



JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Joint Planning Policy Committee

18 December 2014

Siambr Dafydd Orwig, Caernarfon

Present:

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Cnllr. Ann Griffith
Cnllr. Lewis Davies
Cnllr. Victor Hughes
Cnllr. Kenneth Hughes

Gwynedd Council

Cnllr. John Brynmor Hughes
Cnllr. Dafydd Meurig
Cnllr. John Wyn Williams
Cnllr. Owain Williams

Officers:

Rhun ap Gareth	Senior Solicitor, Gwynedd Council
Gareth Jones	Senior Manager, Planning and Environment Service, Gwynedd Council
Jim Woodcock	Head of Planning and Public Protection Services, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Nia Haf Davies	Planning Manager (Policy), Joint Planning Policy Unit

Apologies:

Cnllr. John Arwel Roberts – IACC
Cnllr. Nicola Roberts – IACC
Cnllr. John Pughe Roberts – GC
Cnllr. Dyfrig Jones (Substitute) – GC
Cnllr. Gwen Griffith – GC
Cnllr. Gethin Williams - GC
Aled Davies – Head of Regulatory Department GC

1. APOLOGIES

As noted above.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None

3. URGENT MATTERS

None

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the Joint Planning Policy Committee held on the 26 September were accepted as being correct and were signed by the Chairman.

5. JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – DEPOSIT PLAN

- i. The Planning Manager (Policy) presented a report to the Committee, which presented the Deposit Plan in order to gain its approval to consult the public about it. It was noted that the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Executive Committee and Gwynedd Council's Cabinet had supported the Plan's release for public consultation. A copy of the Written Statement and the Inset Proposals Maps were included as appendix to the report. Other appendix provided an overview of the Plan's key messages to each Council's area as well as providing a description of the different assessments.
- ii. A description of the methods used to obtain information, ideas and views in order to develop the Deposit Plan's content was provided.
- iii. The 4th edition of the Plan's Newsletter was published in order to raise awareness amongst specific and general stakeholders as well as members of the public and other bodies and organisations that have shown an interest in the Plan's development.
- iv. The Deposit Plan's Written Statement is in 8 parts and the map document is in two parts, i.e. proposals maps and constraints maps. The Panel had received reports during the period since the public consultation in May 2013 about the Preferred Strategy in order to influence the Plan's development.
- v. Reference was made to publishing a user friendly version of the Deposit Plan alongside the public consultation about the Plan.
- vi. A description was provided of the intention to publish a statutory notice and to inform the specific and general consultees as well as everyone else on the database, which included individuals, groups and organisations that had shown an interest in the Plan. Arrangements would be made to hold drop in sessions in specific locations in the Plan area.

- vii. It was noted that the public consultation is likely to take place during February and March 2015 – a statutory 6 weeks period.
- viii. Officers had met recently with Councillors from both Councils and with representatives of Community Councils to start raising awareness about the Plan's key messages. County Councillors and Community Councils would receive information before the public consultation period started so that they could share the information with their communities.
- ix. The following matters were raised:
 - That the 6 weeks was a sufficient period;
 - That community councils should receive information about development in neighbouring areas;
 - The importance of raising awareness beforehand;
 - That it is important to promote sustainable communities across the Plan area, since parts of the Plan area are particularly rural and that issues such as lack of employment opportunities and availability of affordable housing are more intense in these areas;
 - Appropriately scaled development should be promoted;
 - Need to ensure that the housing requirement reflects local employment opportunities;
 - The importance of the Welsh language in the Plan area;
 - The importance of the Areas Outstanding Natural Beauty;
 - The importance of promoting development of a very high standard.
- x. In response:
 - That the Local Development Plan Regulations sets the public consultation period;
 - The comments about raising awareness were noted and it was agreed that County Councillors and Community Councils had an important role;
 - It was noted that the Deposit Plan is a document that provides a land use planning framework and that it has an important role as a facilitator to realise economic development plans and strategies;
 - Reference was made to publish Supplementary Planning Guidance, which would provide information about the required evidence to support sustainable development;
 - Reference was made to the statutory requirement to monitor the strategy and its policies' implementation and that the monitoring framework in part 8 of the Plan's Written Statement.

It was decided to: delegate the right to make minor amendments to ensure the Deposit Plan's correctness and consistency to the Head of the Planning Service (Gwynedd Council) and the Head of the Planning Service and Public Protection (Anglesey County Council); approve the Deposit Plan for public consultation in order to conform with legislative requirements; and to delegate the right to the Heads of Services to take appropriate steps with regards to the public consultation on the Deposit

Plan and associated documents in order to conform with legislative requirements.