

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2011-2026)



EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC:

**Matter 2: Growth & Spatial Strategies, Overarching
& Area Based Policies**



Action Point 10

The Council to review references to Planning Policy Wales (PPW) and other documents within the plan, to ensure that they are correct at the point of adoption (specifically in reference to page 4 of Deposit LDP and citation of PPW Edition 5).

Council's Response

If deemed acceptable and appropriate by the Inspectors, the Council would propose the following changes to the Plan. These proposed changes are further illustrated in the accompanying Chapter 1 (Introduction and Background) extract of the LDP.

1.2 The National, Regional and Local Policy Context

Planning Policy Wales sub-heading - amend to read:

'Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 7 (2014)'

Paragraph 1.2.3 - amend to read:

'The Welsh Government's land use planning policies are set out in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 7 (2014) which provides...'

Glossary - amend the definition of Brownfield Sites to read:

'Brownfield land, or previously developed land, is defined in Planning Policy Wales 2014 as that which...'

A Vibrant Economy (2005) / Paragraph 1.2.14 - delete based on the fact that the document has been removed from the Welsh Government website with the assumption that it has been superseded by 'Economic Renewal: A New Direction (2010)'.

South West Wales Regional Transport Plan (2010-2015) - requirement to update references throughout the Plan to be addressed following confirmation of the publication of the Local Transport Plan (2015-2020)¹.

South West Wales Regional Waste Plan (RWP) 1st Review (2008) / Paragraphs 1.2.23-1.2.25 - delete based on the fact that the document has been superseded. Proposed Focussed Changes FC01, FC17, FC18, FC27, FC39 addresses the issue accordingly.

¹ Refer to Matter 8 (Action Point 2).

Regional Technical Statement (2008) / Paragraph 1.2.26 - update reference based on the fact that the RTS 1st Review has been published. Proposed Minor Editing Change MEC01 addresses the issue accordingly.

Local Housing Strategy (2007-2012) / Paragraphs 1.2.48-1.2.50 - delete and replace with²:

'Local Housing Strategy (2015-2020)

Section 87 of the Local Government Act 2003 requires local authorities to produce Local Housing Strategies (LHS) that set out the key issues facing housing provision within a local authority area. Housing, and access to housing, is a fundamental aspect of life and impacts on all members of society regardless of age, race or status. The LHS sets out the agreed vision for addressing the housing needs of Neath Port Talbot over the period to 2020: 'Our Vision is that Housing in Neath Port Talbot will be appropriate, affordable, of good quality, in sustainable communities, offering people choice and support if they need it'.

In 2011, the Council transferred its social housing stock to NPT Homes, following the implementation of the Welsh Housing Quality Standards. Whilst the management responsibilities have been transferred, the Council still retains a strategic housing function. The LHS links to the priorities and outcomes of other relevant plans and strategies, in particular the Single Integrated Plan 2013-2023, ensuring the Council works together to meet housing needs.

The Strategy focuses on the following:

- *The impact of welfare reform in Neath Port Talbot;*
- *The housing market in Neath Port Talbot, including local demographics;*
- *Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs;*
- *Increasing the supply of affordable housing;*
- *Improving housing conditions; including Empty Property Recyclable Loans, Disabled Facilities Grant and Welsh Housing Quality Standards;*
- *The role of the private rented sector;*
- *Preventing homelessness;*
- *Housing, health and social care agenda;*
- *Older persons housing; and*
- *Housing and regeneration.'*

Local Biodiversity Action Plan (2008) / Paragraphs 1.2.51-1.2.52 - delete and replace with³:

'Local Biodiversity Action Plan (2014)

The Neath Port Talbot Local Biodiversity Action Plan(LBAP) 2014 is a tool for securing and focusing the resources needed to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the County

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Borough. The focus of the LBAP is to achieve no net loss of listed habitats and species, and a gain in the (perceived or actual) extent / population of listed habitats and species.

The LBAP contains all the information needed to allow organisations to protect and enhance biodiversity in the County Borough. In a move away from traditional target led plans the LBAP concentrates on actions, which will be informed by regular reviews of the status and pressures on habitats and species'.

Neath Port Talbot Tourism Strategy (2006-2009) / Paragraphs 1.2.56 - delete based on the fact that the document has been superseded. Proposed Minor Editing Change MEC03 addresses the issue accordingly.