

Bridgend Local Development Plan 2018-2033

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Statement Date: 10th August 2022



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- 1.1.1 This is a joint statement produced by Vale of Glamorgan Council and Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP).
- 1.2 The Council is legally required to prepare a LDP under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Part 6. The LDP must be determined 'sound' by the examination Inspector to be adopted (section 64 of the 2004 Act). The LDP Regulations identify specific consultation bodies (LDP Regulation 2). LPAs must consult these bodies to ensure compliance with the Regulations.
- 1.3 The Development Plan Manual prepared by Welsh Government states that specific consultation bodies have a key role in the preparation of development plans, and it is essential the specific consultation bodies are involved as early as possible in the plan making process to shape/influence the selection of sites and the plan's strategy. Involvement should be undertaken in a focussed approach to maximise resources and efficiencies, ensuring the right information is available, at the right time.
- 1.4 As per the requirements of soundness Test 1 'Does the plan fit? The Council must be able to demonstrate that the RLDP is consistent with other plans, (is it compatible with the plans of neighbouring LPAs? And has the LPA demonstrated it has exhausted all opportunities for joint working and collaboration on both plan preparation and the evidence base?). Vale of Glamorgan Council is a 'specific consultation body' in the plan process and as such both parties have worked in close collaboration throughout the different stages of the RLDP preparation. This has included engagement meetings to discuss and review the different stages of the plan.
- 1.5 Considering the different timelines for the preparation of their respective LDPs, both LPAs agree that a joint plan was not appropriate. However, both LPAs are members of the Southeast Wales Strategic Planning Officers Group (SEWSPG). As such, the 10 LPAs (in Southeast Wales) have been working collaboratively on a joint evidence base for a future SDP. Examples include:
- Regional Strategic Flood Consequence Assessment (Stage 1 complete).
 - Regional Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (not completed).
 - Green Belt / Green Wedge Study (not completed).
 - Renewable Energy – shared collection of data.
 - Employment Land Review methodology.
 - Retail Study methodology.
 - Settlement Hierarchy methodology.
- 1.6 To conclude Vale of Glamorgan Council did not raise any objections or concerns through the formal consultation process regarding the RLDP and its supporting evidence base.

Signatories

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