

Appendix 3



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Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Philip Thomas – Development Services Manager Phone no: 01633 644809 E-mail: philipthomas@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal The Local Development Plan (LDP), adopted on 27 February 2014, sets out the Council's vision and objectives for the development and use of land in Monmouthshire, together with the policies and proposals to implement them over the ten year period to 2021. Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) sets out detailed guidance on the way in which the policies of the LDP will be interpreted and implemented. The Infill Development SPG is intended to provide certainty and clarity for applicants, officers, Members and communities in the interpretation and implementation of the LDP policy framework in relation to small scale infill development proposals (i.e. fewer than 10 dwellings) within the settlements identified in Policies S1, H1, H2 and H3 of the Monmouthshire LDP. The Infill Development SPG sets out the detailed considerations that need to be taken into account when considering proposals for small scale infill development in the County's settlements. Such considerations include site context, design, privacy/amenity, access/parking, planting/trees and drainage. Once adopted, the SPG will have a key role in shaping proposals for small scale infill development.
Name of Service area Planning	Date 07/11/2019

1. **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?
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Age	None	None	N/A
Disability	None	None	N/A
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	None	None	N/A
Race	None	None	N/A
Religion or Belief	None	None	N/A
Sex	None	None	N/A
Sexual Orientation	None	None	N/A
Welsh Language	None	None	N/A
Poverty	None	None	N/A


2. 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. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!



Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	<p>Positive: The Infill Development SPG seeks to support proposals for appropriate small scale infill development for new housing where they accord with the LDP policy framework, specifically policies H1, H2 and H3. This will enable housing provision in settlements in Monmouthshire where it is often otherwise restricted such as main and minor villages, small scale infill developments will increase the local housing stock for communities and residents.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p>
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	<p>Positive: Potential for proposals to conserve and enhance existing ecological networks within Monmouthshire. Potential for proposals to protect /enhance landscape etc. in accordance with LDP policy framework.</p> <p>Negative: Infill development may be located in main and minor villages where there is limited public transport and likely reliance on the use of the private car. The car usage likely to result from small scale infill development is considered to be justified because it is likely to be minimal and the addition of new housing makes a contribution to meeting housing needs.</p>	<p>Mitigate Negative Impacts: Ensure that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any planning application and that good standards of design, landscaping etc. are achieved.</p>
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	<p>Positive: The provision of appropriate small scale infill development can assist in promoting good health, independence and well-being by opening up opportunities for housing where there are often limited sites for new residential development.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p>



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A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	<p>Positive: The provision of appropriate small scale infill development contributes to the sustainability and cohesiveness of settlements in Monmouthshire by opening up opportunities for housing in areas where it is otherwise restricted, particularly in main and minor villages, providing opportunities to support the local economy and build sustainable resilient communities.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p>
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	<p>Positive: The SPG supports the implementation of housing related policies of the LDP, which has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) to ensure that social, economic and environmental objectives are met, thereby contributing to sustainable development and global well-being.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented which will include consideration of social, economic and environmental wellbeing.</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>Positive: The SPG has a positive general impact on culture, heritage and language, there is potential for proposals for small scale infill development to conserve the character and quality of Monmouthshire's countryside and natural heritage value.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p>
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	<p>Positive: The SPG should bring positive benefits to Monmouthshire's residents by opening up opportunities for appropriate small scale infill developments where they comply with the LDP policy framework, enabling housing provision in settlements in Monmouthshire where it is often otherwise</p>	<p>Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p>

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	<p>restricted such as main and minor villages. Housing policies, as with all LDP policies, have been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal that measures their performance against sustainability objectives, including equality measures.</p> <p>Negative: None.</p>	

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

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The LDP covers the period 2011-21. The SPG supports the implementation of the LDP. By its nature, therefore, it cannot look beyond this period but the SA/SEA of the LDP would have ensured consideration of the impact on future generations.</p> <p>The LDP housing policy framework seeks to balance the short term need for housing development and viability issues with the longer term need to create balanced and sustainable communities. The provision of appropriate small scale infill development, in areas where new residential development is generally strictly controlled such as main and minor villages, increases opportunities within the local housing stock for local communities and residents.</p>	<p>Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p> <p>The LDP and its policies have been subject to SA/SEA. The replacement LDP will be subject to SA/SEA.</p> <p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance including housing policies, and year by year comparison from which emerging long term trends may be identified and reported on. This will help inform the evidence base for the Revised LDP.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>The SPG has been produced in liaison with the Council's Development Management Officers following discussions regarding planning applications for small scale infill development. It has been subject to both internal consultation and external consultation. Public consultation was targeted to specific (including Town and Community Councils), general and other consultees as identified in the LDP Community Involvement Scheme, those who were registered on the LDP database and those who had specifically requested to be notified of the production of SPG along with agents/developers who work in the Council area. The consultation was publicised via the @MCCPlanning Twitter account.</p>	<p>The SPG supports LDP housing and other detailed policies. The LDP was subject to extensive community and stakeholder engagement and consultation throughout the plan preparation process. This provided those interested parties with the opportunity to make representations on the policy framework to the Council and to an independent inspector who examined the LDP.</p> <p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and design policies, and year by year comparison from which emerging long term trends may be identified and reported on. This will inform the evidence base for the Revised LDP. The Revised LDP will be taken forward through extensive community and stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p>Involvement</p>	<p>The SPG has been produced in liaison with the Council's Development Management Officers following discussions regarding planning applications for small scale infill development. It has been subject to both internal consultation and external consultation. Public consultation was targeted to specific (including Town and Community Councils), general and other consultees as identified in the LDP Community Involvement Scheme, those who were registered on the LDP database and those who had specifically requested to be notified of the production of SPG along with agents/developers who work in the Council area. The consultation was publicised via the @MCCPlanning Twitter account.</p>	<p>The SPG supports LDP housing and other detailed policies. The LDP was subject to extensive community and stakeholder engagement and consultation throughout the plan preparation process. This provided those interested parties with the opportunity to make representations on the policy framework to the Council and to an independent inspector who examined the LDP.</p> <p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and design policies, and year by year comparison from which emerging long term trends may be identified and reported on. This will inform the evidence base for the Revised LDP. The Revised LDP will be taken forward through extensive community and stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Prevention</p>	<p>The requirement for this SPG has arisen from some Members of Planning Committee who requested guidance on small scale infill development to help shape such proposals. The Council seeks to support and adopt a positive approach to appropriate small scale infill development where it accords with the LDP policy framework, specifically H1, H2 and H3, and is accordance with the guidance set out in in the SPG.</p> <p>The SPG therefore provides certainty and clarity for applicants, officers and Members in the interpretation and implementation of the existing LDP policy framework, specifically Policies H1, H2 and H3, in relation to infill development.</p>	<p>The future adoption and implementation of this SPG will support appropriate small scale infill development where it accords with the LDP policy framework, specifically Policies H1, H2 and H3. New residential development is usually strictly controlled in main and minor villages, infill development assists in increasing the local housing stock for communities and residents in these settlements.</p>
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> <p>Integration</p>	<p>The SPG supports the implementation of the LDP which has been subject to a SA/SEA that balances the impacts on social, economic and environmental factors.</p>	<p>The AMRs will examine the impacts of the LDP over the longer term and evidence the emergence of any trends at different spatial scales. Delivering sustainable development (social, economic and environmental) is central to the LDP. Continue to monitor indicators, including housing policy indicators and targets, to inform future AMRs.</p> <p>The Revised LDP will be subject to a SA/SEA that balances the impacts on social, economic and environment factors.</p>

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Social Justice, Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
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Social Justice	None	None	N/A
Safeguarding	None	None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

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

- Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (2011-2021).

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?

Positive: The SPG seeks to support small scale infill development in Main Towns, Severnside Settlements, Rural Secondary Settlements, Main and Minor Villages, subject to compliance with the LDP policy framework, specifically policies H1, H2 and H3, providing this is not at the expense of the County's natural and built environment. This will assist in supporting the local housing stock in Monmouthshire providing positive impacts on the local economy. The positive impacts on the local economy is essential to the well-being of local communities and residents throughout Monmouthshire.

Future: Ensure that LDP housing and other relevant policies are accurately interpreted and implemented fully through use of this SPG, measuring the effectiveness of the relevant policies on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.

Negative: Potential for some negative sustainability impacts where infill development is located in main and minor villages where there is limited public transport and subsequent reliance on the private car, resulting in increased car use in these areas, albeit that this is likely to be minimal given the nature of small scale infill development. Therefore, the scope for such negative impacts is limited and will be carefully considered against the LDP policy framework.

Future: LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and design policy, and year by year comparison from which emerging long term trends may be identified and reported on. This will inform the evidence base for the Revised LDP.

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
Seek Planning Committee endorsement of the revised infill development SPG with a view to it being formally adopted as SPG in connection with the adopted Monmouthshire LDP.	Subsequent to this, adopt the revised SPG following endorsement by Planning Committee and Individual Cabinet Member.	Head of Planning

8. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1.0	Planning Committee (consultation)	05/03/2019	n/a
1.1	Individual Cabinet Member (endorsement to issue for public consultation which ran from 28 th March to 13 th May 2019)	27/03/2019	n/a
1.2	Planning Committee (consultation and review of public responses and proposed amendments)	05/11/2019	Report updated to reflect comments received at Planning Committee and outcomes of community engagement undertaken.