

SECTION 7

OVERVIEW OF SETTLEMENT FACILITIES

PRINCIPAL TOWNS

For the purpose of the LDP, the **Principal Towns** in the County Borough are: **Blackwood, Bargoed, Ystrad Mynach** – (together forming the **mid valleys conurbation**) - and **Caerphilly** and **Risca-Pontymister**

BLACKWOOD

Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
<p>Good access to the A472 via the A4048, A4049 and Sirhowy Enterprise Way</p> <p>Large bus station presently being redesigned in the Centre of town</p> <p>Bus network runs through the area</p> <p>Links to Ystrad Mynach Train Station by public transport providing access to Cardiff to Rhymney Valley Line</p>	<p>Blackwood</p> <p>Pontllanfraith</p> <p>Penmaen</p> <p>Cefn Fforest</p>	<p>8162</p> <p>7773</p> <p>4478</p> <p>3589</p>	<p>Blackwood commercial and retail town centre 20th in MHE Wales ranking - 'District' in MHE hierarchy</p> <p>Large retail park to the north of the town comprising ASDA, retail warehouse park to the south containing Focus</p> <p>Several Local Authority and civic office buildings. (This includes a central police station and Magistrates Court and one of the main Council Offices - Environment Directorate)</p> <p>Strategic Employment Site at nearby Oakdale Business Park / Penyfan Industrial Estate</p> <p>Collection of cafes, takeaways and restaurants</p>	<p>Blackwood Miners Institute</p> <p>Town Centre Library</p> <p>Secondary Schools- Blackwood & Pontllanfraith</p> <p>Bryn Meadows and Blackwood Golf Courses (Private)</p> <p>Pontllanfraith Bowling Centre</p> <p>Pontllanfraith leisure centre</p> <p>Cefn Fforest swimming pool</p> <p>Pubs, restaurants, bingo hall</p> <p>Sir Harold Finch Memorial Park</p>

BARGOED				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
<p>Two passenger train stations serving the Rhymney Valley Line to Cardiff</p> <p>Good access to other parts of the County Borough via the A469</p>	Bargoed	6247	Retail centre – 57 th in MHE Wales ranking - 'Local' in MHE hierarchy	Rugby club and football pitch
	St Cattwg	7452	Limited number of high street multiple retailers such as Burton	Town Centre Library
	Gilfach	2059	Small office sites in town centre	School leisure centre with swimming pool
	Aberbargoed	3558	Number of vacant and derelict properties	Health centre
			Two small hotels	Parc yr Angel Country Park
			Health – Aberbargoed community hospital scheduled for closure	Bargoed Park
			Collection of cafes, take aways, restaurants and pubs	Secondary School - Heolddu

YSTRAD MYNACH				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
<p>Served by Rhymney Valley Passenger Line to Cardiff</p> <p>Bus network runs through the area</p> <p>Good bus links with Blackwood from Ystrad Mynach Train Station</p> <p>Park and Ride Facilities next to train station</p> <p>Good access via the A472 and the A470 which also provides convenient access to the M4</p>	Ystrad Mynach	4077	Retail centre – 74 th in MHE Wales ranking - 'Local' in MHE hierarchy	FE college – Main campus (Ystrad Mynach FE College)
	Hengoed	5044	Edge of town retail park comprising Tesco. New Lidl retail store developed on the former Police Station Site and Pengam Road	Local government – main offices of CCBC. New Council headquarters under construction (completion 2007)
	Maesycwmmmer	2141	Public houses	Sports – minor athletics stadium / Greyhound stadium
			Large brownfield housing development (Cwm Calon) under construction including refurbished listed colliery complex (apartments) to the north of the town	Tourism – national cyclepath (route 47) passes through town over grade II* listed viaduct
			Collection of cafes, takeaways and restaurants	Town Centre Library
				New central Police Station
				Penallta Community Park
				Ystrad Mynach Welfare
				Community hospital due to be replaced by local general hospital in 2010
				Secondary School – Lewis Girls Comprehensive

CAERPHILLY				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
Access via the A468 to A470 North/ South Trunk Road, the M4 and the Capital City of Cardiff Regional bus station Central train station serving the Rhymney Valley line to Cardiff/Rhymney Park and Ride Facilities at bus/ rail interchange Machen to Caerphilly National Cycle Route 4	Morgan Jones	6515	Caerphilly commercial and retail town centre 19 th in MHE Wales ranking - 'District' in MHE hierarchy	Secondary Schools – St Ilan (due to close in July 07), St Martins, St Cenydd
	Penyrheol	11,530	Large Retail Park – Crossways and an ASDA store on the outskirts of town	Caerphilly Leisure Centre with swimming pool
	St Martins	7293	Tourism – Caerphilly Castle – 80k visitors p.a.; accommodation 100+ beds	Caerphilly Library
	St James	5912	Leisure & entertainment – nightclub, pubs, restaurants, bingo hall	Caerphilly Golf Course and Virginia Park Golf Course
			Sports – Div 1. rugby ground	Community hospital –scheduled for closure
			Local government – local offices only	Hotels – Premier Travel Inns
			Collection of cafes, takeaways and restaurant	Morgan Jones Park

RISCA-PONTYMISTER				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
Access via the A467 with ease of access to Newport and the M4 Bus network runs through the area No train station located in the centre at present (passenger railway service due to open on the Ebbw Valley line from 2007) National Cycle Route 47	Risca West	5071	Retail mainly local shops and Lidl and Aldi	Local government – local offices only (New Council branch office in listed former cinema - 2007) Risca Library FE college – main campus at Crosskeys Sports – Div 1 rugby at Crosskeys Tredegar Park located in the town centre Secondary School - Risca
	Risca East	6384	Tourism – Cwmcarn Scenic Drive nearby. Possible restoration of canal for leisure boating	
	Crosskeys	3092	Collection of cafes, take aways, restaurants and pubs Some residential accommodation located above the shops on the main street	

KEY SETTLEMENTS

For the purpose of the LDP the **Key Settlements** in the County Borough are: **Bedwas, Nelson, Newbridge, and Rhymney**

BEDWAS				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
Located on the A468 with easy access to Caerphilly Bus network runs through the area National Cycle route (4) runs through the area	Bedwas Trethomas and Machen	10,428	Retail – local shops only Proposals to enhance Bedwas Workmen’s Hall and improve the surrounding area Collection of cafes, take aways, restaurants and pubs Some residential accommodation located above the shops on the main street 2 large successful industrial estates at Bedwas House and Pant Glas	Library Sports – Premiership Team rugby ground Proposals to enhance Bedwas Workmen’s Hall - culture / entertainment Secondary School – Bedwas High School

NELSON				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
<p>Strategic location on the A472 approximately 2 miles from the Junction with the A470</p> <p>The national cycle route (47) runs through Nelson adjacent to the Wern Woodland Park and links the area to Penallta Community Park</p> <p>New Village centre Bus Station</p> <p>Bus network runs through the area</p>	Nelson	4577	<p>Retail – local shops and a Somerfield supermarket</p> <p>Public houses</p> <p>Some residential accommodation located above the shops on the main street</p> <p>Sports – local facilities only</p> <p>New Woodland Park comprising children’s play area, skateboard facilities and a football pitch and changing rooms</p>	<p>Library</p> <p>Tourism – direct cyclepath link to Penallta Country Park</p> <p>Llancaiach Fawr Living History Museum</p> <p>Nelson Handball Court</p> <p>Wern Woodland Park</p> <p>Community Hall</p>

NEWBRIDGE				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
<p>A472 provides access to Risca and Newport and Blackwood and Ystrad Mynach</p> <p>Bus network runs through the area</p> <p>No train station located in the centre at present (passenger railway service due to open on the Ebbw Valley Line from 2007)</p>	Newbridge	6000	Retail – local shops only	<p>Newbridge Leisure Centre with swimming pool</p> <p>Sports – Div. 1 rugby ground</p> <p>Refurbishment of listed Miners' Institute (The 'Memo') for culture/entertainment</p> <p>Secondary School - Newbridge</p> <p>Library</p>
	Abercarn	4793	Local government – local offices only	
	Crumlin	5724	<p>Refurbishment of listed colliery complex for apartments at Crumlin to north</p> <p>Collection of cafes, take aways, restaurants and pubs</p> <p>Some residential accommodation located above the shops on the main street</p> <p>Telephone exchange building</p>	

RHYMNEY				
Strategic Location	Population by electoral ward		Major Land Uses	Major Community Facilities
<p>A469 provides access to Bargoed / Ystrad Mynach</p> <p>Close to the A465 and the neighbouring sub regional centre of Merthyr</p> <p>Bus network runs through the area</p> <p>Situated at the northern end of the Rhymney Valley Passenger Line providing links to the north of the valley and Cardiff to the south and beyond</p> <p>East west cyclepath from Merthyr to Tredegar passes through Butetown</p>	Twyn Carno	2374	Retail – local shops and an Aldi supermarket	<p>FE college – large outreach facility from Ystrad Mynach –possible new FE College building</p> <p>Community Centre</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Tourism – Several country parks nearby</p> <p>Small hotel</p> <p>Health – Redwood community hospital</p> <p>Secondary School – Rhymney Comprehensive</p> <p>Rhymney War Memorial Park</p>
	Pontlottyn	1803	Local government – local offices only	
	Moriah	4580	Public houses	
			Some residential accommodation located above the shops on the main street	
			Sports – local facilities only	
			Heads of Valleys £1m landscaping scheme	

Services and Facilities

Upper Rhymney Valley – incorporating Bargoed and Upper Sirhowy Valley													
<u>Settlement</u>	<u>Status of settlement</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Infant School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Access to Principal Town</u>	<u>Access to rail station</u>	<u>Industry commercial</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Food and Drink</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Pub</u>
Bargoed	Principal Town	1		2	1	Principal town	Bargoed		73	29	19	1	2
Rhymney	Key Settlement	1		3		***	Rhymney	Yes	10	9	3	1	6
Aberbargoed	Residential	1	1	2		***	Bargoed	Yes	17	2	5	1	2
Abertysswg	Residential			1	1	**	Pontlottyn						
Argoed	Residential			1		*							
Deri	Residential	1		1		**	Bargoed						
Fochriw	Residential			1		*	Pontlottyn						
Gilfach	Residential			2		***	Gilfach		7	1	1	1	1
Markham	Residential			1		**							
New Tredegar	Residential	1		1		***	Tirphil/Bargoed	Yes	12	3	5	1	2
Phillipstown	Residential			1		***	Tirphil/Bargoed						
Pontlottyn	Residential	1		1		***	Pontlottyn		13	5	5	1	1

Mid Valleys West													
<u>Settlement</u>	<u>Status of settlement</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Infant School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Access to Principal Town</u>	<u>Access to rail station</u>	<u>Industry commercial</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Food and Drink</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Pub</u>
Ystrad Mynach	Principal Town	1	1	2	1	Principal Town	Ystrad Mynach	Yes	45	17	10	2	2
Nelson	Key Settlement	1	1	1		***	Ystrad Mynach		20	7	9	1	3
Fleur de Lys	Residential			1	1	**	Pengam/Hengoed		15	3	4	1	
Gelligaer	Residential		1	2		**	Pengam		4		1	1	1
Hengoed	Residential			1		***	Hengoed						
Cefn Hengoed	Residential			1		***	Hengoed						
Maesycwmmmer	Residential			1		***	Hengoed		5	1	1	1	3
Penpedairheol	Residential					***	Pengam		3	1	1	1	1
Tir y Berth	Residential			1		***	Pengam						
Pengam	Residential	1		2	1	***	Pengam	Yes					

Mid Valleys East													
<u>Settlement</u>	<u>Status of settlement</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Infant School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Access to Principal Town</u>	<u>Access to rail station</u>	<u>Industry commercial</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Food and Drink</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Pub</u>
Blackwood	Principal Town	1			1	Principal Town	Pengam / Hengoed / Ystrad Mynach / Newbridge	Yes	126	39	22	1	6
Newbridge	Key Settlement	1		3	1	***	Newbridge	Yes	40	16	8	1	1
Pontllanfraith	Residential			3	1	**	Ystrad Mynach / Pengam / Hengoed	Yes	21	7	4	1	5
Cefn Fforest	Residential		1	1			Pengam		13	6	4	1	
Croespenmaen	Residential					**	Newbridge / Ystrad Mynach	Yes					
Crumlin	Residential			1		**	Newbridge		11	3	3	1	4
Oakdale	Residential	1			1	**	Newbridge / Ystrad Mynach	Yes	5	2	2	1	1
Trinant / Pentwyn	Residential	1		1		*	Newbridge						

Lower Islwyn Valley													
<u>Settlement</u>	<u>Status of settlement</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Infant School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Access to Principal Town</u>	<u>Access to rail station</u>	<u>Industry commercial</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Food and Drink</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Pub</u>
Risca-Pontymister	Principal Town	1			1	Principal Town	Risca	Yes	61	26	12	1	6
Crosskeys	Residential			1		***	Crosskeys	Yes	8	2	5	1	1
Abercarn	Residential	1		3		***	Newbridge	Yes	8	2	2	1	2
Cwmcarn	Residential				1	***	Newbridge		12	2	4	1	1
Cwmfelinfach	Residential			1		**	Crosskeys	Yes	9	6	1	1	1
Ynysddu	Residential			1		**	Crosskeys		2	1	1	1	2

Caerphilly Basin													
<u>Settlement</u>	<u>Status of settlement</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Infant School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Access to Principal Town</u>	<u>Access to rail station</u>	<u>Industry commercial</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Food and Drink</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Pub</u>
Caerphilly	Principal Town	1	1	7	2	Principal Town	Caerphilly / Aber	Yes	142	49	24	1	8
Bedwas / Trethomas	Key Settlement	1	1	2	1	**	Caerphilly	Yes	16	4	4	1	3
Abertridwr	Residential	1	1	1		**	Aber		15	1	3	In shop	2
Llanbradach	Residential	1	1	1		***	Llanbradach		11	2	4	1	2
Senghenydd	Residential			2		**	Aber		10	1	2	1	2
Machen	Residential	1		2		**	Caerphilly		2	1	2	In shop	
Rudry	Residential			1		*							

Note: The figures for services and facilities relate only to the centres of these settlements

Access to Principal Town

- *** Easy access – located on a railway line or close to a railway line and station – Note: Newbridge / Risca & Crosskeys are assessed on the basis of passenger service commencing in 2007
- ** Relatively easy access – Good public transport (bus only)
- * Remote