



## 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>18/03/2016</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?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG seeks to support LDP retail policy to sustain and enhance the county’s main towns, protecting the vitality, viability and attractiveness of existing town centres and to control development which would undermine this function.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 is accurately interpreted and implemented fully, measuring the effectiveness of the policy on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.</p> <p><b>Mitigate Negative Impacts:</b></p>

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	<b>Negative:</b> Premises may remain vacant in the primary shopping frontages.	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.
<b>A resilient Wales</b> Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	<b>Positive:</b> None.  <b>Negative:</b> None.	
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	<b>Positive:</b> Vibrant, vital and attractive town centres contribute and have a positive influence on health and well-being (attractive environments, encouraging/ creating opportunities for social interaction).  <b>Negative:</b> None.	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	<b>Positive:</b>  The Draft SPG seeks to support LDP retail policy to sustain and enhance the county's main towns, protecting the vitality, viability and attractiveness of existing town centres and to control development which would undermine this function.	<b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 is accurately interpreted and implemented fully through this Draft SPG, measuring the effectiveness of the policy on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.  <b>Mitigate Negative Impacts:</b> 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.

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<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></p> <p>The Draft SPG supports the implementation of the Retail policies of the LDP, which has 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> 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, including retail policy indicators and targets, to inform the 2016 AMR.</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> 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 Draft SPG has a positive general impact on culture, heritage and language, with retail uses making an important contribution to the sustainability and cohesiveness of town centres by providing local shopping provision and local employment opportunities.</p>	<p>N/A</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?
	<b>Negative:</b> None.	
<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 SPG 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. It makes an important contribution to the sustainability of our towns by providing local shopping provision and local employment opportunities.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>	<p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 is accurately interpreted and implemented fully through this Draft SPG, measuring the effectiveness of the policy 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?
 <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 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 LDP retail policy framework seeks to create balanced and sustainable town centre communities, with primary shopping frontages contributing to maintain and enhance vitality and viability.</p>	<p>Ensure that the LDP and its policies have been subject to SA/SEA.</p> <p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including retail policy, 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.</p>
 <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>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. The consultation has also been publicised via our Twitter account @MCCPlanning.</p>	<p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including retail policy, 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. Any review 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>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>The draft SPG has been subject to consultation with Development Management colleagues, was considered by the Council's Planning Committee on 07 July 2015 and endorsed for consultation by Individual Cabinet Member Decision on 22 July 2015.</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. The consultation has also been publicised via our Twitter account @MCCPlanning.</p> <p>A statement of the consultation undertaken, the representations received and the authority's response to those representations has been made available to Planning Committee to inform their considerations, and along with the revised Draft SPG, in line with national planning policy guidance (Planning Policy Wales, edn 8 January 2016).</p>	<p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including retail policy, 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. Any review 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>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The Draft SPG has been informed by the annual Retail Surveys undertaken over the past 15 years. Emerging trends have been identified with the rise of the service sector and the loss of retail function in some areas of the County's town centres. The LDP policy framework seeks to maintain and enhance retail uses within primary shopping frontages in the town centres and to control development which would undermine this function.</p>	<p>The LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including retail policy, 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.</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 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, including retail policy indicators and targets, to inform future AMRs.</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?
Age	None	None	N/A
Disability	None	None	N/A

<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>
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
Welsh Language	None	None	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>

	<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?**

- Monmouthshire Annual Retail Health Checks in the town centres of Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow and Monmouth. The checks are undertaken by the Planning Policy Service and include pedestrian footfall counts, floorspace surveys, vacancy rates, retailer representation and diversity of uses. In addition, the 2015 survey included a consumer survey undertaken by independent consultants. The results and corresponding analysis are incorporated into an annual Retail Background Paper. The 2015 Retail Background Paper, incorporating the consultants findings, may be viewed at <http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2016/03/Retail-Background-Paper-2015.pdf>
- Monmouthshire Retail and Leisure Study, April 2010, Drivers Jonas Deloitte. This was prepared as part of the evidence base for the LDP.

**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 seeks to support LDP retail policy to sustain and enhance the county’s main towns, protecting the vitality, viability and attractiveness of existing town centres and to control development which would undermine this function. The Draft SPG 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. It makes an important contribution to the sustainability of our towns by providing local shopping provision and local employment opportunities.

**Future:** Ensure that LDP Policy RET1 is accurately interpreted and implemented fully through use of this Draft SPG, measuring the effectiveness of the policy on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.

**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 performance, including retail policy, 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.

**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
N/A			

**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.**

<p><b>The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:</b></p>	<p>Impacts will be evaluated on a regular basis in the required 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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