

Number: **WG23293**

**Consultation: Local Development Plans Process Review
- Annex 3: CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM**

We want to know your views on our proposed revisions to improve our Local Development Plan (LDP) guidance documents and secondary legislation.

In considering the following questions we would like you to consider whether you agree with both the principle of the proposed changes and the detail of the revisions.

Please submit your comments by **2nd January 2015**

If you have any queries on this consultation,

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Local Development Plans Process Review (Consultation)

Date 1st October 2014 – 2nd January 2015

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| | Other (other groups not listed above) | |

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| Q1 | <u>Front-loading / alternative sites</u> | X |
| | With the proposed greater front-loading of the process in terms of sites and a more defined and informative Preferred Strategy, do you agree that no-one would be disadvantaged by the elimination of the 'alternative sites' stage (Regulations 20&21)? | |
| | Agree | x |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | |
| | Disagree | |
| Q1 | Further Comments | |
| | We agree with the proposal but would wish to see a fail-safe arrangement to ensure proper publicity for proposals arising in this way on the odd occasion when, through the plan review, they find their way back into consideration. | |

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| Q2 | <u>Review report</u> | X |
| | Do you agree that the LPA should prepare and publish a Review Report to justify whether a full or partial plan revision is appropriate, and that this should form part of the package of required documents at pre-deposit, deposit and submission? | |
| | Agree | x |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | |
| | Disagree | |

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| Q2 | Further Comments |
| <p>This seems eminently sensible.</p> | |

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| Q3 | <u>Short-form Revision Procedure</u> | X |
| <p>Where an authority is proposing to make partial revisions to an adopted LDP and the plan strategy remains sound, do you agree with the provision of the short-form revision procedure (quicker, shorter and more proportionate)?_</p> | | |
| Agree | | x |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | |
| Disagree | | |

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| Q3 | Further Comments |
| <p>We agree with this.</p> | |

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| Q4 | <u>Soundness tests</u> | X |
| <p>Do you agree with the proposed package of soundness tests?</p> | | |
| Agree | | x |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | |
| Disagree | | |

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| Q4 | Further Comments |
| <p>We agree with these subject to the promoters of excluded sites having to demonstrate how their site contributes to soundness (Manual, Sections 8.3.3 and 8.3.4)</p> | |

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| Q5 | <u>Integrated approach</u> | X |
| <p>a. Do you agree that an integrated approach to incorporating sustainability appraisal (including strategic environmental appraisal) fully into LDP preparation will produce savings and reduce complexity?</p> | | |
| <p>b. Do you agree that this integration would not conflict with any statutory process?</p> | | |
| Agree | | x |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | |
| Disagree | | |
| Q5 Further Comments | | |
| <p>We support this and agree that using SA as a planning tool is sound practice. We are not aware of any statutory process that may be contravened by this approach.</p> | | |

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| Q6 | <u>Resources</u> | X |
| | In the LDP Regulations, do you agree with adding 'resources' as a matter to which regard must be had at Regulation 13, given that LDP strategies should be deliverable within the plan period? | |
| | Agree | x |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | |
| | Disagree | |
| Q6 | Further Comments | |
| | We agree with this in principle but would urge that the Manual makes it clear that, while the purpose of the provision is realism, it should not subvert the ambition and vision of the Plan as a whole. This is because the availability of funds may have short-term cycles that should not overly influence long-term plans. | |

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| Q7 | <u>End date</u> | X |
| | In the LDP Regulations, do you agree with adding the end date of the LDP period (i.e. the end of the period for which the LDP is planning) to the LDP sub-title at Regulation 11(1)(b)? | |
| | Agree | x |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | |
| | Disagree | |
| Q7 | Further Comments | |

This is already best practice.

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| Q8 | <u>Notice by local advertisement</u> | X |
| | In the LDP Regulations, do you agree with removing the requirement to give notice by local advertisement (e.g. at Reg22(5)(b); Reg23(1)(c); 24(2)(b); 25(2)(c); 26(b))? | |
| | Agree | x |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | |
| | Disagree | |
| Q8 | <u>Further Comments</u> | |
| | We do not believe that the interests of publicity are best served by formal one-off advertisements in newspapers which are, generally, a declining medium. | |

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| Q9 | <u>Consultees</u> | X |
| | Do you agree with the revised list of statutory consultees? | |
| | Agree | x |
| | Neither Agree nor Disagree | |

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| Disagree | | |
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| Q9 | Further Comments | |
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| Q10 | <u>Guidance package</u> | X |
| Do you agree with the principle of having a succinct two-document guidance package that excludes the need for <i>LDP Wales</i> ? (Please note that we will in due course be revising the public guide, <i>Planning Your Community: A guide to Local Development Plans 2006</i> , to reflect changes taken forward.) | | |
| Agree | | x |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | |
| Disagree | | |
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| Q10 | Further Comments | |
| We agree that the number of guidance documents should be kept to a minimum to avoid the need for the comparative interpretation of sources using different forms of words. | | |

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| Q11 | <u>Errors</u> | X |
| Are there any factual errors in the revised LDP documentation? | | |

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| Agree (yes) | | |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | |
| Disagree (no) | | x |
| Q11 Further Comments | | |
| Not as far as we can see. | | |

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| Q12 | <u>Any other comments</u> | |
| We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them. | | |
| We have nothing further to add. | | |

How to respond

Please submit your comments by **2nd January 2015** in any of the following ways:

| Email | Post |
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| <p>Please complete the consultation form and send it to :</p> <p>planconsultations-d@wales.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>[Please include ‘LDP Process Review Consultation WG23293’ in the subject line]</p> | <p>Please complete the consultation form and send it to:</p> <p>LDP Process Review Consultation Plans Branch Planning Division Welsh Government Cathays Park Cardiff CF10 3NQ</p> |

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