

## **Hearing Session 9: MINERALS AND WASTE**

### **Issues & Matters Agenda**

#### **1 Welcome and introductory remarks**

#### **Minerals**

#### **2 Does the Plan satisfactorily translate national minerals planning policy down to the local level?**

- Should the identification of minerals safeguarding areas in policy SP9 (i) be unqualified by references to the environmental etc. impacts of minerals working, (ii) refer to “resources” rather than “reserves” and to a minimum 10-year landbank?
- Are the coal and other minerals safeguarding areas identified under policy MN 2 adequate in extent? Should they extend right up to settlement boundaries and be identified on the Proposals Map? Should the coal safeguarding areas include the tertiary coal resource?
- Is reducing the extent of sand and gravel safeguarding areas under policy MN 2 compared to the MTAN 1: Aggregates map, so as to create separate buffer zones, justified?
- Does the Plan adequately define buffer zones around all mineral sites, including dormant (inactive) sites and Bryn Quarry?
- Does policy SP9 comprise an adequate strategy in relation to the area’s contribution to the regional demand for a continuous supply of minerals?
- Is there a need for a policy setting criteria for considering proposals for minerals working?
- Should the Plan identify specifically those areas where coal operations would not be acceptable?
- Does the plan adequately set out a strategy for the future use of all dormant mineral sites, in line with MPPW Para 19?
- Is there a need for a policy concerned specifically with onshore gas (Coal Bed Methane) extraction?
- Are the provisions of the Plan sound in relation to the Nant Llesg area north of Fochriw? Does the absence of an allocation of the Nant Llesg site for mineral development make the Plan unsound?
- Is FC14 (MN1.2 Hafod Quarry Buffer Zone/MN99.3 Hafod Quarry Mineral Safeguarding Area/NH2.3 VILL Abercarn) necessary in the interests of Plan soundness? Is it sufficiently clear that FC14 also proposes changes to the

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extent of VILL and SLA designations in relation to other mineral working sites in the county borough? Have these other changes been adequately identified and advertised?

### **Waste**

#### **3 Does the Plan satisfactorily translate national and regional waste policy down to the local level?**

- Does the Plan adequately translate the provisions of the Regional Waste Plan (RWP) down to the level of Caerphilly Borough, and demonstrate how the policies and proposals of the Plan help to facilitate implementation of the RWP?
- Does the evidence base provide sufficiently detailed and specific information about current and anticipated waste arisings; existing and foreseeable arrangements to deal with the different waste streams; and the consequent land-use and spatial requirements of future waste management arrangements, to demonstrate the adequacy and deliverability of the Plan's waste policies?
- Is policy SP11 founded on a sufficiently robust evidence base? Are its provisions demonstrably adequate, sufficiently clear, realistic and deliverable?

#### **4 Policy WM 1 (HOVRA) – Cwmbargoed Washery Site**

- Is the policy founded on a robust evidence base?
- Does the proposal fit with the waste strategy of neighbouring authorities?
- Is the policy realistic and deliverable?
- Is the proposal consistent with emerging LDP allocations for that part of the site within Merthyr Tydfil CBC?
- Should the policy be replaced by one allocating the Cwmbargoed Washery site in mixed-use terms, including for Waste Management Facilities?

#### **5 Bryn Quarry Waste Transfer Station and Composting Facility**

- Does the absence of identification of the Bryn Quarry site as a waste facility under policies SP11/WM 1 render the Plan unsound?
- Is the nature and use of the site such that its inclusion within a Special Landscape Area under policy NH 1 is unsound?

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