

**Focus Changes Addendum: Part 2 – Minor Changes**

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<b>DEPOSIT PLAN - INTRODUCTION</b>			
Paragraph 0.47	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that Paragraph 0.47 be amended to read:</p> <p><i>“The Wales Spatial Plan 2008 Update divides South East Wales functionally into three zones. The City and Coast zone includes the M4 corridor and the cities of Cardiff and Newport, just south of Caerphilly County Borough. The central zone, termed the Connections Corridor, links the prosperous City and Coast zone to deprived communities in the Heads of the Valleys Plus zone.”</i></p>	To reflect the changed status of the update of the Wales Spatial Plan	Conformity ( Ref FC20)
<b>SECTION A – STRATEGY</b>			
Strategic Policy 6 – Place Making	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the principal part of Policy SP6 be amended to read as follows:</p> <p><i>i Development proposals should contribute to creating sustainable places by having full regard to the context of the local, natural, <u>historic</u> and built environment and its special features through:</i></p>	The proposed change is not substantive but would improve the clarity of /remove any ambiguity in the LDP.	Minor ( Ref FC21)
Strategic Policy 8	Recommend to the	The proposed change is	Conformity

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- Flood Risk	Planning Inspector that the plan be amended to delete Policy SP8	not substantive but would remove an unnecessary administrative action from the LDP whose rewording would only replicate national guidance.	( Ref FC22)
Supporting text / Proposals Map - Strategic Policy 9	<p>That a recommendation be made to the Planning Inspector that:</p> <p>Policy SP9 be amended as follows (As discussed in the Statement of Common Ground on minerals):</p> <p><b><i>“The council will contribute to the regional demand for a continuous supply of minerals by:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>A Safeguarding known resources of coal, sand and gravel and hard rock</i></b></p> <p><b><i>B B Maintaining a minimum 10-year landbank of permitted aggregate reserves in line with national guidance.”</i></b></p>	The clarity of SP9 would be improved if it was redrafted to refer to “resources” rather than “reserves”. In the planning context “reserves” tends to refer to resources that have planning permission.	Minor (Ref FC23)
Strategic Policy 17 - Supporting Text - Affordable Housing Target )	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that Paragraph 1.85 be amended to quantify the level of affordable housing need as follows:</p> <p><b><i>“The Council aims to ensure that everyone in the County Borough has access to a good quality home that meets their housing requirements and the provision of a choice of housing that is affordable to the local population is vital in achieving this. A shortfall of affordable housing is a significant</i></b></p>	The proposed change will provide the context for the affordable housing policy by specifying the level of affordable housing need, as required by national planning guidance.	Minor ( Ref FC01)

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	<p><i>issue facing residents in the County Borough. Indeed, the Local Housing Market Assessment (2007) indicates that there is a Borough-wide shortfall of 516 affordable units per annum."</i></p>		
<b>SECTION B - COUNTYWIDE POLICY</b>			
CW1 - Sustainable Buildings	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that policy CW1 is deleted from the plan and the text of the written statement be amended accordingly.	As a result of the publication of MIPPS 01/2009, Policy CW1 Sustainable Buildings now directly repeats what is contained within national policy and guidance. The continued inclusion of the policy in the plan would result in the plan becoming unsound.	Conformity ( Ref FC 24)
CW4 - General Design Considerations	That the Council recommend to the Planning Inspector that Policy CW4 be deleted from the LDP and the text of the written statement be amended accordingly.	Recent legislative and guidance changes mean that the LDP repeats national guidance	Conformity ( Ref FC25)
CW5 – General Design Considerations	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that Policy CW5 be deleted the LDP and the text of the written statement be amended accordingly.	The policy repeats national guidance	Conformity ( Ref FC26)
CW9 - Trees and Woodland Protection )	<p><b><u>Trees, Woodland and Hedgerow Protection</u></b>  <b><i>Development proposals on sites containing trees, woodlands, hedgerows and ancient woodland, or which are bordered by one of more trees or hedgerows, will only be permitted provided that:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>A Where arboricultural surveys are required, they are received and approved, and any</i></b></p>	As a result of a number of omissions, it is recommended to the planning inspector that the wording of CW9 be amended. The rewording of the policy would address all of the necessary issues that need to be referred to as highlighted in the Planning Policy Wales and the Natural Heritage Background Paper.	Conformity ( Ref FC27)

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	<p><i>mitigation, compensation and/or management requirements are submitted as part of the planning application, and</i></p> <p><b>B</b> <i>The trees, woodland and/or hedgerows and their root systems will be retained and adequately protected prior to, during and after, development takes place, or</i></p> <p><b>C</b> <i>Where trees, woodland and/or hedgerows are proposed to be removed the developer can demonstrate that the need for the development outweighs the importance of the trees, woodland and/or the hedgerow, and</i></p> <p><b>D</b> <i>Where trees, woodlands and/or hedgerows are removed, suitable replacements are planted within the development, and</i></p> <p><b>E</b> <i>Ancient trees and woodland sites are protected from development that would result in significant damage.</i></p>		
<p>CW17 – General Locational Constraints</p>	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the plan be amended in reference to the inclusion of tourism under criterion C (iii) of policy CW17.</p> <p>Criterion C (iii) of the policy should be amended to read:</p> <p><b><i>“For recreation, leisure and</i></b></p>	<p>The inclusion of the reference to tourism within policy CW17 is considered to comply with national guidance</p>	<p>Minor <b>( Ref FC28)</b></p>

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	<i>tourism proposals that are suitable in a countryside location”</i>		
Policy CW23– Supporting Text – Locational Constraints Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites	Recommends to the Planning Inspector that the final sentence of Paragraph 2.45 be amended to read:  <i>“For this reason, the preferred location for sites is inside or on the outskirts of built-up areas, although suitable sites in rural or semi-rural settings would also be acceptable.”</i>	To ensure that the Plan is consistent with Circular 30/2007.	Conformity <b>(Ref FC30)</b>
Policy CW23– Supporting Text – Locational Constraints Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that Paragraph 2.47 be amended to read:  <i>“Proposals for Gypsy and Traveller caravan sites must also generally comply with other policies identified in the Plan, including design considerations.”</i>	To ensure that the Plan is consistent with Circular 30/2007.	Conformity <b>(Ref FC30)</b>
<b>SECTION C – STRATEGY AREA – HEADS OF THE VALLEYS REGENERATION AREA</b>			
Proposals Map CF1.9 - South of Aberbargoed Plateau – Fire Station LE3.3 – Bargoed Country Park (Aberbargoed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In respect of the settlement boundary, that a recommendation is made to the planning inspector to amend the settlement boundary on the proposals map to include CF1.9 within the settlement boundary.</li> <li>▪ In respect of the leisure allocation LE3.3, that a recommendation is made to the planning inspector to amend the country park boundary</li> </ul>	To amend mapping errors on the proposals map.	Drafting Error <b>( Ref FC31)</b>

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	on the proposals map to exclude CF1.9.		
Proposals Map LE2.1 (Argoed)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that a minor amendment be made to the boundary of LE2.1 to exclude the land to which site E21 relates.	The inclusion of site E21 within the boundary of LE2.1 is a drafting error	Drafting error <b>( Ref FC32)</b>
HG1.14 (New Tredegar)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the plan be amended to delete HG1.14 Land fronting South View Terrace as a housing site and the written statement and site description in Appendix 7 be amended to removed reference to HG1.14.	The value of the informal open space outweighs the need for residential development in this area. The proposed change is not substantive	Minor <b>( Ref FC33)</b>
EM2.3 (Pontlottyn)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that a minor amendment be made to the boundary of EM2.3 on the proposals map. No amendment to the text of the written statement is necessary.	The amendment to the boundary of EM2.3 is considered to be a minor amendment that would more accurately define the extent of the employment allocation in light of planning consent P08/1044 Full.	Minor <b>( Ref FC34)</b>
HG1.07 (Pontlottyn)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that a minor amendment be made to the boundary of HG1.07 on the proposals map. No amendment to the text of the written statement or the site description in Appendix 7 is necessary.	The amendment to the boundary of HG1.07 is considered to be a minor amendment that would serve to improve the sites relationship with housing site HG1.08 (which is immediately south) by addressing the topography.	Minor <b>( Ref FC35)</b>
Appendices CM4.1 & CF1.2 (Moriah)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that changes should be made to the LDP site descriptions for allocations CM4.1 and CF1.2 in the relevant appendices to identify the need for full ecological surveys.	The desired change would encourage best practice in protecting ecologically important features as far as possible in implementation of development	Minor <b>( Ref FC36)</b>

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<b>SECTION C – STRATEGY AREA – NORTHERN CONNECTIONS CORRIDOR</b>			
LE5.7 - Rear of Pencoed Avenue, Cefn Fforest (Cefn Fforest)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the plan be amended to delete Land Rear of Pencoed Avenue, Cefn Fforest, as an area of protection for informal open space and the written statement and site description in Appendix 12 is amended to remove reference to LE5.7.	The proposed change is not substantive but would remove an allocation from the LDP that may prove difficult to realise due to its private landownership and difficulty in obtaining access.	Minor ( Ref FC 37)
HG1.25 (Crumlin)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the written statement, the site description in appendix 7 and the proposal map be amended to delete Navigation Colliery as a housing site.	The proposed change is not substantive but would remove an allocation from the LDP that may prove difficult to realise due to the known risk associated with flooding.	Minor / Conformity ( Ref FC38)
Appendix LE5.15 (Hengoad) )	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that Appendix Twelve be amended as follows:  <i>“ LE 5.15 Adjacent to River Rhymney, Hengoad.  This flat area of land provides an opportunity to create a recreational area incorporating the Riverside Walk and additional informal facilities such as picnic sites.”</i>	The allocation should be retained in the LDP but the appendices should be amended to remove the reference to car parking.	Minor ( Ref FC39)
Proposals Map EM2.7 – Dwr Cymru Welsh Water Offices, Nelson SB99.50 – Dwr Cymru Welsh Water Offices, Nelson S11.11 – West of	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that a drafting error be rectified to exclude the allotment gardens and properties 1 & 2 Greenhill Cottages from the boundary of EM2.7, and that the consequential changes to the Settlement Boundary and Green	The recommended changes result from an initial drafting error	Drafting error ( Ref FC40)

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Nelson (Nelson)	Wedge are also made. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.		
SI1.6 - Aberbargoed, Cefn Fforest and Pengam (Pengam)	That the Council recommend to the Planning Inspector that the LDP be amended to correct the drafting error to move the allocation of Green Wedge SI1.6 Aberbargoed, Cefn Fforest and Pengam from the HOVRA area specific policies section to the Northern Connections Corridor area specific policies section of the plan.	The proposed change would correct the LDP	Drafting Error <b>( Ref FC41)</b>
Proposals Map LE1.15 - Trelyn Park, Fleur De Lys (Pengam)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the boundary of LE1.15 be amended to exclude the land in private ownership from the leisure allocation. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.	To rectify a minor drafting error on the Proposals Map	Drafting Error <b>( Ref FC42)</b>
HG99.17 - Land at Llwyn Onn Crescent, Oakdale SB99.29 - Site at Llwyn Onn Crescent, Oakdale (Penmaen)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the settlement be amended to incorporate land granted planning consent for 2 bungalows in 2006 (P/06/0392) and the dwelling known as Ty Gynnes, as shown on the map. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.	The proposed change is not substantive but would ensure consistency in the alignment of the settlement boundary in the LDP.	Conformity <b>( Ref FC43)</b>
CF1.16 Oakfield Street, Ystrad Mynach (Ystrad Mynach)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the site boundary of CF1.16 be amended to remove the eastern segment of the	The proposed change is not substantive but would more accurately reflect the land necessary to accommodate this	Minor <b>( Ref FC44)</b>

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	existing car park from the proposed community facility allocation to more properly reflect the land required to accommodate this development. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.	development.	
<b>SECTION C – STRATEGY AREA – SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS CORRIDOR</b>			
Introductory Paragraph to SCC - Transport Infrastructure Improvement	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the LDP be amended to include the following at the end of paragraph 3.187:  <i>“In addition to this the council will investigate the feasibility of new passenger rail links from Caerphilly to Taffs Well and from Trehir to Machen and Newport, with a view to promoting their inclusion in the first review of the RTP if appropriate.”</i>	An appropriate amendment to the wording of the strategy section of the SCC, is required to identify the council’s intention to investigate the feasibility of the rail schemes	Minor ( Ref FC45)
HG1.77 (Aber Valley)	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that a minor amendment be made to the boundary of HG1.77. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.	There is currently an outline planning application submitted for this site P09/0243 for residential development and associated recreational space. The area to which this application refers incorporates the land to the west of HG1.77. The amendment to the boundary of HG1.77 to include this land is considered to be a minor amendment and would allow for the comprehensive development of this site.	Conformity (Ref FC46)
Bedwas Colliery	Recommend to the	The proposed change is	Minor

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(Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen)	<p>Planning Inspector that Paragraph 3.229 be amended as follows:</p> <p><b><i>“3.229 Country parks are large scale, less formal facilities that offer a valuable resource for recreation activities near enough to the county borough’s main centres of population but completely rural in character. In this case provision is to be made initially for a ‘pocket park’ serving the wider Caerphilly Basin area and in particular the proposed mixed use development on the adjacent Bedwas colliery site. The colliery spoil tips to the north of the pocket park are proposed for a country park in the longer term.”</i></b></p>	<p>not substantive but would improve the clarity of the LDP.</p>	<p><b>(Ref FC47)</b></p>
Proposals Map LE1.32 – Land adjacent to the War Memorial, Machen(Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen)	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the boundary of the designated Leisure Site LE1.32 – Land adjacent to the War Memorial, Machen should be amended to exclude the churchyard and church. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.</p>	<p>To achieve the aims of Policy LE 1 Protection of Formal Open Spaces, it is unnecessary and inappropriate to designate churches and churchyards.</p>	<p>Drafting error <b>( Ref FC48)</b></p>
LE1.27 (Llanbradach)	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the site boundary be amended at Llanbradach Park to reflect the land ownership boundary. No amendment to the text of the written statement or appendices is necessary.</p>	<p>For consistency purposes, the River Rhymney would represent a more defensible boundary as not only is the river a natural boundary, but it also forms the line of the settlement boundary and the boundary of land in Council ownership. This minor change is therefore considered logical in line</p>	<p>Drafting error <b>( Ref FC49)</b></p>

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HG1.68 - St Illans Comprehensive, Caerphilly (Morgan Jones)	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that Appendix 7 of the LDP be amended to insert a paragraph in relation to HG1.68 stating</p> <p><b><i>“a site development brief will be produced to identify the ways in which constraints to development can be overcome and the principal design requirements.”</i></b></p>	<p>with general good practice.</p> <p>The proposed change is not substantive but would improve the clarity the LDP.</p>	<p>Minor <b>( Ref FC50)</b></p>
<p>HG1.57 - Brookland Road, Council Services Site, Pontymister CF1.38 - Brookland, Risca - Adult Education Centre LE99.12 - Brookland Road Site, Pontymister(Risca West)</p>	<p>Recommend to the Planning Inspector that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the land in question be deleted as a housing site (HG1.57) from the LDP and the wording of the written statement be amended, the site description in appendix 7 be deleted and the site deleted from the proposals map.</li> <li>2. The proposal for the youth and adult services facilities to be relocated into the library building (CF1.38) and be deleted from the LDP and the wording of the written statement be amended and the site deleted from the proposals map.</li> </ol>	<p>Circumstances have changed considerably since the original decision was taken to relocate the youth facility into the library building, and a great degree of uncertainty in terms of asset management issues remain. The required changes effectively deals with the unresolved issues surrounding the current plan proposals.</p>	<p>Minor <b>(Ref FC51)</b></p>

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<b>SECTION C – STRATEGY AREA – CROSS BOUNDARY</b>			
Site NH3.136 & LE99.2 - Crumlin Arm of the Monmouthshire/ Brecon Canal	In respect of the canal being allocated as a leisure allocation, that a recommendation is made to the inspector that the LDP be changed to include the Monmouthshire/ Brecon Canal as a tourism site within the Southern Connections Corridor. The wording of the written statement, Appendix 13 and the proposals map should be amended to include reference to the canal as a tourism allocation.	The allocation of the Monmouthshire/ Brecon Canal as a tourism allocation is considered to make a positive contribution to not only the tourism opportunities within the County Borough but would also seek to attract additional visitors to the area and further enhance the natural heritage interests of the area.	Minor ( Ref FC52)
<b>PROPOSALS MAP</b>			
Proposals Map – Boundary of allocation HG1.64, CF1.34 and LE4.11	Recommend to the Planning Inspector that the boundary of the Bedwas Colliery Site be amended to exclude a small area of land at the western extent of the site.	The amendment to the proposals map is required to rectify a drafting error	Drafting error ( Ref FC53)