



Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan

Statement of Cross Boundary Policy Co-ordination
between Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and
Caerphilly County Borough Council

Cwmbargoed

Examination 2010

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**Statement of LDP Cross-Boundary Policy Co-Ordination Agreement
between Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
& Caerphilly County Borough Council
with regard to**

- 3 FEB 2010

The Cwmbargoed Coal Washery and Despatch Facility

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- Both Planning Inspectors appointed to conduct the LDP Examinations of Merthyr Tydfil and Caerphilly County Borough Councils have asked for further clarification on the proposed uses for land at Cwmbargoed. The matter has been raised as being of particular importance given the cross boundary location of the site concerned and consequently, this statement is provided jointly by both Councils to demonstrate policy compatibility and to provide evidence of co-ordinated joint working.
- 2 The Inspector appointed to conduct the Caerphilly Examination has questioned the amount of land available at the Washery site within the Caerphilly CBC area for the Deposit Plan allocation WM1.1. In this respect, Caerphilly officers will recommend to Council that a revision be made to the LDP allocation which would designate the whole of the Washery site (within Caerphilly's borders) as a mixed use development, limited to Minerals Handling and Despatch, Waste Management Facilities, and/or other acceptable employment activities which are dependent on rail freight as the main source of transportation for movement of goods or materials associated with the development.
 - 3 Since the bulk of the Washery site will be taken up by the Coal Washery and Coal Despatch processes for the foreseeable future, the alternative uses are expected to be limited to between 2 ha and 4 ha in extent.
 - 4 The Inspector appointed to conduct the Merthyr Tydfil Examination has also questioned how Policy TB12 will deliver an increase in the use of the Cwmbargoed railhead facility without a supporting employment land allocation. In this respect, Merthyr officers will consider recommending to the Planning Inspector that a revision be made to the Deposit LDP which would potentially designate the two small areas of the Washery site which lie within Merthyr Tydfil's borders as a mixed use development limited to Minerals Handling and Despatch, Waste Management Facilities and/or other acceptable employment activities which are dependent on rail freight as the main source of transportation for movement of goods or materials associated with the development (i.e. those small parts of the Washery site within the jurisdiction of Merthyr Tydfil would carry the same mixed use as being advanced by Caerphilly).
 - 5 Areas of Agreement:
 - Merthyr Tydfil Council agrees with the Caerphilly Examination Note's description of the two Council's waste management strategies and the extent of interaction between them
 - Merthyr Tydfil Council is satisfied with the substantial revision of the WM1.1 proposal contained within the Caerphilly Examination Note to the extent that their LDP objection to the allocation will be conditionally withdrawn if the Caerphilly revision is presented at its Examination

- Caerphilly Council is satisfied with Merthyr Tydfil's potential designation of the two small areas of Washery site within its jurisdiction for the same purposes as now being proposed by Caerphilly for its area of the Washery
- Merthyr Tydfil and Caerphilly Councils consider the 2 ha to 4 ha of land available within the existing Washery site to be sufficient to enable an appropriate increase in the use of this railhead facility

6 This Statement of LDP Cross-Boundary Policy Co-Ordination is signed by the following Officers under delegated powers on behalf of the two Councils:

Signed: P Mears

Pat Mears, Chief Planning Officer
Caerphilly CBC

 C. Edwards

Chris Edwards, Forward Plans
Merthyr Tydfil CBC

Dated: 28/1/10

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