



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

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<p><b>Name of Service</b></p> <p>Green Infrastructure &amp; Countryside, Tourism Leisure &amp; Culture</p>	<p><b>Date Future Generations Evaluation</b> form completed</p> <p>19 February 2017</p>





***NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc.***


- 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	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?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	n/a	
<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>If the option to seek to secure a voluntary access agreement is pursued its assessment will include a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) given the statutory nature conservation designations.</p>	<p>To be determined via consultation with Natural Resources Wales and the Habitat Regulation Assessment (if required).</p>

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<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Both the use of the river for fishing and the potential wider use for canoeing contribute to the opportunities for physical and mental wellbeing.	To be determined via further consultation with user groups should the option to pursue an access agreement be favoured.
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Both the use of the river for fishing and the potential wider use for canoeing contribute to community opportunities.	To be determined via further consultation with user groups should the option to pursue an access agreement be favoured.
<b>A globally responsible Wales</b> Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Consideration on the impact, if any, on migratory fish will form part of the HRA if the option for change is preferred.	Any impact will be dealt with via the statutory HRA process.
<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	Both the use of the river for fishing and the potential wider use for canoeing contribute to recreational opportunities.	To be determined via further consultation with user groups should the option to pursue an access agreement be favoured.
<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	To be determined if the option to pursue an access agreement is favoured.	

**2. 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>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>Should the option to pursue an access agreement be favoured the long term impacts of the proposals will be a key part of both the principles of any agreement and the HRA assessment of its potential impacts.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Should the option to pursue an access agreement be favoured it will only be achieved through a partnership approach between all of the key partners.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Wide consultation as carried out as part of the preparation of the Castle Meadows Management Plan in 2014 and subsequent consultation has been carried out with Abergavenny Canoe Club, Abergavenny Game Fishing Association and the Friends of Castle Meadows.</p>	<p>Should the option to pursue an access agreement be favoured further detailed consultations will take place with all interested parties</p>
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>If preferred a voluntary access agreement will seek to establish a long term resolution of access disputes (as far as this is possible within the current broad legal framework for access /navigation rights in Wales).</p>	

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 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The Castle Meadows Management Plan 2014/19 provides an integrated approach and the intention of this proposal is to resolve the main outstanding issue not addressed by the plan – use of the river Usk.</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. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link:<http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or [alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

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	To be determined – providing a range of opportunities for recreational use of the river may extend the opportunities for all ages	To be determined	Depending on the option selected further detailed consultations will take place with all interested parties
Disability	Not known at this stage – to be identified as the proposal is developed	Not known at this stage – to be identified as the proposal is developed	Depending on the option selected further detailed consultations will take place with all interested parties
Gender reassignment	none	none	n/a

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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
Sex	To be determined – providing a range of opportunities for recreational use of the river may extend the opportunities for both sexes	To be determined	Depending on the option selected further detailed consultations will take place with all interested parties
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 <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	none	none	n/a
Corporate Parenting	none	none	n/a

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

- Information from consultations
- Welsh Government guidance

**5. 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?**

Wider use of the river could extend the diversity of users of the river. If the view is that wider use should be further investigated a detailed assessment of the potential impacts on the River Usk SAC and any required management controls will be required.

**6. 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
Actions depend on Select Committee's views on the presented options			

**7. 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.**

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	To be determined based on Committee decision on options
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**8. VERSION CONTROL: The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.**

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration

<b>1.0</b>	Scrutiny,	2 March 2017	First draft
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