



## Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<b>Name of the Officer</b> completing the evaluation  Martin Davies <b>Phone no:</b> 01633 644826 <b>E-mail:</b>	<b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b>  The Local Development Plan (LDP), which was 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 guidance on the way in which the policies of the LDP will be applied. The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) SPG specifically sets out guidance to support LDP Policies S3, S12, SD1, SD2 and DES1(j) in order to help manage the process of promoting energy efficiency and moving to more renewable and low carbon energy generation as a means of mitigating the detrimental effects of climate change.
<b>Name of Service</b>  Planning Policy	<b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed  11/02/2016




***NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc***



- 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	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?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution.</b> The SPG seeks to promote use of low and zero carbon energy and energy efficiency measures, thereby securing efficient use of resources. REEE also offers potential economic benefits in relation to, for example, supporting the local green economy and providing low cost energy.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p>
<p><b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution.</b> The SPG seeks to promote use of low and zero carbon energy and energy efficiency measures, thereby offering considerable benefits in relation to mitigating against the adverse impacts of climate change.</p> <p><b>Negative contribution.</b> Renewable energy technologies can sometimes have adverse impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> The SPG sets out criteria that need to be considered in assessing a development proposal and it will be ensured that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are taken into account in determining planning applications.</p>
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p><b>Positive impact.</b> The SPG seeks to promote energy efficiency measures in home, thereby assisting in good health through providing warm, secure living conditions.</p> <p><b>Negative contribution.</b> Renewable energy technologies can sometimes have adverse effects on amenity, health, noise etc.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p> <p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> The SPG sets out criteria that need to be considered in assessing a development proposal and it will be ensured that health and quality of life issues are properly considered in determining planning applications</p>
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution.</b> The SPG seeks to promote opportunities for local communities to participate in</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully</p>

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and well connected	REEE provision.	and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.
<p><b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution</b> .The SPG seeks to promote use of low and zero carbon energy and energy efficiency measures, thereby contributing to overall global sustainability targets. The SPG supports the implementation of the Monmouthshire LDP, which has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment to ensure that social, economic and environmental objectives are met, thereby contributing to sustainable development and global well-being.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p>
<p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p>	The SPG has a neutral impact on culture, heritage and language.	N/A
<p><b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution</b> .The SPG seeks to promote energy efficiency measures, thereby reducing energy costs and avoiding fuel poverty.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p>

## 2. 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>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 the next five year period but the SA/SEA of the LDP would have ensured consideration of the impact on future generations.</p> <p>The SPG seeks to promote use of low and zero carbon energy and energy efficiency measures, thereby contributing to future aspirations to mitigate climate change and avoid the use of fossil fuels.</p>	<p>Ensure that the LDP and its policies have been subject to SA/SEA.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The Draft SPG has been subject to a public consultation, targeted to those who are considered to have a specific interest in the topic but also including all town and community councils, notices in the press. Individuals and organisations currently on the LDP consultation data base have been given the opportunity to request to be notified of the SPG should they wish.</p>	<p>The SPG is intended to provide guidance for emerging renewable and low carbon energy schemes at every scale from small householder to large standalone proposals. As such it is intended to be of use to a wide range of interested parties, including householders, developers, local communities, planning officers and councillors. It will be necessary therefore to ensure that its contents are widely disseminated and that interested parties have a stake in its implementation.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>The Draft SPG has been subject to a public consultation, targeted to those who are considered to have a specific interest in the topic but also including all town and community councils, notices in the press. Individuals and organisations currently on the LDP consultation data base have been given the opportunity to request to be notified of the SPG should they wish.</p>	<p>The SPG is intended to provide guidance for emerging renewable and low carbon energy schemes at every scale from small householder to large standalone proposals. As such it is intended to be of use to a wide range of interested parties, including householders, developers, local communities, planning officers and councillors. It will be necessary therefore to ensure that its contents are widely disseminated and that interested parties have a stake in its implementation.</p>

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 <p data-bbox="136 453 277 483">Prevention</p> <p data-bbox="331 215 510 483">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="533 215 1330 359">The SPG seeks to promote use of low and zero carbon energy and energy efficiency measures, thereby contributing to future aspirations to mitigate climate change and avoid the use of fossil fuels.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 215 2121 311">Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p>
 <p data-bbox="136 756 277 786">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="331 513 510 778">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="533 513 1330 622">The SPG supports the implementation of the LDP which has been subject to a Sustainability Assessment that balances the impacts on Social, Economic and Environmental factors.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 513 2121 646">The SPG supports the implementation of the LDP which has been subject to a Sustainability Assessment that balances the impacts on Social, Economic and Environmental factors.</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. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link: <http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or [alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

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	See below	None	See below
Disability	See below	None	See below

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Gender reassignment	See below	None	See below
Marriage or civil partnership	See below	None	See below
Pregnancy or maternity	See below	None	See below
Race	See below	None	See below
Religion or Belief	See below	None	See below
Sex	See below	None	See below
Sexual Orientation	See below	None	See below
Welsh Language	See below	None	See below

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<p><b>Positive:</b> The LDP should bring positive benefits to all members of Monmouthshire’s population through policies that seek to achieve the five main aims of the Welsh Spatial Plan, namely Building Sustainable Communities, Promoting a Sustainable Economy, Valuing our Environment, Achieving Sustainable Accessibility and Respecting Our Environment. All the policies of the plan have been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal that measures their performance against sustainability objectives, including such matters as providing equitable access to jobs, services and facilities, allowing all people to meet their housing needs, protecting people from health risk and providing opportunities for healthy lifestyles, supporting all members of the community and promoting community cohesion. The adoption of SPG is a means of supporting and delivering the LDP. The SPG seeks to promote use of low and zero carbon energy and energy efficiency measures, thereby benefiting Monmouthshire residents through, e.g. reducing pollution, reducing energy costs, promoting economic development and contributing to broader environmental goals such as mitigating the effects of climate change.</p> <p><b>What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b> Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis</p>			

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 <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.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	N/A	N/A	
Corporate Parenting	N/A	N/A	

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

An extensive evidence base was established to support the LDP.  
The evidence included a number of studies that have informed the LDP energy policies. The LDP has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment at every main stage.

**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?**

The main positive impacts of the SPG relate to the environmental benefits that arise from the promotion of low and zero carbon energy technologies and energy efficiency measures.

It is recognized that individual energy projects can sometimes have adverse impacts on the local environment and residential amenity. The SPG sets out criteria that need to be considered in assessing a development proposal and it will assist in ensuring that environmental and quality of life issues are properly considered in determining planning applications

**7. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable. N/A**

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress



**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:	A regular basis in the LDP Annual Monitoring Report, which will be presented to Council and Welsh Government and be publicly available.
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**9. VERSION CONTROL:** The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible. N/A. The SPG supports the implementation of the Monmouthshire LDP, which has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment to ensure that social, economic and environmental objectives are met, thereby contributing to sustainable development. At each stage of the LDP preparation process amendments were made in accordance with the findings of the SA and SEA.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration