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**Carmarthenshire County Council: Delivery Agreement 2<sup>nd</sup> Revision**

**The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)**

Thank you for your email of 04 August requesting agreement to amend your Delivery Agreement (DA).

The preparation of a Local Development Plan (LDP) is a statutory duty placed on all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. The plan is a corporate tool and land-use expression of a LPAs priorities in dealing with national and local issues, one of which is the coronavirus pandemic. Having an up-to-date development plan in place underpins the very basis of the planning system in Wales and reinforces the Government's commitment to a plan-led system.

Your Council is proposing a formal extension to the currently agreed timetable. This results in a further delay of 39 months to submission stage and a cumulative slippage of 48 months based on an indicative adoption date of October/November 2024. Whilst this delay is disappointing, I have noted and considered your reasons the impact of Covid-19, the associated lockdown and public health issues and the publication of NRW Interim Guidance of phosphate levels in Riverine SACs. I also note the additional necessary technical work required to maximise the chances of submitting a sound plan for examination.

The preparation of a LDP is a statutory duty placed on all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. The plan is a corporate tool and land-use expression of a LPAs priorities in dealing with national and local issues and as such, the DA is a commitment by your authority to deliver on these key priorities. Effective project management and a fully

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resourced team is essential to ensure the plan can be prepared in accordance with the timescales set out in Appendix 1 (page 28).

A test of 'soundness' against which the plan will be considered through the examination is whether it adheres to the agreed DA including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS). After considering your DA submission, I can **confirm agreement** to the amended timetable (where you will be placing the plan on deposit December 2022 to February 2023 and **submitting the plan for examination in August 2023**) as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as 10th December 2021 amended). Given the continuing uncertainty arising from the pandemic a further 3 month slippage period is added to the proposed submission date which builds a small amount of flexibility into the timetable.

After considering your DA submission, I can **confirm agreement** to the timetable set out in Appendix 1 (page 28) as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

The published version of your DA should now be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10.

Yours sincerely,

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