Table 27 Tests of Soundness

Preparation Requirements:

- Has preparation of the plan complied with legal and regulatory procedural requirements? (LDP Regulations, CIS, SEA Regulations, SA, HRA etc.?)
- Is the plan in general conformity with the NDF and/or SDP? (when published or adopted respectively)

Test 1: Does the plan fit? (Is it clear that the LDP is consistent with other plans?)

Questions

- Does it have regard to national policy (PPW) and the WSP (NDF when published)?
- · Does it have regard to the Well-being Goals?
- · Does it have regard the Welsh National Marine Plan?
- · Does it have regard to the relevant Area Statement?
- . Is the plan in general conformity with the NDF (when published)?
- Is the plan in general conformity with relevant SDP (when adopted)?
- Is it consistent with regional plans, strategies and utility provider programmes?
- Is it compatible with the plans of neighbouring LPAs?
- Does it regard the Well-being Plan or the National Park Management Plan?
- Has the LPA demonstrated it has exhausted all opportunities for joint working and collaboration on both plan preparation and the evidence base?

Test 2: Is the plan appropriate? (Is the plan appropriate for the area in the light of the evidence?)

Questions

- · Is it locally specific?
- · Does it address the key issues?
- · Is it supported by robust, proportionate and credible evidence?
- · Can the rationale behind the plan's policies be demonstrated?
- Does it seek to meet assessed needs and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development?
- · Are the vision and the strategy positive and sufficiently aspirational?
- Have the 'real' alternatives been properly considered?
- · Is it logical, reasonable and balanced?
- Is it coherent and consistent?
- Is it clear and focused?

Test 3: Will the plan deliver? (Is it likely to be effective?)

Questions

- Will it be effective?
- · Can it be implemented?
- Is there support from the relevant infrastructure providers both financially and in terms of meeting relevant timescales?
- Will development be viable?
- Can the sites allocated be delivered?
- Is the plan sufficiently flexible? Are there appropriate contingency provisions?
- Is it monitored effectively?