

APPENDIX 4



Future Generations Evaluation
(includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Mark Hand</p> <p>Phone no: 01633 644803 E-mail: markhand@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report and Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) Initial Screening Report have been prepared in connection with the Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP).</p> <p>It is a requirement of the Regulations for LDPs to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA). The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Replacement Monmouthshire LDP outlines the proposed approach to the LDP's Sustainability Appraisal (SA), incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This report is the first stage of a SA process to identify, assess and address any likely significant effects on the environment from the emerging replacement LDP.</p> <p>An Initial HRA Screening Report has been prepared alongside the SA Scoping Report and is the first stage of the HRA being carried out in respect of the Replacement LDP. This will build upon the HRA carried out for the first Monmouthshire LDP (adopted February 2014). This initial step of the screening process involves the identification/agreement of the proposed list of European sites to take forward for a HRA of the replacement Monmouthshire LDP.</p>
<p>Name of Service</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation form completed</p>

Planning (Planning Policy)	19/12/2018
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1. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
	<p>Informative: <i>The Council is currently in the process of preparing a Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) for the County (excluding the area within the Brecon Beacons National Park) which will cover the period 2018-2033. The Replacement LDP will set out land use development proposals for the County up to 2033. The proposed approach, timescales and consultation arrangements for the Replacement Plan are set out in the LDP Delivery Agreement which was agreed by Council in March 2018 and by the Welsh Government on 14th May 2018. The agreed timetable will see the Replacement Plan being adopted at the very end of 2021/early 2022. Statutory requirements relating to the preparation of LDPs are, therefore, now applicable to the Replacement LDP, including in relation to the SA and SEA.</i></p> <p><i>The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) sets out the requirement for all LDP's to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider environmental, economic and social objectives of the LDP. The SA required for the Replacement LDP will need to build upon the SA/SEA prepared for the first Monmouthshire LDP (adopted 2014).</i></p> <p><i>The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 as amended ('the SEA Regulations') require the 'environmental assessment' of certain plans and programmes prepared by local authorities, including LDP's. The SEA Regulations focus specifically on the effects of the LDP on the environment.</i></p> <p><i>Welsh Government guidance on undertaking the SA of LDPs recommends that local authorities integrate the SEA into the SA. The SA therefore incorporates the requirements of the SEA and in line with the Directive will give consideration to the likely environmental effects of the plan, including those of strategic alternatives.</i></p>	




Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
	<p><i>In accordance with Welsh Government guidance, the SA (Incorporating SEA) should be an integral element of each stage of LDP production. Accordingly, all stages of the Replacement LDP will be subject to a SA and the findings will be used to inform the development of the LDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development. The first stage of the SA process for the Replacement LDP is the preparation of a SA Scoping Report which outlines the proposed approach to the Plan's SA, incorporating SEA. The next step in the SA process the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report (ISAR) will be consulted on alongside the Preferred Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal Report (SAR) containing any amendments resulting from the consultation on the ISAR will be consulted on alongside the Deposit Plan.</i></p> <p><i>The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010) require that HRA is applied to all statutory land use plans in England and Wales. The purpose of HRA is to identify/ assess whether the Replacement LDP proposals would have any significant adverse effects on designated sites defined under Regulation 10 of the Habitats Directive; which includes Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).</i></p> <p><i>An Initial HRA Screening Report has been prepared alongside the SA Scoping Report and is the first stage of the HRA being carried out in respect of the Replacement LDP. This will build upon the HRA carried out for the first Monmouthshire LDP (adopted February 2014). This initial step of the screening process involves the identification/agreement of the proposed list of European sites to take forward for a HRA of the replacement Monmouthshire LDP.</i></p>	
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider objectives of the LDP, including economic and social objectives.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SA will assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the economic and social objectives of the Replacement LDP. Economic and social implications will be considered as part of the SA process. The SA provides an enabling role in the promotion of sustainable development as an integrated part of the LDP preparation process</p>



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<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider objectives of the LDP, including environmental objectives. In addition, the HRA will identify/ assess whether the Replacement LDP proposals would have any significant adverse effects on designated sites defined under Regulation 10 of the Habitats Directive (European Sites).</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SA will assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the environmental objectives of the Replacement LDP. Environmental implications will be considered as part of the SA /HRA processes. The SA /HRA processes will ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider environmental, economic, cultural and social objectives of the LDP. The SA will consider the Replacement LDP's impact on a range of sustainability indicators including those linked to well-being.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SA will assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the environmental, economic, cultural and social objectives of the Replacement LDP. Environmental, social, economic and cultural implications will be considered as part of the SA process. Creating healthy communities forms part of delivering sustainable, resilient and cohesive communities and will be a key consideration throughout the SA process.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider environmental, economic, cultural and social objectives of the LDP. The SA will be subject to consultation with</p>	<p>Creating cohesive communities forms part of delivering sustainable, resilient communities and will be a key consideration throughout the SA process. The SA provides an enabling role in the promotion of sustainable development as an integrated part of the LDP preparation process. It also forms part of</p>

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	<p>stakeholders /community at key stages of the Replacement LDP process.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>'place-making', which is a key emphasis on the new Planning Policy Wales edition 10.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider social, environmental, cultural and economic objectives of the LDP. The SA process will consider the LDP's impact on a range of sustainability indicators. In addition, the HRA will identify/ assess whether the Replacement LDP proposals would have any significant adverse effects on designated sites defined under Regulation 10 of the Habitats Directive (European Sites).</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SA will assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the social, environmental, cultural and economic objectives of the Replacement LDP. The SA /HRA processes will ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider objectives of the LDP, including social and cultural. The Welsh language impact is a material planning consideration and will be fully considered during the SA process.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SA will assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the social and cultural objectives of the Replacement LDP. Social and cultural implications will be considered as part of the SA process.</p> <p>The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of LDPs on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts.</p>

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<p>A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>Positive: The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider social, environmental, cultural and economic objectives of the LDP. The SA process will consider the LDP's impact on a range of sustainability indicators.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>The SA will assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the social, environmental, economic and cultural objectives of the Replacement LDP. Social, environmental, economic and cultural implications will be considered as part of the SA process. Creating a more equal Wales forms part of delivering sustainable development.</p>

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The Replacement LDP will be subject to SA /HRA throughout the plan preparation process. The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider social, environmental, cultural and economic objectives of the LDP. This will ensure that full consideration is given to social, environmental, economic and cultural issues throughout the LDP preparation process and ensure that the LDP promotes sustainable development. In addition, the HRA will identify/ assess whether the Replacement LDP proposals would have any significant adverse effects on designated sites defined under Regulation 10 of the Habitats Directive (European Sites).</p>	<p>The SA /HRA will be undertaken as an iterative part LDP preparation. Accordingly, all stages of the Replacement LDP will be subject to a SA /HRA and the findings will be used to inform the development of the LDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development.</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The SA/ HRA will be subject to consultation with stakeholders /community at key stages of the Replacement LDP process.</p>	<p>The SA/HRA will be subject to consultation with a wide range of stakeholders at key stages of the Replacement LDP preparation process. This will ensure that we work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders throughout the process to deliver key objectives.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The SA/ HRA will be subject to consultation with stakeholders /community at key stages of the Replacement LDP process</p>	<p>At this initial stage of the SA/HRA process there is a requirement to consult with statutory SEA consultation bodies, namely NRW and Cadw. The results of the consultation exercise have been considered and incorporated into the documents as appropriate. Future stages of the SA/HRA will be subject to wider consultation with stakeholders /community at key stages of the Replacement LDP process.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p data-bbox="331 248 472 480">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="544 209 1328 517">The Replacement LDP will be subject to SA /HRA throughout the plan preparation process. The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider social, environmental, cultural and economic objectives of the LDP. This will ensure that full consideration is given to social, environmental, economic and cultural issues throughout the LDP preparation process and ensure that the LDP promotes sustainable development</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 209 2112 448">The SA /HRA will be undertaken as an iterative part LDP preparation. Accordingly, all stages of the Replacement LDP will be subject to a SA /HRA and the findings will be used to inform the development of the LDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development.</p>
 <p data-bbox="331 703 510 935">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="544 549 1328 1091">The Replacement LDP will be subject to SA /HRA throughout the plan preparation process. The role of the SA is to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies/proposals will help to achieve the wider social, environmental, cultural and economic objectives of the LDP. This will ensure that full consideration is given to social, environmental, economic and cultural issues throughout the LDP preparation process and ensure that the LDP promotes sustainable development. In addition, the HRA will identify/ assess whether the Replacement LDP proposals would have any significant adverse effects on designated sites defined under Regulation 10 of the Habitats Directive (European Sites), either individually or in combination with other plans, projects or programmes.</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 549 2112 815">The SA /HRA will be undertaken as an iterative part LDP preparation. Accordingly, all stages of the Replacement LDP will be subject to a SA /HRA and the findings will be used to inform the development of the LDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development.</p>

3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	The LDP and SA will need to consider measures to address the County's growing demographic imbalance, as well as considering access to amenities for older people.	None	N/A
Disability	The LDP and SA will need to consider measures to ensure suitable and affordable accommodation for people with disabilities, giving consideration to access to amenities and means of transportation as well as the desirability to remain living within a home community.	None	Many issues relating to service provision or building standards fall outside of the planning process.
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Race	None	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	The LDP and SA will need to consider policies and allocations to enable the provision of community facilities, which could include places of worship or burial grounds.	None	N/A

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Sex	One of the challenges facing the County is the imbalance between male and female salaries, although this situation is improving. The LDP and SA have a role to play in seeking to support economic growth and employment provision, which could indirectly impact on wage equality.	None	N/A
Sexual Orientation	None	None	N/A
Welsh Language	The Welsh language is a material planning consideration, although the County does not have any communities where a Welsh speaking population is affected by growth options.	None	None

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance note <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	None	None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

An extensive range of data sets have been used to prepare the SA/HRA, from a wide range of sources both internal and external to the Council. These are clearly referenced in the documents, but include:

Monmouthshire County Council publications including:

- Monmouthshire LDP Annual Monitoring Reports 2016-17, 2017-18
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/annual-monitoring/ldp-annual-monitoring-report>
- Monmouthshire LDP Review Report, March 2018
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-development-plan-review>
- Monmouthshire Public Service Board Well-being Plan, April 2018
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/our-monmouthshire>
- Monmouthshire 'Joint Housing Land Availability Study', June 2018.
<http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2018/06/Monmouthshire-JHLAS-Report-2018.pdf>

Additional data has been provided by colleagues in the Conservation, Countryside, Economic Development, Housing, Waste and Transport Services.

External sources of data include Welsh Government, Cadw, Natural Resources Wales, Office for National Statistics.

6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

This section should give the key issues arising from the evaluation which will be included in the Committee report template.

Positive – There is a statutory requirement for all LDP's to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. The SA is a positive tool to assess the extent to which the emerging planning policies will help to achieve the wider environmental, cultural, economic and social objectives of the Replacement LDP. In this way the SA provides an enabling role in the promotion of sustainable development as an integrated part of the LDP preparation process.

The SA Scoping Report is the first stage of the SA process for the Replacement LDP and includes a review of the other plans, programmes, objectives and sustainability issues relevant to the LDP, a review of baseline data and other information including social, environmental, economic and cultural information, the identification of sustainability issues and challenges for the SA and Replacement LDP to address and the development of the SA Framework including the suggested SA objectives and indicators which will be used in the future monitoring of the replacement plan.

As an iterative and on-going process all stages of the Replacement LDP will be subject to a SA with the findings of the SA used to inform the development of the LDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Replacement LDP will be promoting sustainable development. The next step in the SA process the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report (ISAR) will be consulted on alongside the Preferred Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal Report (SAR) containing any amendments resulting from the consultation on the ISAR will be consulted on alongside the Deposit Plan.

As with the SA there is a statutory requirement that HRA is applied to all statutory land use plans in England and Wales. The HRA plays a positive role in identifying/assessing whether the Replacement LDP proposals would have any significant adverse effects on designated sites defined under Regulation 10 of the Habitats Directive. The HRA is programmed to fit in with plan-making procedures, including the SA/SEA but is not incorporated into the SA or SEA, it runs alongside the processes.

The purpose of the HRA Screening Report is to identify/agree a proposed list of European sites (Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation) to take forward for a HRA of the replacement Monmouthshire LDP. Iterative HRA Screening Reports will accompany the Preferred Strategy and the Deposit Plan. These will determine whether any further stages of the HRA process need to be undertaken for the replacement LDP.

Negative – None. There are no implications, positive or negative, for corporate parenting or safeguarding.

7. Actions. As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Ensure that the SA /HRA are undertaken as an iterative and on-going part of LDP preparation. As part of the full revision of the Monmouthshire LDP prepare an ISAR/HRA and SAR/HRA.	ISAR/ HRA to be prepared alongside the Replacement LDP Preferred Strategy. SAR/HRA to be prepared alongside the Replacement LDP Deposit Plan.	Head of Planning, Housing and Place-Shaping Planning Policy Team	Report on ISAR/HRA Nov/Dec 2019. Report on SAR/HRA Sept/Oct 2020

8. Monitoring: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	The ISAR/HRA will be prepared and subject to political reporting and consultation alongside the Replacement LDP Preferred Strategy prior in Nov/Dec 2019 in line with the agreed timetable in the Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement. Any amendments resulting from the consultation on the ISAR/HRA will be consulted on alongside the Deposit Plan.
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