



## 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>14/03/2017</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?  |
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| <p><b>A prosperous Wales</b><br/>Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG seeks to support appropriate rural residential conversions in the open countryside where they accord with the LDP policy framework, specifically Policy H4. New residential development is usually strictly controlled, rural conversions will increase the local housing stock for communities and residents. The SPG also seeks to support appropriate rural conversions to visitor accommodation where they</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b><br/>Ensure that the relevant LDP policies, as set out in the SPG, are accurately interpreted and implemented, and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p> |



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|  | <p>will accord with the LDP policy framework specifically part of T2. These will assist in supporting the County's visitor economy – essential to the well-being and enjoyment of local communities and residents.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>A resilient Wales</b><br/>Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> Potential for proposals to conserve the character and quality of Monmouthshire's countryside. Potential to also protect and enhance landscape, environmental quality etc. in accordance with LDP policy framework.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> Rural conversions may be located in rural areas where there is limited public transport and likely to be reliant on the use of the private car. The car usage likely to result from rural conversions is considered to be justified because of the retention of existing buildings in the countryside preserves its character while at the same time making a contribution to meeting housing needs. While the same applies to visitor accommodation proposals, these conversions assist in supporting the visitor economy thus providing economic benefits.</p> <p>Also there is potential for some negative landscape impact, however, given that rural conversion proposals must ensure that conversions do not detract from the special qualities of Monmouthshire's open countryside, the scope for this is limited. By definition, the building already exists.</p> | <p><b>Mitigate Negative Impacts:</b><br/>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> |



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| <p><b>A healthier Wales</b><br/>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>  | <p><b>Positive:</b> The provision of appropriate rural housing conversions can assist in promoting good health, independence and well-being by opening up opportunities for housing in rural areas where it is otherwise restricted. Appropriate rural conversions for visitor accommodation also assists by providing tourism opportunities in attractive environments.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>  | <p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the relevant LDP policies, as set out in the SPG, are accurately interpreted and implemented, and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p> |
| <p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b><br/>Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>  | <p><b>Positive:</b> The provision of appropriate rural housing conversions contributes to the sustainability and cohesiveness of rural areas by opening up opportunities for housing in rural areas where it is otherwise restricted, providing opportunities to support the local economy. Conversions to visitor accommodation also assist in supporting the County's tourist economy – essential to the well-being and enjoyment of local communities and residents.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the relevant LDP policies, as set out in the SPG, are accurately interpreted and implemented, and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p> |
| <p><b>A globally responsible Wales</b><br/>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p> | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG supports the implementation of housing and tourism related policies of the LDP, which have 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> Ensure that any LDP review/revision is subject to appropriate SA/SEA testing.</p>   |
| <p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b></p>   | <p><b>Positive:</b> The Draft SPG has a positive general impact on culture, heritage and language, there is potential for proposals to conserve the character</p>   | <p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the relevant LDP policies, as set out in the SPG, are</p>   |

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| <p>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p> | <p>and quality of Monmouthshire's countryside and natural heritage value. Supporting visitor accommodation proposals assists in supporting the visitor economy including the County's historic town centres and heritage/cultural assets.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p>  | <p>accurately interpreted and implemented, and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p>   |
| <p><b>A more equal Wales</b><br/>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 by opening up opportunities for appropriate residential conversions where they comply with the LDP policy framework, offering housing in rural areas where it is otherwise restricted. Provision of additional visitor accommodation will assist in supporting the visitor economy. Housing and Tourism policies as with all LDP policies, have been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal that measures their performance against sustainability objectives, including equality measures.</p> <p><b>Negative:</b> None.</p> | <p><b>Better contribute to positive impacts:</b> Ensure that the relevant LDP policies, as set out in the SPG, are accurately interpreted and implemented, and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</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?   |
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|  <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 this period but the SA/SEA of the LDP would have ensured consideration of the impact on future generations.</p> <p>The LDP housing policy framework seeks to balance the short term need for housing development and viability issues with the longer term need to create balanced and sustainable communities. The provision of appropriate rural residential conversions in the open countryside, where new residential development is usually strictly controlled, increases opportunities within the local housing stock for local communities and residents.</p> <p>The LDP tourism policy framework seeks to support and enable sustainable forms of tourism development while at the same time ensuring that the natural and built environment, key drivers of the visitor economy, are preserved and enhanced for future generations.</p> | <p>Ensure that the relevant LDP policies, as set out in the SPG, are accurately interpreted and implemented, and that their effectiveness is monitored on an annual basis.</p> <p>The LDP and its policies have been subject to SA/SEA. Any LDP review/revision will be subject to SA/SEA.</p> <p>LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and tourism policies, 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/revision.</p> |

| Sustainable Development Principle   | How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?  | What has been done to better to meet this principle?   |
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|  <p data-bbox="344 352 517 517">Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p> | <p data-bbox="544 196 1328 563">The Draft SPG has been produced in liaison with the Council's Development Management Officers following discussions regarding planning applications for rural conversions. It will be subject to further internal consultation (including with Development Management, Heritage and Green Infrastructure officers) and external consultation. Public consultation will be targeted to those who are considered to have a specific interest in the topic but also including all town and community councils and notices in the press. The consultation will also been publicised via our Twitter account @MCCPlanning.</p>  | <p data-bbox="1350 196 2110 427">The Draft SPG supports both LDP housing and tourism policies. The LDP was subject to extensive community and stakeholder engagement and consultation throughout the plan preparation process. This provided those interested parties with the opportunity to make representations on the policy framework to the Council and to an independent inspector who examined the LDP.</p> <p data-bbox="1350 467 2110 730">LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and tourism policies, 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/revision. Any review/revision of the LDP will be taken forward through extensive community and stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p> |
|  <p data-bbox="344 932 517 1096">Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p> | <p data-bbox="544 738 1328 802"><i>Who are the stakeholders who will be affected by your proposal? Have they been involved?</i></p> <p data-bbox="544 834 1328 1201">The Draft SPG has been produced in liaison with the Council's Development Management Officers following discussions regarding planning applications for rural conversions. It will be subject to further internal consultation (including with Development Management, Heritage and Green Infrastructure officers) and external consultation. Public consultation will be targeted to those who are considered to have a specific interest in the topic but also including all town and community councils and notices in the press. The consultation will also been publicised via our Twitter account @MCCPlanning.</p> | <p data-bbox="1350 738 2110 970">The Draft SPG supports both LDP housing and tourism policies. The LDP was subject to extensive community and stakeholder engagement and consultation throughout the plan preparation process. This provided those interested parties with the opportunity to make representations on the policy framework to the Council and to an independent inspector who examined the LDP.</p> <p data-bbox="1350 1010 2110 1281">LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and tourism policies, 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/revision. Any review/revision of the LDP will be taken forward through extensive stakeholder engagement, expanding on the methods used previously.</p>             |

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|  <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>                    | <p>The requirement for this Draft SPG has arisen from some concern over the interpretation of Policies relating to rural conversions for both residential and visitor accommodation. This includes the extent to which the LDP policy framework is supportive of the conversion of particular types of buildings for the different uses. The Council seeks to support and adopt a positive approach to appropriate rural conversions where they accord with the LDP policy framework, specifically H4 and T2, particularly where they seek to minimise any detrimental effect on landscape value, environmental quality and amenity.</p> <p>The Draft SPG therefore provides certainty and clarity for applicants, officers and Members in the interpretation and implementation of the existing LDP policy framework, specifically Policy H4, in relation to proposals for rural residential conversions. The SPG also provides clarity on the interpretation of the part of Policy T2 that relates to rural conversion proposals for visitor accommodation.</p> | <p>The future adoption and implementation of this Draft SPG will support appropriate rural residential conversions in the open countryside where they accord with the LDP policy framework, specifically Policy H4. New residential development is usually strictly controlled, rural conversions will increase the local housing stock for communities and residents. The SPG also supports appropriate conversions to visitor accommodation where they accord with the LDP policy framework set out in Policy T2. These will assist in supporting the County's visitor economy – essential to the well-being and enjoyment of local communities and residents.</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. Continue to monitor indicators, including housing and tourism policy indicators and targets, to inform future AMRs.</p> <p>Any review/revision of the LDP will be subject to a SA/SEA that balances the impacts on social, economic and environment 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> |
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| Age                              | None   | None   | N/A  |
| Disability                       | None   | None   | N/A  |
| 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> |
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| Safeguarding        | None | None | N/A |
| Corporate Parenting | None | None | N/A |

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

- Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (2011-2021).
- Monmouthshire Planning Appeal Decisions (2014 – 2017)

**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 rural residential conversions and visitor accommodation conversions in the open countryside, subject to compliance with the LDP policy framework, specifically policies H4 and T2, providing this is not at the expense of the County's natural and built environment. This will assist in supporting the local housing stock in rural areas providing positive impacts on the local economy and also supporting the County's visitor economy through additional visitor accommodation offer. The positive impacts on the local economy and wider visitor economy are both essential to the well-being of local communities and residents throughout Monmouthshire. A positive approach to tourism accommodation is vital if Monmouthshire is to fully realise its potential as a high quality and competitive visitor destination.

**Future:** Ensure that LDP housing and tourism policies are accurately interpreted and implemented fully through use of this Draft SPG, measuring the effectiveness of the relevant policies on an annual basis in the LDP AMR.

**Negative:** Potential for some negative sustainability impacts in remote countryside locations for example landscape impacts and increased car use. However, as proposals for rural conversions will be assessed against the strict criteria set out in policies H4 and T2, the scope for such negative impacts is limited and will be carefully considered against the LDP policy framework.

**Future:** LDP AMRs will provide both an annual evaluation of plan performance, including housing and tourism 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/revision.

**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 |
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| Public consultation on the draft SPG, with appropriate amendments in response prior to proceeding to adoption | For approximately 6 weeks following approval of the draft SPG. | Head of Planning, Housing & Place-shaping |          |
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**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.**

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| <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. The next AMR will be reported for political decision prior to submitting to the Welsh Government by 31 October 2017 and will be publicly available on the MCC website.</p> |
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