SECTION 4

4   Objectives for the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan

The objectives contained in the Council's Community Strategy document have been examined and those with a land use implication extracted.   These selected objectives are listed below:

4.1   Objectives for Health Social Care and Well Being

4.1.1   Accommodate sustainable levels of population growth.

4.1.2   Ensure that the county borough is well served by accessible public open space and accessible natural green space.

4.2   Objectives for The Living Environment

4.2.1   Ensure the effective and efficient use of natural and built resources while preventing the unnecessary sterilisation of finite resources through inappropriate development.

4.2.2   Ensure that the environmental impact of all new development is minimised in order to ensure air quality improves.

4.2.3   Improve energy, waste and water efficiency while promoting environmentally acceptable renewable energy to maintain a cleaner environment and help reduce our impact on climate change.

4.2.4   Encourage waste management based on a hierarchy of re-use, recovery (including material recycling, energy recovery and composting) and safe disposal.

4.2.5   Encourage the re-use and / or reclamation of appropriate brown-field and contaminated land and prevent the incidence of further contamination and dereliction.

4.2.6   Concentrate new development in appropriate locations along existing and proposed infrastructure networks that are accessible to pedestrians, cyclists and to public transport in order to sustain and complement the role and function of individual settlements.

4.2.7   Ensure an adequate and appropriate range of housing sites are available across the county borough in the most suitable locations to meet the housing requirements of all sections of the population.

4.2.8   Ensure that all new development is well designed and has regard for its surroundings in order to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur.

4.2.9   Identify, protect and, where appropriate enhance, valuable landscapes and landscape features and protect them from unacceptable development.

4.2.10 Identify, protect and enhance sites of nature conservation and earth science interest and ensure the biodiversity of the county borough is enhanced.

4.2.11 Create appropriate new landscape and ecological features and habitats as an integral part of new development wherever appropriate.

4.2.12 Manage, protect and enhance the quality and quantity of the water environment and reduce water consumption.

4.2.13 Reduce the impact of flooding by ensuring that highly vulnerable development is directed away from areas of risk wherever possible.

4.2.14 Reduce congestion by minimising the need to travel, promoting more sustainable modes of transport and making the most efficient of existing transport infrastructure.

4.3 Objectives for Regeneration

4.3.1 Capitalise on Caerphilly's strategic position further developing its role as a commercial and employment centre in the Heart of the Valleys City Region with strong links to the heads of the valleys area and as the smart alternative for locating development to Cardiff and Newport.

4.3.2 Provide and protect a diverse portfolio of employment land for a variety of employment uses, focusing in particular on higher value employment opportunities and sites to meet local need.

4.3.3 Encourage the development of high quality, all season tourist attractions and tourist accommodation which complements the natural and built environment of the County Borough.

4.3.4 Maximise the efficient use of the existing infrastructure and encourage the necessary improvements to the network to sustain necessary levels of development at appropriate locations across the County Borough.

4.4 Objectives for Education for Life

4.4.1 Protect and provide a wide range of community facilities which are appropriately located and easily accessible, and which meet the needs of all sections of the population.

4.4.2 Maintain the vitality, viability and character of the County Borough's town and village centres and re-establish them as a focus for economic activity and community pride.

4.4.3 Maintain, enhance and develop a hierarchy of town and village centres which are easily accessible, and which meet the needs of all sections of the population.

4.4.4 Protect and enhance the overall quality of the historic natural and built environment of the County Borough.