

## Appendix 1



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## Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

<p><b>Name of the Officer completing the evaluation</b> Mark Hand</p> <p><b>Phone no:</b> 01633 644803 <b>E-mail:</b> markhand@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p><b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b></p> <p>To provide an overview of the Regional Technical Statement (Second Revision- RTS2) which has been prepared to meet the requirements of Planning Policy Wales 10 in relation to maintaining a supply of mineral resources at the national, sub-regional and local level.</p> <p>It sets out Monmouthshire's apportioned mineral requirement at a local planning authority level and the requirement to work collaboratively at a sub-regional level to satisfy the sub-regional minerals requirement through the preparation of a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration for the Former Gwent Sub-Region, which Monmouthshire forms part of. The report recommends that the Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Land Use Planning partially endorse the Regional Technical Statement (2nd Review) in relation to the individual apportionment for aggregates for the Monmouthshire area only and not agree to the principle of meeting the wider sub-regional apportionment requirement at this time due to the lack of information regarding the implications for the RLDP. It is also recommended that the Cabinet Member agrees to progress with the preparation of a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration (SSRC) to explore options of how the sub-regional apportionment can be met to enable the RLDP to progress through the plan process.</p>
<p><b>Name of Service area</b></p> <p>Planning (Planning Policy)</p>	<p><b>Date</b></p> <p>17/12/2020</p>

**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.

<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 Regional Technical Statement (Second Revision) aims to ensure that there is sufficient mineral reserves to meet demand requirements for infrastructure and construction projects, whilst balancing such needs against sustainability principles such as environmental capacity and the proximity principle to reduce transportation. This should bring positive benefits to Monmouthshire's residents of all ages ensuring sufficient mineral resources are safeguarded for future generations.	None	The Regional Technical Statement was subject to consultation in order to put forward an approach that seeks to address the interests of all sectors and interested parties in the future planning of mineral resources. The Council will seek to progress a balanced approach to mineral safeguarding and allocations along with environmental considerations of the County. This will be done through working collaboratively with other authorities in south east Wales and through the preparation of the RLDP.

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Disability	Through identifying the apportionment requirements and safeguarding of mineral reserves the Regional Technical Statement Second Revision (RTS2) seeks to ensure that sufficient mineral reserves are available to facilitate development in the County and region. Appropriate mineral reserves are required to ensure the provision of a wide-ranging choice of homes including meeting affordable and accessible housing needs and projects to enhance the economy, as far as possible. The RTS2 requirements will feed into the preparation of the RLDP which seeks to facilitate such schemes and recognises the importance of the health and well-being of people and aims to create attractive, safe and accessible places to live, work and visit.	None	The Council will continue to work cooperatively within the region to ensure sufficient mineral reserves are safeguarded to meet the needs of future generations through the preparation of the RDLP.
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

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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?
<b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	<p><b>Positive:</b> Promoting effective management of mineral resources enhances opportunities to create a prosperous Wales through ensuring the necessary building materials are available to facilitate employment growth, infrastructure projects and the provision of homes.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> The working of minerals reserves will have to be balanced against the protection of environmental designations and considerations.</p>	The Council will seek to work collaboratively with other authorities in the former Gwent sub-region to ensure sufficient mineral reserves are available to meet the needs of the sub-region. The identification of minerals allocations and safeguarded areas will need to be made through the RLDP, which will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment. This seeks to ensure a balanced assessment of environmental, economic and social considerations is undertaken.
<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and	<p><b>Positive:</b> The RTS2 includes an assessment of environmental capacity to absorb mineral working. It recognises that Monmouthshire in certain areas is</p>	Planning Policy Wales 10 seeks the protection and enhancement of the countryside, landscape and environmental assets. Draft RLDP Objectives

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can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	<p>classified as being of low environmental capacity to absorb mineral workings. It does also recognise, however, that mineral workings are limited to where the reserves are found.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> The requirements to safeguard/allocate mineral reserves may result in some negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems. National planning policy guidance and the RLDP and associated Integrated Sustainability Assessment will, however, include policies to mitigate against any negative impacts and take a balanced approach to mineral reserves.</p>	<p>relating to Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Landscape, Flood risk, Minerals and Waste, Land and Natural Resources have been set in order to address the identified issues relating to creating a resilient Wales. The findings of the RTS2 will feed into the preparation of the RLDP, which will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment.</p> <p>The RLDP will include a policy framework that seeks to ensure that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any mineral related 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:</b> The effective management of mineral reserves can have a significant positive impact on wellbeing and mental health through ensuring the infrastructure requirements of the County are provided for, whilst being balanced against its environmental qualities.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> The requirements to safeguard/allocate mineral reserves may result in some negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems. National planning policy guidance and the RLDP and associated Integrated Sustainability Assessment will, however, include policies to mitigate against any negative impacts and take a balanced approach to mineral reserves.</p>	<p>The draft Vision includes reference to people enjoying healthier, more sustainable lifestyles. A draft Objective relating to human health has been identified in order to address the identified issues relating to creating a healthier Wales.</p>



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<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> Ensuring a sustainable supply of aggregates to facilitate the infrastructure requirements of the County and Wales will play an important role in ensuring communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>Ensure that the relevant national planning policy guidance, as set out in the PPW10, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</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 effective management of mineral reserves can have a significant positive impact on a globally responsible Wales and ensuring reserves are available for future generations and any workings are balanced against social, economic and environmental considerations</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> The requirements to safeguard/allocate mineral reserves may result in some negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems. National planning policy guidance and the RLDP and associated Integrated Sustainability Assessment will, however, include policies to mitigate against any negative impacts and take a balanced approach to mineral reserves.</p>	<p>Ensure that the relevant national planning policy guidance, as set out in PPW10, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p> <p>The identification of minerals allocations and safeguarded areas will need to be made through the RLDP, which will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment. This seeks to ensure a balanced assessment of environmental, economic and social considerations is undertaken.</p> <p>The RLDP will include a policy framework that seeks to ensure that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any mineral related planning applications.</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>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The RTS2 document seeks to safeguard mineral reserves and promote a system whereby worked minerals are utilised as close to the source as possible. This will have a positive impact on Welsh culture, heritage and language through the use of local aggregates connected to the local culture.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>Ensure that the relevant national planning policy guidance, as set out in PPW10, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p> <p>The identification of minerals allocations and safeguarded areas will need to be made through the RLDP, which will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment. This seeks to ensure a</p>

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		<p>balanced assessment of environmental, economic and social considerations is undertaken.</p> <p>The RLDP will include a policy framework that seeks to ensure that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any mineral related planning applications.</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> Safeguarding mineral reserves and promoting a system that seeks to undertake mineral workings in a sustainable manner will ensure mineral resources are available to meet the needs of the current and future generations.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p>Ensure that the relevant national planning policy guidance, as set out in PPW10, is accurately interpreted and implemented.</p> <p>The identification of minerals allocations and safeguarded areas will need to be made through the RLDP, which will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment. This seeks to ensure a balanced assessment of environmental, economic and social considerations is undertaken.</p> <p>The RLDP will include a policy framework that seeks to ensure that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any mineral related planning applications.</p>

### 3. 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>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> <p><b>Long Term</b></p>	<p>The RTS2 seeks to safeguard mineral reserves for the long term, while ensuring short term construction needs are met through the apportionment of mineral requirements to be met through the preparation of the RLDP.</p>	<p>The RTS2 will inform the preparation RLDP which will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment. This seeks to ensure a balanced assessment of environmental, economic and social considerations is undertaken.</p>
 <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> <p><b>Collaboration</b></p>	<p>The RTS2 has been prepared by the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party in partnership with representatives of Welsh Government, the minerals industry, local authorities and other statutory consultees such as Natural Resources Wales. A draft version was also subject to consultation over October/November 2019 to allow interested parties an opportunities to feed into the process.</p>	<p>The RTS2 will inform the preparation of a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration and the RLDP. These will allow further opportunities to for interested parties to contribute to the process.</p>
 <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> <p><b>Involvement</b></p>	<p>The RTS2 has been prepared by the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party in partnership with representatives of Welsh Government, the minerals industry, local authorities and other statutory consultees such as Natural Resources Wales. A draft version was also subject to consultation over October/November 2019 to allow interested parties an opportunities to feed into the process.</p>	<p>The RTS2 will inform the preparation of a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration and the RLDP. These will allow further opportunities to for interested parties to contribute to the process.</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 data-bbox="152 592 293 619">Prevention</p> <p data-bbox="344 352 506 651">Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p data-bbox="544 256 1328 751">The RTS2 has been prepared in accordance with PPW10 which requires Local Planning Authorities to ensure a sufficient supply of mineral reserves is available through the development plan process. The process aims to ensure certainty is provided to the mineral industry and local communities on where mineral working may take place and to ensure sufficient reserves are available to meet estimated needs. The process incorporates the preparation of a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration which will provide further clarity to all stakeholders and maximise ongoing engagement on mineral matters at the earliest opportunity in the planning process to ensure that the resource can be effectively managed.</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 256 2103 384">The RTS2 and subsequent Statement of Sub-Regional Statement will inform the RLDP which will be subject to a program of statutory consultation throughout the plan preparation process.</p>
 <p data-bbox="152 1118 293 1145">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="344 873 517 1134">Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p data-bbox="544 791 1328 1222">The RTS2 informs the preparation of the RLDP which will be subject to a number of assessments to consider potential impacts on well-being goals. These LDP will include an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Well-being of Future Generations (WBFG), Health Impact Assessment (HIA), Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), and Welsh Language Impact Assessment (WLIA)), whose findings will be used to inform the development of the RLDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Plan will be promoting sustainable development.</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 791 2103 1158">The RTS2 will inform the RLDP which will be subject to statutory consultation throughout the preparation process. The RLDP will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Well-being of Future Generations (WBFG), Health Impact Assessment (HIA), Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), and Welsh Language Impact Assessment (WLIA)), whose findings will be used to inform the development of the RLDP strategy, policies and site allocations in order to ensure that the Plan will be promoting sustainable development.</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?**

	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has</b>	<b>What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
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?**

Background papers relevant to the consideration of this report include:

- The Regional Technical Statement Main Report and South Wales Appendix B - <http://www.swrawp-wales.org.uk/Html/publications.html>
- Planning Policy Wales 10 – December 2018 - <https://gov.wales/planning-policy-wales>
- Minerals Technical Advice Note – March 2004 - <https://gov.wales/minerals-technical-advice-note-mtan-wales-1-aggregates>

**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 Regional Technical Statement (Second Revision) aims to ensure that there is sufficient mineral reserves to meet demand requirements for infrastructure and construction projects on a national, sub-regional and local level, whilst balancing such needs against sustainability principles such as environmental capacity and the proximity principle to reduce transportation. The recommendation to partially endorse the local authority apportionment only provides certainty in relation to the implications of the document on the County and the preparation of the RLDP until such time that further clarity is known in relation to meeting the the sub-regional apportionment. It promotes a system of collaboration through the introduction of Statements of Sub-Regional Collaboration to establish how sub-regional apportionments will be met. Both the RTS2 and Statements of Collaboration will inform the preparation of the RLDP, which will continue to refine, as appropriate, mineral safeguarding and allocation requirements. The RLDP will also be subject to ongoing consultation

and be subject to a series of assessments including an Integrated Sustainability Assessment to balance the social, economic and environment needs of the County.

**Negative** – There is potential for some negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems through the potential identification of areas suitable for mineral working. National planning policy guidance, however, includes policies to mitigate against any negative impacts and take a balanced approach to mineral reserves. The RLDP will also include a policy framework that seeks to ensure that biodiversity, ecology and landscape interests are appropriately considered in assessing any mineral related planning applications. The RLDP will be subject to an Integrated Sustainability Assessment. This seeks to ensure a balanced assessment of environmental, economic and social considerations is undertaken.

**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 Cabinet’s endorsement of the RTS2 and agree the progression of a Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration for the Former Gwent Sub-Region to inform the preparation of the RLDP	January 2021	Head of Placemaking, Housing, Highways and Flood Planning Policy Team

**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

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