

Appendix Ch Tests of Soundness

The Test of Soundness that the Inspector will consider are as follows:-

Test 1: Does the plan conform? (i.e. is it obvious that the LDP corresponds with other plans?)

Questions

- Does it consider national policy and the Wales Spatial Plan?
- Does it consider Welfare Objectives 18?
- Does it consider the Welsh National Marine Plan?
- Is it consistent with local plans, strategies and facility programmes?
- Does it correspond with the plans of nearby authorities?
- Does it reflect the Single Integrated Plan or the National Park Management Plan?

Test 2: Is the plan suitable? (i.e. is the plan suitable for the area in light of the evidence?)

Questions

- Does it specifically involve the local area?
- Does it involve the key matters?
- Is it supported by robust, well-proportioned and believable evidence?
- Is it possible to indicate the rational basis to the plan's policies?
- Does it seek to meet the needs assessed and does it contribute to ensuring sustainable development?

- Are the vision and the strategy positive and aspirational enough?
- Have the 'actual' alternative options been suitably considered?
- Is it rational, reasonable and balanced?
- Is it coordinating and consistent?
- Is it clear and specific?

Test 3: Will the test deliver (i.e. is it likely to be effective?)

Questions

- Will it be effective?
- Can it be implemented?
- Is assistance available from the relevant infrastructure providers, in terms of providing funding and completing developments within relevant time limits?
- Will developments be viable?
- Is it possible to provide the allocated sites?
- Is the plan flexible enough? Are there suitable reserve provisions?
- Is it effectively monitored?'