**CARMARTHENSHIRE**

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

**EXAMINATION**

**AGENDA**

**for**

**Hearing Session 6 Thursday 24 October 2024 10:00 – 17:00**

**Virtual Hearing**

**Matter 6: Strong Connections – Climate Change, Renewable Energy, Transportation, Minerals and Waste**

*Issue: Does the Plan provide a framework for the management of climate change, renewable energy and low carbon development and of sustainable transport and accessibility that is soundly based, justified and consistent with the requirements of national policy?*

*Climate Change and Renewable Energy*

1. Does Policy SP16 provide an appropriate framework for ensuring that development proposals respond to, and minimise the causes and effects of climate change?

2. Is the Renewable Energy Assessment robust, based on credible evidence and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?

3. Does the Plan provide an appropriate balance between realising the area’s potential for renewable energy production and the protecting the landscape, natural and historic environment of the County?

4. Does Policy CCH1 provide an appropriate policy framework for realising Carmarthenshire’s potential for renewable energy generation within pre-assessed area and local search areas?

* 1. Is the policy consistent with the requirements of national planning policy? And should its reasoned justification be amended to include an explanation of the requirements of Future Wales?
  2. Are the requirements in relation to ‘large-scale wind farms’ necessary?
  3. Should the local search areas for solar be listed in the policy?
  4. How will the impact of development on BMV land and high carbon soils within local search areas be assessed?

5. Is the target for energy generation contained in Tables 9 and 10 appropriate or should it be more ambitious?

6. Does Policy CCH2 provide an appropriate mechanism for managing renewable energy development outside pre-assessed areas and local search areas? And how will the impact of development on BMV land and high carbon soils be assessed?

7. Are the requirements of CCH3 based on robust evidence and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?

8. Is Policy CCH4 necessary and does it provide a clear and consistent framework for the management of water quality and the protection of water resources in the County?

9. Are the requirements of Policy CCH5 locally distinct or do they replicate the requirements of national planning policy?

10. Do Policies CCH6 and CCH7 provide an appropriate mechanism for the management of renewable and low carbon energy in new development and forest, woodland and tree planting? And are the requirements of the policies clearly expressed?

*Sustainable Transportation and Accessibility*

11. Does Policy SP17 provide a clear and consistent framework for the integration and co-ordination of sustainable transport measures and land use planning? and are the requirements of Policy TRA2 clearly expressed and consistent with national planning policy?

a) How will the provision of car parking be managed?

*Minerals and Waste*

12. Do Policies SP18, MR1, MR2 and MR3 provide an appropriate framework for the management of minerals resources in the County?

13. Should Policy MR2 be amended include a list of all mineral sites with extant planning permission and their respective buffer zones?

14. Should Appendix 4 – Active and Inactive Mineral Sites be amended to explain the likelihood of sites being reactivated and worked during the Plan period?

15. Does Policy SP19 provide a clear and consistent framework for sustainable waste management? And how and where will land be allocated for waste management facilities?

16. Should Policy PSD5 make reference to a ‘natural materials management plan’?