

# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## Sustainability Group

**Meeting 8  
23 January 2007  
Record of Meeting**

### Attendance

Phil Griffiths	Caerphilly CBC (Countryside)
Dave Lucas	Caerphilly CBC (Forward Planning)
Gayle Wootton	Countryside Council For Wales
Neil Maylan	Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust
Stanley Evelyn	BT
Alison Palmer	GAVO
Pat Martin	Caerphilly CBC (Conservation)
Alison Jones	Caerphilly CBC (Ecology)
Gemma Thomas	Caerphilly CBC (Highways)
Steve Martin	Caerphilly CBC (Energy)
Ralph Bourke	Caerphilly CBC (Research)
Melanie Phillips	Caerphilly CBC (Econ Dev)
Heddwyn Evans	Caerphilly CBC (Env Health)
Paul Cooke	Caerphilly CBC (Sustainability)

### Apologies

Richard Jones	Countryside Council For Wales
Ryan Bowen	Welsh Water



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## **Outcomes For The Meeting**

1. To Assess the revised strategy against the Strategic Assessment tests
2. To consider mitigation and amendment to the strategy to make the strategy more sustainable
3. To consider the appropriateness of the Detailed Assessment Tests as a vehicle for testing the detailed Deposit Plan.

### **28 Assess the revised LDP Strategy against the 20 Strategic Assessment tests**

28.1 The group were advised that the strategy had been revised as a result of the Pre-Draft Consultation. As a result the revised strategy needed to be assessed against the strategic assessment tests to accord with the SEA/SA process.

- 28.2 The group decided to undertake the assessment in one group. Given the fact that the Strategy had been revised, the strategy was considered in depth and a focussed set of comments and amendments to the strategy have been proposed (the assessment results are included as Appendix 1 to this record).
- 28.3 During the consideration of the strategy concern was expressed regarding the Assessment Test 9 as it could never derive any other result than a negative one. The test asks whether the strategy would ensure improvement to air quality. Unfortunately the LDP needs to provide sufficient land to accommodate the needs of the county borough and new development will undoubtedly result in increased detriment to air quality. Consequently the test, as it stood, did not perform its function appropriately. The group were advised that the national targets for air quality were appropriate measure and whilst development may have a detrimental impact upon air quality to some extent, provided that air quality did not fail the target then air quality was still considered to be acceptable.
- 28.4 The group queries what would happen in respect of the results of the assessment of the strategy. They were advised that the responses would be considered and where amendments were made to the strategy, the specific changes to the strategy would be reported back to the Group for consideration. It was confirmed that only the changes would be brought back to the group, the full document would not be brought back in its entirety.

Due to the detailed consideration of the strategy against the tests there was not enough time to undertake the proofing exercise for the detailed assessment tests that had been identified on the agenda as a deferred item from the meeting held on 13 December 2007. It was agreed that this task be deferred again until the next meeting where time would hopefully be available to undertake the exercise.

The meeting closed following completion of the Strategy Assessment.