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The three points raised at the hearing last week related to the Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CBC) proposed additional text for Policy CW 17, found in section 4.3 of Examination Statement ES11.1. The three points were as follows:

- • Two Petroleum Exploration and Development Licenses (PEDL) overlap Caerphilly LDP area – reference to two licenses should be stated in the proposed text.
- • PEDLs are for onshore oil and gas, including coal bed methane, exploration and development - reference to onshore oil and gas should be stated in the proposed text.
- • Clarification required on what is Appendix X.

Discussions have continued with Caerphilly CBC after the Hearing to clarify the amendments to be made to the second paragraph of the proposed supporting text. This new wording is as follows:

*“Minerals development is unique in that it can only happen where the minerals occur. There are substantial mineral resources within the county borough, including resources of shallow coal, limestone, sandstone and sand and gravel all of which are indicated on the Proposals Map. In addition some of the coal resources in the county borough also have the potential to contain economically viable amounts of coal bed methane and two licenses (PEDL) have been granted for their exploration and development, although the PEDL also relates to the exploration of on shore oil and gas. **The license areas are indicated at Appendix X.**”*

I would suggest that acronym PEDL be placed in the glossary of terms within the LDP, to avoid any confusion on the part of the reader.

I understand that the reference to Appendix X will be removed.

If you have any queries, or require further information, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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