



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

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| <p><b>Name of Service</b></p> <p>Planning (Planning Policy)</p>   | <p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed</p> <p>03/05/2016</p>   |

**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? |
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***Informative:** All the policies of the LDP 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*

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|  | <p><i>their housing needs, protecting people from health risk and providing opportunities for healthy lifestyles, supporting all members of the community and promoting community cohesion.</i></p> <p><i>As part of the statutory development plan process the Council is required to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR monitors the effectiveness of the LDP strategy, policies and SPG. It allows the Council to assess the LDP's impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County and identifies any significant contextual changes that might influence the plan's implementation or review.</i></p> <p><i>SPG is a means of setting out more detailed thematic or site specific guidance on the way in which the policies of the LDP are to be interpreted and applied in particular circumstances or areas.</i></p> |   |
| <p><b>A prosperous Wales</b><br/>Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG Programme prioritises the preparation of SPG on Primary Shopping Frontages and Tourism. These seek to support LDP policy to sustain and enhance the County's main towns, protecting the vitality, viability and attractiveness of existing town centres, controlling development which would undermine this function and to clarify how the LDP supports different types of tourism development.</p> <p>A second priority is the preparation of a Planning Obligations SPG, however this is dependent upon progress with the Community Infrastructure Levy upon which it is intended to report to Council later in 2016.</p>   | <p><b>Better contribute to Positive Impacts:</b><br/>Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 and the Tourism Policies (T1-T3) are accurately interpreted and implemented fully, measuring the effectiveness of the policies and SPG on an annual basis in the LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).</p> <p><b>Mitigate Negative Impacts:</b><br/>The Draft Primary Shopping Frontages SPG will provide detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the two exceptions criteria included in Policy RET1, with specific regard to vacant premises. The Draft Tourism SPG will provide detailed clarification on the types of tourism development which may be appropriate in different locations.</p> |


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|  | <p><b>Negative:</b> Premises may remain vacant in the primary shopping frontages; different types of tourist accommodation may not be appropriate in all locations.</p>                            | <p>The draft Planning Obligations SPG will help to ensure that any impacts of proposed developments are offset.</p>  |
| <p><b>A resilient Wales</b><br/>Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG Programme prioritises the preparation of SPG on Landscape, with third priority given to the preparation of a Biodiversity SPG.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to Positive Impacts:</b><br/>Ensure that LDP Policies S13 &amp; LC5 and NE1 are accurately interpreted and implemented fully, particularly as they (S13 &amp; LC5) introduce a new approach to the consideration of landscape issues based upon landscape characterisation. The SPG will provide an up to date character assessment of the County and how this data should be used in the preparation and assessment of planning applications that have landscape impacts. The effectiveness of the policies and SPG will be measured on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.</p> <p><b>Mitigate Negative Impacts:</b><br/>The Draft SPGs will include guidance on appropriate mitigation measures.</p> |
| <p><b>A healthier Wales</b><br/>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>                                  | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG Programme prioritises the preparation of SPG on Primary Shopping Frontages, Landscape and the Trellech Conservation Area Appraisal. These</p>                    | <p><b>Better contribute to Positive Impacts:</b><br/>Ensure that LDP Policies RET1, S13 &amp; LC5 and HE1 are accurately interpreted and implemented, measuring the effectiveness of</p>   |


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|   | <p>SPGs will contribute to both vibrant, vital and attractive town centres as well as the wider built and natural landscape. This will contribute and have a positive influence on health and well-being (attractive environments, encouraging/ creating opportunities for social interaction).</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>  | <p>the policies and SPG on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.</p>   |
| <p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b><br/>Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG Programme prioritises the preparation of SPG on Primary Shopping Frontages and Tourism. These seek to support LDP policy to sustain and enhance the county's main towns, protecting the vitality, viability and attractiveness of existing town centres, controlling development which would undermine this function and to clarify how the LDP supports different types of tourism development.</p> <p>Priority is also given to the updating and formal adoption under the LDP of SPG on Parking Standards and Domestic Garages to help to ensure the connectivity and safety of communities, supporting LDP Policy MV1.</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to Positive Impacts:</b><br/>Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 and the Tourism Policies (T1-T3) are accurately interpreted and implemented fully, measuring the effectiveness of the policies and SPG on an annual basis in the LDP AMR. The adoption of SPG to supplement LDP Policy MV1 should benefit the planning application process.</p> <p><b>Mitigate Negative Impacts:</b><br/>The Draft Primary Shopping Frontages SPG will provide detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the two exceptions criteria included in Policy RET1, with specific regard to vacant premises. The Draft Tourism SPG will provide detailed clarification on the types of tourism development which may be appropriate in different locations.</p> |

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|   | <p><b>Negative:</b> Premises may remain vacant in the primary shopping frontages.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>A globally responsible Wales</b><br/>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>                                | <p><b>Positive:</b></p> <p>The Draft SPG Programme supports the implementation of the relevant LDP policies which have 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><b>Negative:</b> None.</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b><br/>The SA/SEA monitoring frameworks provide a baseline position. Future AMRs will examine LDP impacts over a longer period and evidence the emergence of any trends at different spatial scales.</p> <p>Continue to monitor LDP indicators and targets to inform the 2016 AMR. The results of this AMR will inform the 2017 SPG Programme.</p> <p>Ensure that any LDP revision is subject to appropriate SA/SEA testing.</p> |
| <p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b><br/>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b></p> <p>The first priority SPGs on Primary Shopping Frontages, Trellech Conservation Area Appraisal and Tourism have a positive general impact on culture, heritage and language, making an important contribution to the sustainability and cohesiveness of town centres and the local economy by helping to</p>   | <p>N/A</p>   |


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|   | <p>facilitate local shopping provision and local employment opportunities.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>A more equal Wales</b><br/>People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b></p> <p>The Draft Primary Shopping Frontages and tourism SPGs should bring positive benefits to Monmouthshire's residents, particularly through maintaining and increasing the availability of retail uses in the primary shopping frontages in the main towns and local tourism employment opportunities. The draft SPGs will make an important contribution to the sustainability of the County by facilitating local shopping provision and local employment opportunities.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to Positive Impacts:</b><br/>Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 and the Tourism Policies (T1-T3) are accurately interpreted and implemented fully, measuring the effectiveness of the policies and SPG on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.</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?  |
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|  <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> | <p><i>We are required to look beyond the usual short term timescales for financial planning and political cycles and instead plan with the longer term in mind (i.e. 20+ years)</i></p> <p>The LDP covers the period 2011-21. The Draft SPG Programme 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 detailed consideration of impacts on future generations.</p> | <p>Ensure that the LDP and its policies have been subject to SA/SEA.</p> <p>The annual SPG Programme review provides the opportunity to review priorities in light of findings from the AMR, changing corporate and Service priorities and resource availability.</p> <p>LDP AMRs will consider the impact of adopted SPG on decision making providing 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 LDP review and the annual SPG Programme review.</p> |

| Sustainable Development Principle   | How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?   | What has been done to better to meet this principle?   |
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|  <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> | <p>The LDP was prepared through extensive engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>All Draft SPG are 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, with notices in the press. Individuals and organisations currently on the LDP consultation data base are given the opportunity to request to be notified of the SPG should they wish. Copies of SPG are available on the MCC website and publicised via the Twitter account @MCCPlanning.</p> | <p>All SPG preparation and any review of the LDP will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p> |



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|  <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> | <p><i>Who are the stakeholders who will be affected by your proposal? Have they been involved?</i></p> <p>The LDP was prepared through extensive engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>All Draft SPG are 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, with notices in the press. Individuals and organisations currently on the LDP consultation data base are given the opportunity to request to be notified of the SPG should they wish. Copies of SPG are available on the MCC website and publicised via the Twitter account @MCCPlanning.</p> <p>A statement of the consultation undertaken, the representations received and the authority's response to those representations are made available to the Planning Committee, Individual Cabinet Member, Cabinet and Council (as appropriate) to inform their considerations along with the revised Draft SPG, in line with national planning policy guidance (Planning Policy Wales, edn 8 January 2016).</p> <p>The draft SPG Programme was prepared in liaison with Development Management and Highways officers and was the subject of consultation by Planning Committee (03 May 2016).</p> | <p>LDP AMRs will consider the impact of adopted SPG on decision making providing 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 LDP review and the annual SPG Programme review.</p> <p>All SPG preparation and any review of the LDP will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p> <p>The Council's established process for SPG preparation will be followed to accord with national planning guidance. In addition, all consultation draft SPG documents will be the subject of initial consultation with Elected Members prior to formal political reporting.</p> |

| Sustainable Development Principle  | How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?  | What has been done to better to meet this principle?  |
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|  <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>                   | <p>The annual SPG Programme review provides the opportunity to review priorities in light of findings from the AMR, changing corporate and Service priorities and resource availability.</p>   | <p>LDP AMRs will consider the impact of adopted SPG on decision making providing 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 LDP review and the annual SPG Programme review.</p>               |
|  <p>Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p> | <p><i>There is space to describe impacts on people, economy and environment under the Wellbeing Goals above, so instead focus here on how you will better integrate them and balance any competing impacts</i></p> <p>The Draft SPG Programme 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.</p> <p>Continue to monitor indicators to inform future AMRs and annual SPG programme reviews.</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? |
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| <p>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 LDP policies 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.</p> <p>The preparation and adoption of SPG is a means of supporting and delivering the LDP.</p> |   |   |   |
| Age  | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Disability   | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Gender reassignment  | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Marriage or civil partnership  | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Race   | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Religion or Belief   | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Sex  | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Sexual Orientation   | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |
| Welsh Language   | See above commentary.   |   | N/A   |

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? |
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| Safeguarding        | None  | None  | N/A  |
| Corporate Parenting | None  | None  | N/A  |

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

- Consultation on the draft SPG Programme with Planning Committee, Development Management and Highways Officers.
- An extensive evidence base was established to support the LDP. This can be viewed at: [http://www.planningpolicy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/?page\\_id=5373](http://www.planningpolicy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/?page_id=5373)
- The LDP has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment at every main stage of preparation.
- All SPG will be subject to a public consultation prior to adoption, targeted to those who are considered to have a specific interest in the topic. Consultation will also include all town and community councils, notices in the press, with copies available on the Council's website and publicised via the MCC planning Twitter account. Individuals and organisations currently on the LDP consultation data base will be given the opportunity to request to be notified on some or all SPGs should they wish.
- The LDP AMR considers the impact of adopted SPG on decision making providing 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 LDP review and the annual SPG Programme review.

**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 –**

The Draft SPG Programme establishes priorities between different policy areas to reflect available resources. Annual review of the Programme ensures it remains responsive to both corporate and Planning Service priorities and provides a framework for monitoring.

The SPG seek to ensure that the relevant LDP policies are accurately interpreted and implemented fully. The LDP policies have 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.

Priority is given to the preparation of SPG on Primary Shopping Frontages, Tourism, the Trellech Conservation Area Appraisal and Landscape. Further priority is given to the updating and formal adoption under the LDP of SPG on Domestic Garages and Parking Standards.

All SPG preparation will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.

**Negative –**

Premises may remain vacant in the primary shopping frontages. However, the Draft SPG provides detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the two exceptions criteria included in Policy RET1, with specific regard to vacant premises.

**Future –**

LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan policy and SPG 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 LDP review and annual SPG Programme Review.

**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 |
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| N/A                      |                              |                    |          |
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**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.**

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| <p><b>The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:</b></p> | <p>The SPG Programme of preparation will be subject to annual monitoring and review, reported to Planning Committee for consultation and to Cabinet Member for formal endorsement.</p> <p>The impacts of adopted SPG on decision making will be evaluated on an annual basis in the required statutory LDP Annual Monitoring Report. This will be reported for political decision prior to submitting to the Welsh Government by 31 October 2016 and will be publicly available on the MCC website.</p> |
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