

Cabinet 15th December 2015

Powys LDP

Summary Report in place of Appendices 3, 4 & 5

1. LDP - Remaining Focussed Changes (summary):

Policy Changes: Wording on Renewable Energy has changed to reflect our initial position at the Conjoined Public Inquiry.

Dwelling Requirement revised to : 4500

Dwelling Provision revised to : 6129

Affordable Housing Target revised to : 1257

2. Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal of the Proposed Focussed Changes to the LDP

Both the Policy and Sites Focused Changes have been assessed for their Strategic Environmental and Sustainability Impacts. There are no significant changes required as a result. However the following changes were recommended to improve the document further:

Policy	Change
DM1 Planning Obligations Reason: to clarify that addressing adverse socio-economic and environmental impacts will be addressed by the Obligations.	Planning obligations will be sought by agreement with applicants, where necessary, to ensure that: 1. The development provides for adequate infrastructure necessary to serve the proposal, and that satisfactory maintenance and / or restoration arrangements are achieved; 2. Significant adverse socio-economic and environmental impacts are addressed where necessary 3. Benefits in the public interest are secured where these are relevant and reasonably related to the proposal, and required to enable it to proceed.
DM2 The Natural Environment Reason: to ensure wording conforms with that of the Habitat Regulations Directive.	4.2.20 Protection, Management and Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity at the Site Level. Proposals will be required to demonstrate how they intend to protect, manage or enhance biodiversity interests on a particular site. In most cases this will involve gathering and presenting supporting evidence for the proposal. The requirements for this evidence will vary depending on the likely impacts of the proposals. Where impacts to biodiversity are likely a full Ecological Survey will be required. Where it is considered that the proposals have potential to affect a European Designated Site the proposals will need to be subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening, to establish whether the

	<p>proposals could result in a likely significant impact to the site and its associated features either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. If the screening process concludes that the proposals are considered likely to have a significant negative effect (either alone or in combination) to a European Designated Site and where measures to avoid that likelihood are not available an Appropriate Assessment will be required to ascertain whether the proposals will have an adverse effect on the integrity of the European Designated Site.</p>
<p>DM16 Protection and Enhancement of the Historic Environment</p> <p>Reason: to clarify how this policy will enhance historical assets and their settings</p>	<p>1. Development proposals must not unacceptably adversely affect, either on their own or in combination with existing or approved development, the following sites and features, including their essential settings and significant views into and out from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scheduled Ancient Monuments. ii. Listed Buildings. iii. Conservation Areas. iv. Registered Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. v. Historic Battlefields. vi. Registered Landscapes of Outstanding and Special Historic Interest. <p>Proposals relating to, or affecting, the above sites and features of the historic environment will be assessed in accordance with national guidance and legislation. Proposals that enhance assets and/or their settings will be supported. Proposals should also have regard to other non-designated heritage assets of significance, including any locally listed buildings, and their settings.</p>
<p>SP2 Safeguarding of Material Assets</p> <p>Reason: to ensure that Designated Sites are included in and considered as a Material Asset.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Strategic infrastructure such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transport routes including disused transport infrastructure that offers potential for future transport re-use, strategic or town centre car parks and safeguarded corridors. b. Reservoirs and water supplies. c. Sennybridge Training Area. d. Best and most versatile Agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 and 3a). e. Windfarms in Strategic Search Areas. f. Utilities infrastructure including pipelines, electricity transmission connections and hazardous installations ii. Internationally and Nationally Designated Sites such as those listed in Policy DM2. iii. Major tourism assets and visitor attractions including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Royal Welsh Agricultural Society showground. b. Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway. c. Elan Valley and Vrynwy Estates.

	<p style="text-align: center;">d. Powis Castle.</p> <p>iv. Green tourism assets and infrastructure including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. National Cycle Network routes. b. National Trails and National Bridlepath Network c. Local Trails and Public Rights of Way. d. Canals and Waterways. e. Open access land and common land. f. Potential future routes along linear features (such as disused railways). <p>Land Allocations in the Local Development Plan where the development proposal frustrates or may frustrate the identified use and/or capacity of the site thereby compromising its contribution to the overall aims and objectives of the Plan.</p>
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3. Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Proposed Focussed Changes to the LDP

Both the Policy and Sites Focused Changes have been assessed for their impacts as a result of the Habitats Directive Regulations. As above there are no significant changes required. In fact as a result of the Focused Changes to policies RE1 and TD3 the LDP has improved its benefits for biodiversity.