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Dear Ms Borge

RE: BRIDGEND REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2033) EXAMINATION

HEARING SESSION 7 - PROTECT AND ENHANCE DISTINCTIVE AND NATURAL PLACES
– BUILT, HISTORIC AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

RESPONDENT NUMBER 874 – TETLOW KING PLANNING ON BEHALF OF MULLBERRY
HOMES LTD

Thank you for sending me the Planning Inspector's invitation to Tetlow King Planning to participate at the Bridgend LDP Examination.

I am pleased to provide answers to the Inspector's questions for matter 7 below. I respond to the specific question that are relevant to our previous representation to the Deposit LDP consultation.

Inspector's question 2 - Should Policy DNP6 be amended to include reference to promoting recreation linkages and promoting active travel?

Draft Policy DNP6 relates to Biodiversity, Ecological Networks, Habitats and Species. The policy states that *"All development proposals must contribute to biodiversity net gain and improved ecosystem resilience, as demonstrated through planning application submissions."*

The supporting text of the Deposit LDP states (5.5.39 and 5.5.40) that development proposals must achieve biodiversity net gain or ecological enhancement through implementing a range of opportunities as identified within the Action Plan. These include promoting recreation linkages, allowing interactions between the population and open areas; and promoting recreation and enjoyment of nature through green infrastructure networks, active travel, signage and raising awareness of local biodiversity.

We consider that the policy should reflect the supporting text in promoting recreation linkages and promoting active travel. I therefore suggest that the policy reads:

"All development proposals must contribute to biodiversity net gain and improved ecosystem resilience or ecological enhancement, including promoting recreation linkages, recreation and enjoyment of nature including through green infrastructure networks and active travel, as demonstrated through planning application submissions."

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) responded to our above request to amend draft Policy DNP6 in its 'SD20 Deposit Consultation Report Appendix Volume 16 – Developers and Landowners Consultation Responses' (Page 269, respondent 874). BCBC states:

"The supporting text to Policy DNP6 promotes a range of opportunities identified within the BCBC Local Biodiversity Action Plan (see Appendix 33) that development proposals must seek to implement to

achieve biodiversity net gain or ecological enhancement. The measures identified in the bullet points are not in priority order or ranked as to their importance. The proposed change to the policy wording would extract one of the measures and elevate it to be included in the policy itself. This would give the impression of being more important than the other measures listed. Similarly, to include all measures in the policy wording would make the policy too unwieldy. For this reason, the proposed change is not considered necessary."

I disagree with the Council for the reasons given above.

Yours sincerely



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