**CARMARTHENSHIRE**

**REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2033)**

**EXAMINATION**

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**Assessments of Marine Protection Areas**

As you may be aware, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) published a new assessment of the Marine Protected Areas in Wales, which includes Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs), on the 25 June 2025.

Details of the assessment and a link to the condition survey in respect of the Marine SACs and SPAs in Wales can be found at:

[Natural Resources Wales / Further action needed to protect Wales’s marine protected areas](https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-blogs/news/further-action-needed-to-protect-wales-s-marine-protected-areas/?lang=en)

To assist the examination, we would be grateful if you could review the contents of the revised guidance and condition surveys relevant to the plan area and, present a paper assessing the implications of the proposed changes for the Revised Carmarthenshire LDP. As part of this paper, the Council should explain whether they consider any substantive changes to the Revised Plan and / or the supporting evidence base are necessary. It may be useful to engage with NRW and Welsh Government in considering this issue and the implications for the Revised Plan. If amendments are required, the detailed nature of these revisions and a timescale for producing any additional information should be explained.

The Council should submit this further information as soon as it is available, and no later than **21 August 2025**.

If you have any questions about the content of this note, please contact us via the Programme Officer.

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INSPECTORS

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