

## APPENDIX 3



## 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 form completed</b></p> <p>20/11/2017</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?
	<p><b>Informative:</b> <i>The LDP was adopted by the Council in February 2014 and 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.</i></p> <p><i>To ensure that LDPs are kept up-to-date, local planning authorities are required to commence a full review of their plans at least once every four years following plan adoption, or sooner if the findings of the Annual Monitoring Reports (AMR) indicate significant concerns with a plan’s implementation. The latest Monmouthshire AMRs evidence the need for an early review of the LDP as a result of the need to address the shortfall in the housing land supply and to facilitate the identification and allocation of additional housing land.</i></p> <p><i>The LDP Regulations allow for a ‘selective review’ of part (or parts) of an LDP. Such a provision would allow for a partial review of the LDP to cover issues associated with the housing land supply and site selection, in accordance with the recommendation of the AMRs. The Council, however, is required to commence a full review of the LDP every four years. This would mean that a full review to meet statutory requirements would have to commence in February 2018. It is considered, therefore, more appropriate to undertake a full review of the Plan to consider all aspects of the LDP in order to fully assess the nature and scale of revisions that might be required. This will also assist in meeting the 2021 deadline for having an adopted revised LDP in place to avoid the local policy vacuum that the new Regulations threaten to create. As it currently stands, the adopted LDP will cease to exist at the end of the plan period (i.e. 31 December 2021). Accordingly, a revised LDP will need to be adopted by 1 January 2022 to ensure that Monmouthshire has an up-to-date planning policy framework in place.</i></p> <p><i>Consequently, a full review of the LDP commenced in 2017 and has culminated with the publication of this Draft Review Report. This report provides an overview of the issues that have been considered as part of the full review process and subsequently identifies the changes that are likely to be needed to the LDP, based on evidence. It also sets out the options for the type of revision procedure to be followed in</i></p>	




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?
	<p><i>revising the LDP i.e. full or short form revision. The LDP review has been informed by the findings of preceding AMRs, significant contextual changes and updates to the evidence base.</i></p>	
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p><i>The LDP strategy seeks to increase employment opportunities within Monmouthshire; the policy framework protects existing employment sites and allocates additional land for employment use.</i></p> <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including employment policies. It also considers how the LDP objectives are being delivered, many of those objectives being directly related to creating a prosperous Wales.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>The Draft Review Report recommends continuation of the monitoring of employment land supply and take up throughout the County through the annual Employment Land Survey undertaken by the Planning Policy Service. A common methodology has been produced for monitoring employment land and property provision on a regional basis. This methodology will be utilised in LDP revision to provide a comprehensive evidence base. The revision of the Plan will provide the opportunity to ensure that the issues, objectives, policies and proposals relating to economic considerations are up-to-date and relevant.</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><i>The LDP strategy seeks to maintain and enhance biodiversity within Monmouthshire; the policy framework protects existing sites and promotes green infrastructure.</i></p> <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including policies that address biodiversity impacts. It also considers how the LDP objectives are being delivered, a number of which being directly related to creating a resilient Wales.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>The Draft Review Report sets out significant contextual changes that have occurred since LDP adoption including details in relation to the Environment (Wales) Act and Natural Resources Policy. Plan revision will provide the opportunity to incorporate this updated legislation into the LDP policy framework. It will also provide the opportunity to ensure that the issues, objectives, policies and proposals relating to biodiversity are up-to-date and relevant.</p>

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?
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including policies that address green infrastructure and place-making and a range of sustainability indicators including air and water quality. It also considers how the LDP objectives are being delivered, a number of which being directly related to well-being.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>The Draft Review Report sets out significant contextual changes that have occurred since LDP adoption including details in relation to the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Plan revision will provide the opportunity to incorporate this updated legislation into the LDP policy framework. Creating healthy communities forms part of delivering sustainable development. It will also provide the opportunity to ensure that the issues, objectives, policies and proposals relating to well-being are up-to-date and relevant.</p>
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including the spatial strategy and policies relating to housing provision (market and affordable), employment, and tourism.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>Plan revision will provide the opportunity to reassess the spatial strategy and key housing and employment policies to ensure that they are up-to-date and relevant. This will also ensure that well-being goals are met to satisfy the needs of future generations. Creating healthy communities forms part of delivering sustainable, resilient and cohesive communities.</p>
<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:</b> The Draft Review Report has considered the impact of the LDP on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County. The SA framework, including objectives, have been continually monitored since LDP adoption which has assessed the extent to which the LDP is contributing to achieving sustainable development.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>The draft Review Report identifies the need to revise the SA of the Plan. LDP Revision provides an opportunity to review these SA objectives to ensure they remain up to date and relevant. The environmental baseline, plans policies and programmes will also be updated.</p>

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?
<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>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including objectives and policies relating to heritage and recreation/community facilities. The Draft Review Report refers to updated national planning policy guidance in respect of both heritage and the Welsh language and how these must be considered in LDP revision.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>Plan revision will provide the opportunity to incorporate the latest guidance into the LDP policy framework. The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of LDPs on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts. It will also provide the opportunity to ensure that the issues, objectives, policies and proposals relating to culture, heritage and Welsh language are up-to-date and relevant.</p>
<p><b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole and considers the LDP's impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>An early review of the LDP is required to address the shortfall in the housing land supply and to facilitate the identification and allocation of additional housing land. This shortfall affects the ability of our communities to secure appropriate and affordable accommodation. Creating a more equal Wales forms part of delivering sustainable development.</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?
 <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 Draft Review Report considers short/medium term impacts since Plan adoption and sets out the options for revising the Plan up to 2036. Plan revision will enable reconsideration of the issues facing Monmouthshire over the longer term. Sustainable development is central to the adopted LDP and will continue to be in future plans.</p>	<p>The Draft Review Report sets out the option for revising the LDP over an extended plan period. The SA framework, including objectives, have been continually monitored since LDP adoption, LDP Revision provides an opportunity to review both the Plan and SA objectives to ensure they remain up to date and relevant</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The Draft Review Report reviews LDP implementation and delivery. The LDP was prepared through extensive engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. The Draft Review Report considers opportunities for joint working with neighbouring authorities. The views of stakeholders will be sought on the matters set out in the Draft Review Report. The responses received from the consultation process will inform the final Review Report which will initiate the LDP revision process.</p>	<p>The Draft Review Report considers opportunities for collaborative working and notes where joint working has been undertaken to date. The Draft Review Report and subsequent revision of the LDP will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p data-bbox="338 320 517 501">Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p data-bbox="546 213 1317 272"><i>Who are the stakeholders who will be affected by your proposal? Have they been involved?</i></p> <p data-bbox="546 312 1317 612">A number of Internal Officer Working Groups have been held to consider how LDP policies are working in practice. Discussions have also taken place externally with housing developers and the Rural Housing Enabler. The LDP was prepared through extensive engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. Stakeholders will be invited to comment on the Draft Review Report as part of the consultation process.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 213 2114 480">The Draft Review Report will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously. The Council is actively seeking stakeholder views on the matters set out in the Draft Review Report. The Draft Review Report will be subject to a consultation period and the responses received from the consultation will be evaluated and used to inform the final Review Report.</p>
 <p data-bbox="338 692 517 916">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="546 654 1330 954">The findings of the latest AMRs, which identified concerns with some of the Plan's housing provision policies, triggered the need for an early full review of the LDP. The AMRs identified the need to address the housing land shortfall through the identification/allocation of additional housing sites. The Draft Review Report reviews LDP implementation and delivery as a whole and determines whether the Plan's policies are functioning effectively.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 654 2114 815">The Draft Review Report sets out the options for revising the LDP. Plan revision will enable concerns identified in relation to housing provision to be addressed, including the identification of additional sites to address the housing land supply shortfall.</p>
 <p data-bbox="338 1075 517 1299">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="546 992 1317 1123"><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 data-bbox="546 1163 1330 1386">The Draft Review Report reviews the implementation of the Plan as a whole, including policies and objectives relating to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County. LDP Revision will also provide the opportunity to ensure that the issues, objectives, policies and proposals are up-to-date and relevant.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 992 2114 1099">The Draft Review Report emphasises revision of the LDP will be subject to a SA/SEA 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.

<b>Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Age	The Draft Review Report reviews existing LDP policies including those relating to amenity, health, access to community facilities and open space. These matters affect all of our communities but could disproportionately affect children and elderly people who may have limited ability to travel greater distances.	None	The Draft Review Report identifies any issues that need to be considered in the revision of the LDP, including areas of amenity importance/open space.
Disability	The Draft Review Report reviews existing LDP policies including those relating to amenity, health, access to community facilities and open space. These matters affect all of our communities but could disproportionately affect people with disabilities who may have limited ability to travel greater distances.	None	The Draft Review Report identifies any issues that need to be considered in the revision of the LDP, including areas of amenity importance/open space
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	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



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?
Welsh Language	None	None	<p>The Draft Review Report identifies any issues that need to be considered in the revision of the LDP and subsequently identifies the changes that are likely to be needed, and why, based on evidence. The Planning (Wales) Act 2015 provides a statutory basis to the established practice of giving consideration to the impacts of LDPs on the use of the Welsh language and that sustainability appraisals include specific consideration of such impacts.</p> <p>The Draft Review Report refers to updated national planning policy guidance in respect of the Welsh language and how this must be considered in LDP revision.</p> <p>The Final Review Report will be published in Welsh and English.</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 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>

	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting</b>	<b>What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Safeguarding	None	None	N/A
Corporate Parenting	None	None	N/A

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

The LDP review has been informed by the findings of the preceding Annual Monitoring Reports (2015, 2016 and 2017), significant contextual changes (legislative, national, regional and local) and updates to the LDP evidence base.

Officer Working Groups have been held with colleagues in the Development Management, Heritage, Countryside, Economic Development and Housing Services. Discussions with developers and the Rural Housing Enabler have also been undertaken in relation to Housing and Affordable Housing provision.

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 Review Report is a positive tool for identifying the likely changes needed to the LDP (based on evidence) and for setting out the options for revising the LDP i.e. short form or full revision. A key outcome of the final Review Report is to make a recommendation on the type of revision process to be followed, based on the evidence contained in the report. This can either be a short form or full revision. The draft Review Report forms a discussion document to seek the views on stakeholders on the best way to proceed.

**Negative** – None. There are no implications, positive or negative, for corporate parenting or safeguarding.

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

<b>What are you going to do</b>	<b>When are you going to do it?</b>	<b>Who is responsible</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Seek Cabinet endorsement of the Draft Review Report with a view to issuing for consultation purposes.	Consultation will commence 11 December until 5 February.	Head of Planning, Housing and Place-Shaping Planning Policy Team	Political endorsement of the Final Review Report in Spring 2018 following consultation. Prepare revised Delivery Agreement in Spring 2018.

**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.**

<b>The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:</b>	The Draft Review Report will be reconsidered following the close of the consultation period, the responses received will be evaluated and used to inform the final Review Report. The final Review Report will subsequently initiate the LDP Revision process.
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