**CARMARTHENSHIRE**

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

**EXAMINATION**

**AGENDA**

**for**

**Hearing Session 4 Tuesday 22 October 2024 10:00 – 17:00**

**Virtual Hearing**

**Matter 4: Prosperous People and Places – Employment, the** **Visitor Economy and Infrastructure**

*Issue - Is the economic strategy coherent and based on a clear and robust preparation process? Will it address the Issues and Strategic Objectives effectively and efficiently? Are the policies realistic and appropriate in the light of relevant alternatives and are they based on robust and credible evidence?*

*Employment*

1. Is the Housing and Economic Growth Report based on robust and credible evidence? And are the findings sufficient to inform the Plan’s economic strategy?

2. What are the key drivers for change in Carmarthenshire’s employment market? And how has the Plan addressed these considerations?

3. How many new jobs are estimated to be created as a consequence of the Plan’s economic strategy? And in what sectors?

4. What is the cross-border employment relationship? What proportion of the existing jobs within Carmarthenshire are filled by employees from outside the County?

5. How many of Carmarthenshire’s residents travel to work outside the County? And how has this movement been accounted for in its employment forecasts?

6. Are the sites allocated under Policy SP6 based on robust and credible evidence? And should they be subject to specific policies which provide a clear framework for development?

7. Is the level of employment land provision identified in Policy SP7 appropriate?

* 1. How has the overall figure of 71.21 hectares been derived? Is the level of employment land provision fully justified and supported by robust and credible evidence?
  2. Does Policy EME 3 clearly differentiate between allocated and committed sites? Are the sites realistic and economically viable? And are they free from significant constraint and deliverable over the Plan period?
  3. Is the hierarchy of employment sites appropriate and consistent with the requirements of national planning policy?
  4. What is the Plan’s strategy for the distribution of employment land? Does it have regard to the requirements of Future Wales – The National Plan and other regeneration initiatives?
  5. Are all the sites allocated in Policies SP7 and EME3 intended to be developed for B1, B2 and B8 purposes only? If not, should the policies be amended to make clear the other intended / potential use(s)?
  6. Should details of the non-strategic employment allocations be included in the Plan?

8. Does Policy EME1 provide an appropriate framework for the safeguarding of employment sites?

9. What is the purpose of Policy EME2? Does it apply to development in rural and urban areas?

10. Is the approach taken in Policy EME4 to employment development on non-allocated sites within and outside development limits, clearly expressed, sufficiently flexible to respond to changing circumstances, and consistent with national planning policy?

*Visitor Economy and Equestrian Related Development*

1. How will the Plan maintain and enhance the County’s tourism, culture and leisure offer?
2. Will Policy VE1 provide an appropriate mechanism for the management of new visitor attractions and facilities in the County? And are the requirements of the policy clearly expressed?
3. Do Policies VE2, VE3 and VE4 provide an appropriate framework for the management of visitor accommodation in the County?
4. Should the Gateway Resort and Garnant Golf Club be designated as a tourism facility?
5. Does Policy RD5 provide an appropriate framework for assessing proposals for new equestrian facilities?

*Infrastructure*

1. Are the requirements of Policy INF3 for the provision of Broadband appropriate and consistent with national planning policy?