following locations:

2 Llys Cadwyn, Taff St, Pontypridd
Abercynon Library
Aberdare Library/One4All Centre
Church Village Library
Ferndale Library
Hirwaun Library
Llantrisant Library

Mountain Ash Library/One4All Centre
Pontyclun Library
Pontypridd Library (Llys Cadwyn)
Porth Plaza One4All Centre/Library
Rhydyfelin Library
Tonypandy Library
Treorchy Library/One4All Centre

The consultation period runs for 8 weeks from 09:00 on Wednesday 21st February 2024 and concludes on 17th April 2024. As such, the closing date for the submission of Representations (comments) is 23:55 on the 17th April 2024.

The Council would encourage comments to be made and submitted electronically via the online consultation portal, which is on the Preferred Strategy consultation page, available on the webpage above.

Representations will also be accepted via post or via email. Representation forms can be requested from and returned to the Council via email: ldp@rctcbc.gov.uk or posted to:

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Planning Policy Team, 2 Llys Cadwyn, Taff Street, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH.

Representations deemed to be duly made and submitted within the stipulated consultation period above, will be acknowledged and formally considered when preparing the Deposit RLDP.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specified address, that the RLDP has been submitted to the Welsh Government for Independent Examination and of the adoption of the plan.

The Authority is only required to consider representations made in accordance with this notice.

The independent Inspector carrying out the Examination in public will not consider representations made during this pre-deposit stage. There will be a further opportunity for representations to be made during the Deposit consultation. The representations made at the Deposit stage of consultation will be those considered by the Inspector at the Examination stage.

Further information on the RLDP process and all relevant background documentation are available to view on the Council's website.