



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

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<p><b>Name of Service</b> Planning Policy</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed 15/11/15</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>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution:</b> Promoting affordable housing assists in achieving overall prosperity of communities and their residents.</p> <p><b>Negative contribution:</b> None. The development industry could be adversely affected if affordable housing requirements were excessive but the affordable housing policy has been established</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 affordable housing requirements are subject to appropriate viability testing as set out in LDP Policy S4. Care</p>

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	following extensive viability testing to ensure that the viability of development is not adversely affected.	will be taken therefore to ensure that the viability of development is not adversely affected.
<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>Negative contribution:</b> (a) There will be some general environmental impact from housing development through loss of green fields, encroachment on the countryside etc.</p> <p>(b) A limited number of allocated housing sites are located in rural areas where there is limited public transport and likely to be reliant on the use of the private car.</p>	<p><b>Mitigate any negative impacts:</b> (a) It will be ensured that biodiversity, landscape interests etc. are appropriately considered in assessing any planning application and that good standards of design, landscaping etc. are achieved.</p> <p>(b) The LDP policies themselves limit the potential negative impacts by including strict limits on the number of houses allowable in rural villages. This avoids excessive unsustainable travel patterns. The car usage likely to result from the rural allocations policy is considered to be justified because the primary aim of this policy is to provide affordable housing to enable local people in rural areas to remain in their communities.</p>
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution:</b> Providing appropriate housing can assist in promoting good health, independence and well-being and in bringing forward additional units of housing to meet the specific housing needs of vulnerable groups.</p> <p><b>Negative contribution:</b> None</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 cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p><b>Positive contribution:</b> Affordable housing makes an important contribution to the sustainability and cohesiveness of our towns and villages by</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</p>

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	<p>providing homes that local people on low incomes can afford to live in.</p> <p><b>Negative contribution:</b> None</p>	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>The SPG supports the implementation of the Affordable Housing policies of the 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>Ensure that any LDP revision is subject to appropriate Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment testing.</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>The SPG has a neutral impact on culture, heritage and language, although in general terms affordable housing makes an important contribution to the sustainability and cohesiveness of our towns and villages by providing homes that local people on low incomes can afford to live in.</p>	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 Affordable Housing SPG should bring positive benefits to Monmouthshire's residents, particularly through increasing the supply of affordable housing in the County. Affordable housing makes an important contribution to the sustainability of our towns and villages by providing homes that local people on low incomes can afford to live in. It also a means of providing low cost homes for first time buyers. A commuted sum also has the potential to bring</p>	<p>Ensure that the policies set out in the SPG are implemented fully and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis</p>

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	<p>forward additional units of housing to meet the specific housing needs of vulnerable groups. Affordable Housing policies and residential site allocation policies, as with all LDP policies, have been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal that measures their performance against sustainability objectives.</p> <p><b>Negative contribution:</b> None</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>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 requirement for affordable housing seeks to balance the short term need for housing development and viability issues with the longer term need to create balanced and sustainable communities with an appropriate proportion of affordable housing.</p>	<p>Ensure that the LDP and its policies have been subject to SA/SEA.</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>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 sets out broad policies that implement LDP policies and do not have specific local impacts in themselves. The housing allocations set out in the LDP, however, were subject to extensive community consultation including notifications to town and community councils and to residents living near the site, who then had the opportunity to make representations to the Council and also to an independent inspector who examined the LDP.</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 sets out broad policies that implement LDP policies and do not have a specific local impacts in themselves. The housing allocations set out in the LDP, however, were subject to extensive community consultation including notifications to town and community councils and to residents living near the site, who then had the opportunity to make representations to the Council and also to an independent inspector who examined the LDP.</p> <p>The Development Industry, in particular, will be affected by the implementation the affordable housing policies and its observations have been addressed individually, as set out in the Report of Consultation and wherever possible and reasonable appropriate adjustments made.</p>
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</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="315 213 499 440">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="535 213 1332 320">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 213 2085 344">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.

<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	See below	None	See below
Disability	See below	None	See below
Gender reassignment	See below	None	See below
Marriage or civil partnership	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

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?
	<p><b>Potential Positive Impact:</b> The Affordable Housing SPG should bring positive benefits to Monmouthshire's residents, particularly through increasing the supply of affordable housing in the County. Affordable housing makes an important contribution to the sustainability of our towns and villages by providing homes that local people on low incomes can afford to live in. It also a means of providing low cost homes for first time buyers. A commuted sum also has the potential to bring forward additional units of housing to meet the specific housing needs of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Affordable Housing policies and residential site allocation policies, as with all LDP policies, have been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal that measures their performance against sustainability objectives.</p>		<p>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>

	<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	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corporate Parenting	N/A	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 affordable housing policies. The LDP has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment at every main stage.  
 More recently the viability implications of the Affordable Housing policies set out in the LDP and SPG have been subject to testing in the following reports:

- Monmouthshire County Council CIL Viability Assessment – Viability Evidence for Development of a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (Three Dragons with Peter Brett Associates, July 2014)
- Monmouthshire County Council CIL Viability Assessment - Updated Viability Evidence for Development of a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (Three Dragons, December 2015).

**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 positive impact of this proposal is that affordable housing makes an important contribution to the sustainability and cohesiveness of our towns and villages by providing homes that local people on low incomes can afford to live in.

Potentially there may be some negative sustainability impacts particularly in rural areas, where there will be increased car use and effects on landscape etc. but in terms of achieving a balance between social, economic and environmental sustainability objectives these impacts are considered to be justified because the primary aim of this policy is to provide affordable housing to enable local people in rural areas to remain in their communities.

**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**

<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>

**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>	A regular basis in the LDP Annual Monitoring Report, which will be made to Council, Welsh Government and be publicly available.
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