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Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Craig O'Connor Phone no: 01633 644849 E-mail: craigo'connor@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. The Draft Landscape Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) sets out detailed guidance on the way in which the policies of the LDP will be interpreted and implemented. The Landscape SPG has been prepared to provide further clarification as to how the resource is considered through the planning process and provides detailed advice to applicants, agents and officers on how developments can preserve and enhance landscape character.
Name of Service area Planning and Housing	Date 05/11/2019

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?
Age	The Landscape SPG should bring positive benefits to Monmouthshire's residents of all ages, particularly through providing more clear guidance when engaging with the planning system.	None	Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.

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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	Positive: Promoting effective management, preservation and enhancement of the Welsh landscapes character maximising benefits for the economy, tourism, health and well-being of people. Negative: None.	Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that guidance is accurately interpreted and implemented.
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Positive: Potential for development proposals to conserve and enhance existing ecological networks/ landscape in accordance with LDP policy framework through survey work and appropriate mitigation with development schemes. Negative: None.	Mitigate Negative Impacts: Ensure that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any planning application and that good standards of design, landscaping and enhancement of ecological habitat is achieved.
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive: The effective management of the the counties landscape character can have a significant positive impact on wellbeing and mental health. Negative: None.	Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: The wider landscape is a resource that plays an important role in contributing to Wales's cultural identity. Effective management of the resource supports and distinctive and viable communities. Negative: None.	Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.

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 globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive: The effective management of the environmental resource contributes to the social, economic and environmental well-being of Wales. Negative: None.	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.
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	Positive: The SPG has a direct positive impact on Welsh culture, heritage and language through enhancing understanding and appreciation of the social and economic history of Wales. Negative: None.	Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Positive: None. Negative: None.	Better contribute to positive impacts: Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the SPG, is accurately interpreted and implemented.

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

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 <p>Long Term</p> <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 strategic policy framework seeks to preserve and enhance the cultural and environmental heritage of Monmouthshire. The SPG seeks to balance the long term need to preserve the finite resource against the short term need to process applications effectively and efficiently.</p>	<p>Ensure that the relevant guidance, as set out in the revised 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 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 replacement LDP.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The SPG has been produced in liaison with the Council's Landscape consultants following discussions regarding planning applications and the effective management of the resource. It has been subject to further internal consultation with the wider Planning and Planning Policy teams. Public consultation will be targeted to those who were considered to have a specific interest in the topic but also including all town and community councils. The consultation will also publicised via our Twitter account @MCCPlanning, as well as the corporate Monmouthshire Twitter account.</p>	<p>The SPG supports LDP strategic aims and 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 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 replacement LDP. The Replacement 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>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 Landscape consultants following discussions regarding planning applications and the effective management of the resource. It has been subject to further internal consultation with the wider Planning and Planning Policy teams. Public consultation will be targeted to those who were considered to have a specific interest in the topic but also including all town and community councils. The consultation will also publicised via our Twitter account @MCCPlanning, as well as the corporate Monmouthshire Twitter account.</p>	<p>The SPG supports LDP strategic aims and 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 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 replacement LDP. The replacement LDP will be taken forward through extensive community and stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p>
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p> <p>Prevention</p>	<p>The SPG has been written to take account of issues relating to landscape surveys and management aiming to streamline the planning process. It is considered that the SPG will provide further clarity to all stakeholders and importantly maximise engagement with the topic at the earliest opportunity in the planning process to ensure that the resource can be effectively managed.</p>	<p>The future adoption and implementation of the SPG will provide planning guidance to help applicants, agents and officers consider the impact of development on landscape character and how development should aim to preserve and enhance Monmouthshires landscape.</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 replacement 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?
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)
- Planning Policy Wales Ed 10 (December 2018)

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 sets out clear guidance as to how the Authority will exercise its statutory duty to have due consideration of the impact of development proposals on landscape character through the development management process. It promotes early engagement with the authorities landscape officers by providing a clearer understanding of the importance of the resource and its role within the planning system. This also supports the understanding of the environment and how development can preserve and enhance the finite resource.

Future: Ensure that landscape character is considered early in the stages and use the information to help and inform future applications providing a clearer understanding of potential impact on the resource.

Negative: Potential for some applications to involve additional survey work, however this is very minimal. This could cause a time or cost implication to the application.

Future: It is hoped that the clarification of the landscape types and character areas together with clearer guidance in relation to process should support applicants survey work. Early engagement is key and it is hoped will minimise any potential delay and cost implication.

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 SPG with a view to it being formally adopted in connection with the Monmouthshire LDP.	Subsequent to this, engage in the consultation process and present the document to Planning Committee and Cabinet for their endorsement.	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	Individual Cabinet Member (endorsement to issue for public consultation)		Due 27 th November 2019
1.1	Planning Committee (consultation)	Proposed	Due 3 rd December 2019
1.2	E&D Select Committee (scrutiny)	Proposed	Due 14 th November 2019
1.4	Cabinet (post consultation - adoption)	Proposed	Due 12 th February 2020