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Initial Consultation Report
Adroddiad Ymgynghori Dechreuol

Deposit Local Development Plan
Cynllun Adeneuo Datblygu Lleol

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Consultation Report illustrates:

- Conformity with the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS);
- Who and how people were engaged during the Local Development Plan process and consultation;
- The main issues raised through consultation; and;
- How responses have affected the policies and proposals in the Deposit Plan.

1.2 Throughout this report, reference is made to other reports and documents which have collectively helped shape the Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP). These are not included in any appendices to this report as they are too lengthy, but copies are provided on the council website or by request by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01495 354740/ 355538/ 355544 or planningpolicy@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

2.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME

2.1 The Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement (DA) was formally agreed by the Council and the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) in May 2007. The DA contains the preparation timetable as well as the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).

2.2 The CIS establishes a framework for community and stakeholder engagement throughout the LDP preparation process. It seeks to ensure that engagement activities undertaken during the preparation of Blaenau Gwent LDP are inclusive, consistent and co-ordinated with the aim of providing a more transparent planning process.

2.3 Table 1 summarises the key pre-deposit community involvement actions committed to in the CIS.

2.4 The LDP has been produced in accordance with the provisions of the CIS and pre-deposit consultation responses have helped shape the Deposit Plan's context and policy content.

2.5 A record of LDP preparation process, community engagement and consultation is available on request from Planning Policy. This is a comprehensive record of the process and all engagement activities carried out by the Council to date in relation to the production of the LDP, illustrating in more detail compliance with the CIS.

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Table 1: Community Involvement Scheme - Pre- Deposit Plan Community Involvement Actions

Purpose	Involvement	Consultation Mechanism
Pre-Deposit Participation		
<p>To seek dialogue and consensus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues Paper (Consultation Document) • Issues and Vision (workshop) • Vision and Strategy (workshop) • SA/SEA Scoping Report (Consultation Document) • Candidate Sites (Invitation for Expressions of Interest) 	<p>Specific Consultation Bodies</p> <p>Steering Group</p> <p>LDP Forum</p> <p>Local Councillors</p> <p>Council Officers</p> <p>Various Local Partnerships</p> <p>Local Landowners</p> <p>Local Developers</p> <p>Local Agents</p>	<p>Written correspondence</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Memo</p> <p>Various workshops</p> <p>Working meetings of Steering Group and LDP Forum</p> <p>Press advert (Candidate Sites)</p>
Pre-Deposit Consultation		
<p>To enable representations from the general public and stakeholders on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Preferred Strategy • Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report • Candidate Site Register • Habitat Regulation Assessment • Population and Housing Background Paper • Employment Background Paper 	<p>LDP Forum</p> <p>Steering Group</p> <p>General Public</p> <p>Stakeholders</p> <p>Specific Consultation Bodies</p> <p>General Consultation Bodies</p> <p>Other Consultees, which include:</p> <p>Candidate Site Representatives</p> <p>Various Local Partnerships</p> <p>Disability Groups</p> <p>Ethnic Minority Groups</p> <p>Religious Organisations</p> <p>Elderly persons Organisations</p> <p>Ex-offenders Groups</p> <p>Gypsy and Traveller Groups</p> <p>Voluntary Groups</p> <p>Children and Young People Associations</p> <p>Access for all Forum</p> <p>Youth Forum</p> <p>Housing Forum</p>	<p>Working meeting of Steering Group, LDP Forum and SEA Group</p> <p>Written correspondence/ Letters</p> <p>Press articles/ public notices</p> <p>Exhibitions</p> <p>Posters</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>Information available on the Council's web site</p> <p>Information available at Council offices and libraries</p> <p>Presentations to community Forums</p> <p>Radio Interview</p>

3.0 WHO WAS ENGAGED AND HOW?

- 3.1 All consultation organisations listed in Appendix 1 have been kept informed throughout the various stages of the Plan preparation process. Appendix 2, 3 and 4 lists each individual, organisation or representative that was invited to attend the different stages of the LDP process.
- 3.2 The Council has an LDP Consultation Database which contains a continually updated list of stakeholders, respondents and interested parties ranging from national umbrella organisations to local members of the public. Throughout the process all consultees on the database have been kept informed of the Plan preparation process.
- 3.3 There are approximately 500 consultees on the database, including 52 members of the public not associated with any stakeholder group or organisation. The methods used to raise awareness at both pre-deposit participation and consultation stages are identified above in Table 1 and are explained further in sections 3 and 4 below.
- 3.4 Table 2 below shows a general overview of the number of representations received at each stage of LDP preparation

a) Pre Deposit Participation (Regulation 14): Vision, Key Issues and Strategy Options

- 3.5 The principal aim of the stakeholder engagement programme at this stage was to establish whether a broad consensus could be reached on the key issues and strategy options on which the Preferred Strategy could be based.

Issues Paper

- 3.6 The Issues Paper (July 2007) was prepared as a discussion document intended to promote debate on the issues of strategic significance for the Authority. Formal consultation took place over a 4 week period between 6th July and 8th August 2007 with late responses being accepted. Copies of the Issues Paper were distributed with a covering letter and questionnaire to the following key external and internal stakeholder groups (see appendix 2):
- Blaenau Gwent Councillors
 - Key Internal Officers
 - Statutory Consultees
 - LDP Forum
- 3.7 Stakeholders were asked to respond to a series of questions on the:
- Vision
 - Approach to sustainable development
 - Level of Growth
 - Location of development
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Town Centres
 - Transport

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- Environment
- Leisure
- Tourism

Table 2: General Overview of the Number of People Consulted With and of Representations Received at each Stage of LDP Preparation

LDP preparation stage	Number of Invitees/ Consultees	Number of Attendees/ Representors	Number of Representations
Delivery Agreement	337	34	143
Issues Paper	176	14	317
Issues and Vision (workshops)	92	27	N/A
Vision and Strategy Options (workshops)	175	67	N/A
Preferred Strategy	500	58	414
Sustainability Assessment /Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report	59	17	283
Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report	500	4	18

3.8 The document was subsequently made available to other interested parties and members of the public via the Council's website. The Issues Paper Report of Consultation (September 2007) summarised the responses received, this information was then taken into account in the preparation of the options, and in determining the detail of the preferred strategy and Deposit Plan.

Issues and Vision Workshop

3.9 A workshop session was held during July 2007, to discuss the issues, that is the problems the area faces, and to identify a vision of what Blaenau Gwent should look like in 2021. The responses to the Issues paper questionnaire as well as the comments and representations made at the workshops helped inform the key findings of this stage of LDP preparation.

3.10 The following representatives were invited to attend the Issues and Visions Workshop via e-mail and letter (see Appendix 3):

- Key Internal Officers
- Statutory Consultees
- Other Consultees
- LDP Forum

3.11 The workshop was separated into two parts. The first stage required attendees to collaboratively identify the main issues for Blaenau Gwent. They were then asked to prioritise the issues by topic area. They then prioritised all of the issues to identify the key challenges for the Strategy. During the second stage attendees

were asked to write a Vision of what Blaenau Gwent should be like in 2021.

Vision and Strategy Options Workshops

- 3.12 The Vision and Strategy Options workshops were held on three separate occasions with the following attendees (see appendix 4):
- Key Internal Officers
 - Statutory Consultees
 - Other Consultees
 - LDP Forum
 - Local Councillors
 - Community Groups
- 3.13 The first aim of the workshop was to agree a vision of what Blaenau Gwent should look like in 2021. The second aim was to agree the best way to achieve this
- 3.14 The first task provided the opportunity to amend the draft vision. Each group were then asked to identify the advantages and disadvantages of each of the three strategy options which had been prepared by Planning Policy. They were also given the opportunity to identify a further option. From the advantages and disadvantages identified the Council were able to identify the Preferred Option.
- 3.15 Two separate reports entitled; Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Visioning Report (March 2008) and Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Preferred Options Report (March 2008) along with a record of each workshop, is available on the Blaenau Gwent website at www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

Table 3: Times and Dates of the Meetings and Area Workshops held as part of the Pre- Deposit Participation (Vision, Key Issues and Strategy Options Stage)

Event	Time and Date
Workshop: Issues and Visioning	
Internal County Borough Council and External Stakeholder Panel	9: 30am – 12:15 pm 27 July 2007
Workshops: Vision and Strategy Options	
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councillors	9:45am – 12:55pm 19 October 2007
Internal County Borough Council and External Stakeholder Panel	12:15am – 16:00pm 22 November 2007
Internal County Borough Council and External Stakeholder Panel	9:45am - 13.00pm 30 November 2007

b) Pre Deposit Consultation (Regulation 15 and 16) the Preferred Strategy

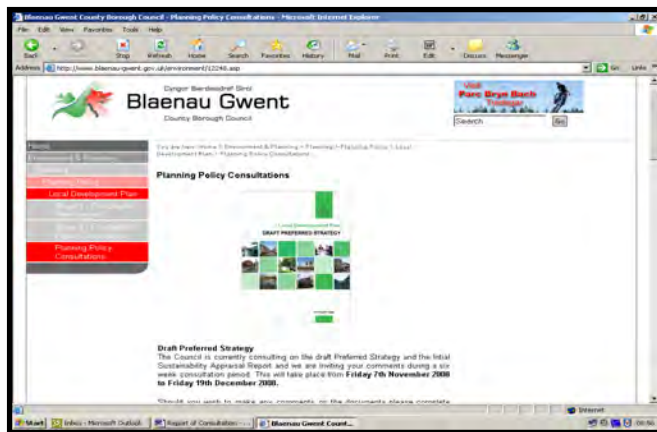
- 3.16 The principal aim of this stage was to formally consult on the 'Preferred Strategy',

which set out:

- The vision, key objectives and overriding principles for development;
- The preferred housing and employment development options;
- Areas of development and areas of protection;
- The strategic policies;
- The key diagrams, showing the areas in the County Borough that will be affected; and
- The monitoring system.

Consultation

- 3.17 There are over 500 contacts on the Blaenau Gwent consultation database that have received information during the LDP process. A further 2,000 Blaenau Gwent local authority employees also received e-mail notification of consultation on the LDP.
- 3.18 The statutory 6-week consultation period was undertaken between Friday 7th November and Friday 19th December 2008. The consultation carried out followed the requirements of the Council's approved Delivery Agreement. The package of documents published on the 7th November 2008 comprised of:
- Draft Preferred Strategy
 - Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report
 - Candidate Site Register
 - Habitat Regulation Assessment
 - Population and Housing Background Paper
 - Employment Background Paper
 - Draft Preferred Strategy Summary Leaflet
 - Comment Forms
 - Notification of Interest Form
- 3.19 Copies of the published documents were hand-delivered to the Planning Division of the Welsh Assembly Government on Friday 7th November 2008. Electronic copies of the above documents were sent on CD, to Statutory Consultation Bodies and the LDP Forum listed in Appendix 1. Copies of the documents were placed for inspection at each of the exhibition venues, and were also available for inspection by the public, free of charge at:
- All Public Libraries in Blaenau Gwent
 - Council Website
 - Municipal Offices, Ebbw Vale
 - Business Resource Centre, Tredegar
 - Planning Control Council Offices, Blaina
- 3.20 Enquires were dealt with by planning policy staff at the public counter of the Regeneration Division, by telephone and by e-mail.



- 3.21 Notification letters, a Draft Preferred Strategy Summary Leaflet and a Comment Form were sent to Other Consultees on the consultation list (see Appendix 1).
- 3.22 Copies of the Preferred Strategy were also sent to 57 Officers of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council via email and a hard copy of the Draft Preferred Strategy was sent to Local Councillors.
- 3.23 E-mail notification was sent to everyone on Blaenau Gwent's internal email directory. Public notices, and a press release were placed in the Gwent Gazette on 5th and 12th November 2008, a letter regarding the consultation of the Preferred Strategy was published in the Gwent Gazette on 3rd December 2008. Prior to formal consultation a press article was placed in the October edition of the Blaenau Gwent community magazine 'Connect' which is delivered to every household in the Borough.
- 3.24 Particular care was taken to ensure that the hard to reach groups identified in the LDP Delivery Agreement were involved in the process. Council officers gave presentations to a number of organisations including the Youth Forum, Housing Forum and the Access for All Forum. Notification letters and summary leaflets were sent to all hard to reach groups. These groups were also targeted through the location of exhibitions. An interview was also undertaken with Brynmawr Radio FM on the Preferred Strategy.
- 3.25 The context for the formal consultation at this stage is set out in the Council report entitled: Local Development Plan Draft Preferred Strategy: Regulation 15 Statement of Consultation (February 2009). Copies of this document are available on request.

Exhibitions

- 3.26 A series of 18 exhibitions (Table 4) were organised around the County Borough during October and November 2007 to provide Members of the public with the opportunity to speak to a planning officer at a local venue.

Table 4: Pre Deposit Consultation Exhibition Times and Dates Carried Out as part of the Pre Deposit Consultation

Town	Drop in Session Location	Time and Date
Brynmawr	Brynmawr Library	11th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Tredegar	Venue 1 (Kidz R Us)	12th November 9.00am - 12.30pm
Swffryd	Swffryd Community Centre	13th November 9.00am - 2.30pm
Abertillery	Tesco Abertillery	14th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Ebbw Vale	Tesco Ebbw Vale	15th November 9.00am - 2.00pm
Cwm	Cwm Info Shop	17th November 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Abertillery	Abertillery Leisure Centre	19th November 4.00pm - 8.30pm
Llanhilleth	Llanhilleth Institute	20th November 10.00am - 2.00pm
Tredegar	Parc Bryn Bach	21st November 11.30am - 3.30pm
Blaina	Blaina Integrated Children's Centre	24th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Rassau	Rassau Community Centre	25th November 10.00am - 3.00pm
Six Bells	Six Bells Community Centre	26th November 9.00am - 1.00pm
Ebbw Vale	Ebbw Vale Library	27th November 1.30pm - 5.30pm
Brynmawr	Lakeside Retail Park	29th November 9.30am - 1.00pm
Tredegar	Tredegar Library	2nd December 9.00am - 1.00pm
Beaufort	Beaufort Hill Welfare Hall	3rd December 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Badminton	Badminton OAP Hall	4th December 3.00pm - 8.00pm
Garnlydan	Garnlydan Info Shop	11 th December 5.30pm - 7.30pm

3.27 Each exhibition was held at varying times of the day to encourage maximum participation. The aim was to reach a cross section of people, this was achieved through targeting the location and timing of the exhibitions to coincide with group activities being held at venues. (e.g. Slimming Clubs, Supermarkets, OAP Lunch Clubs, Citizen Advice Bureau Sessions etc).

3.28 Each session was held with two planning officers in attendance. All consultation material, site-specific and explanatory information were made available at each session.

Poster Drop

3.29 Posters advertising the exhibitions were placed in the venue, on nearby lampposts and in local shops prior to the events. A list of where the posters were displayed, within each ward and how many, is contained in Table 5. The aim was to encourage as many people as possible to attend the exhibitions, raise public awareness to engage with them, and stimulate interest in the Preferred Strategy within the local community.

Table 5: Poster Delivery Information for Exhibition Dates and Venues

Exhibition Date and Venue	No. of Posters Displayed in Ward
Tuesday 11 th November - Brynmawr Library	19
Wednesday 12 th November - Venue 1 (Kidz R Us), Park Place, Georgetown	18
Thursday 13 th November - Swffryd Community Centre	12
Friday 14 th November - Tesco, Abertillery	10
Saturday 15 th November - Tesco, Ebbw Vale	20
Monday 17 th November - Cwm Info Shop	10
Wednesday 19 th November - Abertillery Leisure Centre	16
Thursday 20 th November - Llanhilleth Institute	7
Friday 21 st November - Parc Bryn Bach	17
Monday 24 th November - Blaina Integrated Children's Centre	14
Tuesday 25 th November - Rassau Community Centre	14
Wednesday 26 th November - Six Bells Community Centre	14
Thursday 27 th November - Ebbw Vale Library	15
Saturday 29 th November - Lakeside Retail Park	11
Tuesday 2 nd December - Tredegar Library	14
Wednesday 3 rd December - Beaufort Hill Welfare Hall	17
Thursday 4 th December - Badminton OAP Hall	11
Thursday 11 th December - Garnlydan Info Shop	11



Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.30** As part of the LDP preparation process there has been an iterative process of Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the requirements of the European Directive 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' – SA/SEA) which has its own legislation and consultation requirements. The results of this consultation have informed the production of the plan and are covered in a separate Sustainability Appraisal Report which is available on request.
- 3.31** Early engagement with the statutory SA/SEA consultees and key stakeholders were necessary to set the context and objectives, establish a baseline and decide the scope for the appraisal against which the LDP has been assessed. Formal consultation with stakeholders on the Scoping Report took place for a statutory 5-

week period between 9 November 2007 and 14 December 2007.

- 3.32 The stakeholders engaged during this stage were:
- Statutory Consultees
 - Adjoining Local Authorities
 - Environmental Organisations
 - Town and Community Councils
 - Other Interested Parties (e.g. NHS Trust, Voice of Industry, Local Chambers of Commerce)
 - LDP Forum – a representative group comprising private and public sector housing; voluntary groups; Local Health Board; Private Sector Enterprises; Private Sector Companies; and Education.
- 3.33 A workshop was held on the 24th April 2009 with the SA/SEA working group to discuss/agree the changes to the SA/SEA report as a result of consultation.
- 3.34 Subsequently an Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report was produced and was issued for consultation alongside the LDP Preferred Strategy from 7th November 2008 to 19th December 2008. The stakeholders engaged during this stage are listed in Appendix 1. A copy of this report was made available to the public and is available on the council website.

4.0 KEY FINDINGS OF EACH STAGE

a) Pre Deposit Participation

Issues Paper

- 4.1 This section summarises key findings from the consultation exercise on the Issues Paper:
- An overwhelming majority of respondents recognised a need for a vision that should link to the Community Plan.
 - No overall agreement on housing growth
 - Acceptance that some settlements are too small to accommodate growth
 - Agreement that growth should be focused on sustaining existing community areas
 - Brownfield should not always be developed before Greenfield – it should be about sustainability
 - The Plan should cater for a range of densities
 - The Affordable Housing threshold should be reduced
 - The percentage of Affordable Housing should be dependent on site viability
 - No overall agreement to reallocate employment land
 - A more flexible approach to employment sites should be taken
 - Vacant shops should be developed before further retail development is allowed
 - The location of existing and future transport routes should be a key determinant of where future development is located
 - It is important to protect the land of greatest biodiversity merit from undesirable development
 - There is adequate protection of open space
 - Tourism opportunities should be explored

- Waste Management was identified as an issue
- Education and Skills was an issue

Issues and Vision Workshop

4.2 Issues identified in the Issues Paper consultation document were amended and prioritised in the workshop to read:

Housing

- Create a more balanced population, stemming out-migration
- Provide a range of housing opportunities to meet aspirations including the need for affordable housing

Transport

- To improve access to services, facilities and employment, particularly by public transport, walking and cycling
- To provide a transport system that encourages healthy and active lifestyles, is safer and supports local communities
- To improve the transport system to assist the regeneration of the area

Employment

- The implications of the decline in the manufacturing sector and the shift in favour of the service sector and technological industries
- Changing the dependence on particular industries and diversifying the economy

Town Centres

- To find a role/function for town centres
- Encourage multiple retailers and a mix of uses within the town centres – specialist shops, coffee shops and offices – creating a niche market

Recreation Leisure and Tourism

- To foster sustainable tourism and leisure in order to boost the local economy
- To foster sustainable tourism, re-engaging local communities with the natural and built environment

Environment

- To protect and enhance local landscape in the face of competing development uses
- Maximise the natural environment for health and well-being.

Education and Skills

- The need to improve education and skills

4.3 These issues formed the basis of the objectives in the Preferred Strategy.

4.4 Attendees then identified the most significant issues to be addressed by the Plan. These were:

- The implications of the decline in the manufacturing sector and the shift in favour of the service sector and technological industries;

- The need to find a role / function for town centres;
- The need to create a more balanced population stemming out migration; and
- The need to provide a range of housing opportunities to meet aspirations, including the need for affordable housing.

4.5 The development options were based around these main issues.

4.6 The next stage of the workshop was to identify a 'Vision' for the area. All 3 groups agreed that a new Vision was required and each group drafted a Vision. From these three Visions the Planning Policy Team prepared one Vision.

Vision and Options Workshops

4.7 Participants were given the opportunity to amend the draft Vision. From these revisions the Planning Policy Team prepared a new version.

Through collaborative working, by 2021, Blaenau Gwent will become a network of sustainable, vibrant valley communities, where people have the skills, knowledge and opportunities to achieve a better quality of life and residents will live in safe, healthy and thriving communities, with access to a range of good quality affordable homes and thriving town centres. Its unique environment, cultural and historic identity will be protected and enhanced to create a place where people want to live, work and visit.

4.8 This workshop also discussed and identified the Preferred Strategy. Attendees were given the opportunity to identify the advantages and disadvantages of each of the options and to identify a fourth option.

4.9 Option 2 was the preferred option but attendees decided the following changes were needed:

- The level of growth will now identify a range of 150 to 250 and that this growth will be back-loaded (150 first 5 years, 200 next 5 year period and 250 in the final 5 year period) to the end of the Plan period.
- To address concern with protecting Greenfield sites, a specific objective will be included to develop Brownfield sites in preference to Greenfield sites.
- Option 2 will be amended to ensure that the new roles for the town centres will be complementary.
- In developing Option 2 to create the Preferred Strategy, the issues considered to be missing such as; integrated transport, tourism, health, education and community facilities will be fully addressed.

4.10 The revised preferred option, following amendments was:

Option 2: Growth and Regeneration

- This is a growth strategy, which has the following aspects:
- Emphasis of growth would be in the Heads of Valleys and a regeneration focus in the south of the borough
- Stems out-migration leading to an increase in population to 71,000
- A house build rate of **150-250 per annum (back-loaded)**
- New employment opportunities to broaden offer
- A new hierarchy of town centres, with Ebbw Vale becoming the regional centre,

and Tredegar, Brynmawr and Abertillery becoming district shopping centres. Blaina would become a local shopping centre.

- Specific **complementary** roles would be identified for town centres, which are currently in decline, in an attempt to encourage their growth.

b) Pre Deposit Consultation

The Preferred Strategy

- 4.11 This was the key stage for communities to help shape the Deposit Plan and the main thrust of community involvement took place during this time. Members of the Public were requested to make representations in respect of the Preferred Strategy to the Council in writing.
- 4.12 There was no fundamental challenge or presentation of new evidence against the Preferred Strategy that significantly undermined it. When asked if respondents broadly agreed with the Preferred Strategy (option 2) 80% agreed. Wherever possible all issues/comments raised through consultation have been dealt with in the Deposit Plan.
- 4.13 In total 414 representations from 58 respondents were received in respect of the Preferred Strategy. Of the total, 278 representations offered comment, 136 were expressing support. The following section of the report summarises the nature of the comments received.
- 4.14 The key findings to emerge from the public consultation stage are presented in more detail in the Preferred Strategy Report of Findings (February 2009) but are summarised below.

Table 6: Key Findings

Issue	Influence on the Deposit Plan
Location/Distribution of Development	
<p>Respondents were concerned that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategy would result in a North South divide • There is a bias towards Ebbw Vale • It would have a detrimental effect on Abertillery and the Ebbw Fach Valley 	<p>The strategy now places less emphasis on the North/South divide and more emphasis on regenerating the area through the hub and spoke approach, though there remain fewer opportunities for development in the south due to topographical constraints. The creation of an integrated network of modern and revitalised hubs will provide a mechanism in which to co-ordinate investment and ensures that the benefits are shared widely to transform the whole Borough.</p>

Renewable Energy	
<p>The Welsh Assembly Government were concerned that:- The Preferred Strategy did not appear to have followed the approach of the MIPPS and TAN 8 in that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is little consideration of the role and impact of renewable energy • It does not appear to form part of the core strategy plan 	<p>The Council does not agree with this as the role and impact of renewable energy was considered during the preparation of the Preferred Strategy. Nevertheless the Council has now undertaken a Renewable Energy assessment in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Governments Toolkit.</p>
Issue	Influence on the Deposit Plan
Level of Housing Growth	
<p>Although most respondents agreed with the increase in population to 71,000 by 2021 and the proposed development of 2,250 – 3,000 dwellings some argued that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of provision should not be included and that instead a top end figure should be allocated • Others expressed concern that the higher figure was too ambitious and could not be delivered in the plan period 	<p>The number of houses to be provided within the plan period has increased as a result of new Welsh Assembly Government projections for the area. Whilst the level of population growth broadly agrees with what the Preferred Strategy aimed to achieve the number of houses required to accommodate this growth has increased. A definite figure has now been included rather than a range. The LDP now provides a framework for the development of 3,666 new dwellings within Blaenau Gwent.</p>

APPENDICES



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APPENDIX 1: CONSULTATION ORGANISATIONS

A Statutory Consultation Organisations

WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

National Assembly for Wales
Cadw
Welsh Assembly Government

ADJOINING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Brecon Beacons National Park
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Powys County Borough Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
Monmouthshire County Borough Council

LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

Aneurin Bevan Health Board

LICENSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS

Local Network Planning Manager,
British Telecom
NTL
Mobile Operators Association
Virgin Mobile

UK GOVERNMENT

Department for Transport
Department of Trade & Industry
The Home Office
Defence Estates
Development Plan Team, Planning
Inspectorate
Ministry of Defence

VOLUNTARY BODIES

Senior Development Officer, GAVO
WCVA
People First Blaenau Gwent

ASSEMBLY SPONSORED PUBLIC BODIES

Countryside Council for Wales
Environment Agency

LOCAL AND ADJOINING COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council
Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
Brynmawr Town Council
Tredegar Town Council
Rhymney Community Council
New Tredegar Community Council
Blaenavon Town Council

UTILITIES

Asset Office, British Gas (TRANSCO) Wales Ltd
British Wind Energy Association
Chief Executive, Coal Authority
Celtic Energy Ltd
Confederation of UK Coal Producers
Innogy plc
National Grid
Chairman, Powergen
RWE npower
SWALEC
Western Power Distribution
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
Client Manager, Hyder Consulting Ltd
Lattice Property
Wales and West Utilities

ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS

Equality & Human Rights Commission
Valleys Race Equality Council

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DISABILITY GROUPS

Disability Wales
Visually Impaired Persons Club
RNIB Cymru
Partially Sighted Society
PHAB
Federation for the Blind
Gwent Association for the Blind
Blaenau Gwent Access Group for Disabled
Deaf Association Wales
Disability Rights Commission
Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
North Monmouthshire Mencap
Gwent Valleys S. C. For The Disabled

B LDP Forum

Councillor Des Hillman
Councillor Don Wilcox
Councillor John Morgan
Mrs Clair Stonelake
Mr Ernie Pitt
Ms Kerry Diamond
Ms Maria Golightly
Mr Richard Bevan
Dr Jane Layzell
Ms Patt Tagg
Mr John Davies
Ms Eluned Jones
Ms Jane McMillian
Mr Jeremy Gass
Mr Brian Kember
Mr Colin Davies
Mr Wayne Thomas
Mr Steve Harford
Mr Nigel Forster
Mr Andy Thomas
Ms Christina Barnes
Ms Marlynne Headworth
Mrs Amanda Moore
Mr Huw Lewis
Mr Frank Callus
Mr Chris Ashman
Mr Chris Jarvis

RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Church in Wales
Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales
Evangelical Movement in Wales Methodist Church
Muslim Council for Wales
South Wales Baptist Association
United Reform Church
Salvation Army
Cardiff Buddhist Centre

Business Interests

Blaina & Nantyglo Chamber of Trade
Town Centre Partnership Brynmawr Traders
Tredegar Development Trust
Working Links

Leader
Executive Member for Regeneration
Georgetown Ward
Regeneration Executive
Base Handling Products Ltd
Finance Director
Community Co-ordinator
Director of Corporate Development
Public Health Director
Employment Service
Ebbw Vale and District Development Trust
WEFO
WEFO
Co-ordinator
Tredegar Development Trust
Working Links
RISE (The Learning Network)
Careers Wales Service
Capita Symonds
Coleg Gwent
Linc-Cymru
Environment Agency Wales
HOV-Community Sector
GAVO
HOV Strategic Programme Co-ordinator (Education)
Heads of the Valleys Programme Director
Venture Wales



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Mr Mark Price
Mr Ged McHugh
Mr Richard Price
Mr Gwyn Smith
Mr Glyn Davies
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Mr Neil Maylan
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Flexible Support for Business
Chief Executive BGCBC
Corporate Director Environment
Chief Regeneration Officer
Head of Community Regeneration
Head of Economic Development
The Home Builders Federation
Sustrans Cymru
Ramblers Association - North Gwent
Herian
Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
(Newport & Valleys)

C. Other Consultees

AS SPECIFIED IN LDP WALES

British Aggregates Association
British Geological Survey
British Geological Survey
British Waterways
Centre for Ecology
Cardiff Chamber of Commerce
CBI
Institute of Directors Wales
Country Landowners and Business Association
Crown Estate
Design Commission for Wales
Forestry Commission Wales
Gypsy Council
Health & Safety Executive
Farmers Union Wales
Federation of Small Businesses
The Home Builders Federation
National Farmers Union of Wales
Planning Aid Wales
Police Architectural Liaison Officer
Post Office Property Holdings
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
Royal Town Planning Institute (Wales)
Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru
The Institution of Civil Engineers
Sports Council for Wales
Land & Property, Gwent Police
Gwent Authorities Emergency Planning Service
Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
Forestry Authority (Wales)
Wales Voluntary Action

COMMUNITIES FIRST

Community First, Abertillery
Community First, Blaina
Community First, Cwmtillery
Community First, Nantyglo
Community First, Llanhilleth
Community First, Six Bells
Tredegar Communities First Partnership

LOCAL TRANSPORT OPERATORS

Arriva Trains Wales
Bus Users UK
Civil Aviation Authority
Confederation of Passenger Transport
First Great Western
Freight Transport Association
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
Network Rail (Western)
Rail Passenger Committee Wales
Road Haulage Association Ltd
Stagecoach in South Wales
Sustrans Cymru
Rail Freight Group
Cardiff International Airport
Chief Executive, Strategic Rail Authority
English, Welsh and Scottish Railways

INITIAL CONSULTATION REPORT

LOCAL COMMUNITY, CONSERVATION, AMENITY GROUPS, AGENDA 21 GROUPS/ CIVIC SOCIETIES

Wales Environment Link
Welsh Environmental Services Association
The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (Newport & Valleys)
Friends of the Earth (Cymru)
British Trust for Ornithology
WWF
Blaina Heritage Action Group
Friends of Bedwellty Park
Friends of Festival Park
Gwent Bat Group
RSPB
Welsh Historic Gardens Trust
Trefil Community Action Group
Westside and Forge Side Tenants and Residents Association
Borough Allotments Association
Npower renewables
Energy Saving Trust
Miller Argent (South Wales) Limited
Wildlife Trust for South & West Wales
West Coast Energy Ltd
Camping & Caravaning Club
British Naturalists Association
Countryside Alliance
Cyclists Touring Club
Cardiff Cycling Campaign
Your Energy Limited

EDUCATION

University of Wales Newport
Tredgar Comprehensive School
Ebbw Vale Senior Comprehensive School
Brynmawr Comprehensive School
Nantyglo Comprehensive School
Abertillery Comprehensive School
Glyncoed Comprehensive School
Cardiff University
University of the Valleys
Coleg Gwent

GYPSY AND TRAVELLERS GROUPS

Gypsy Traveller Law Reform Coalition

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Safer Blaenau Gwent
CCET - Blaenau Gwent
Blaenau Gwent Local Health Alliance
Blaenau Gwent Biodiversity Partnership

HEALTH

Welsh Health Estates
North Gwent Community Health Council
North Gwent Mental Health League of Friends
Abertillery Mental Health Self Support Group
Brynithel Mental Health Self Support Group
Community Mental Health Team (CMHT)
Equal Opportunities Commission
Local Health Board
Tredgar Mental Health Support Group

ELDERLY PERSONS ORGANISATIONS

National Old Age Pensioners Association for Wales
Hilltop Pensioners Association
Rassau Senior Citizens
Raglan Terrace Pensioners Association
Hilltop Pensioners Association
Brynithel Senior Citizens
Brynmawr Senior Citizens Associations
Cwmtillery OAP
Garnlydan Aged-Persons Welfare Associations
Nantyglo Senior Citizens Assoc.
Nantyglo Senior Citizens Association
Rassau OAP Association
Tyllwyn OAP Association

EX OFFENDERS GROUPS

Nacro Cymru Education & Employment Services in South Wales
Apex Charitable trust

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Aelwyd Housing Association Limited
First Choice Housing Association Ltd
Gwerin (Cymru) Housing Association Ltd
Linc Cymru
United Welsh



INITIAL CONSULTATION REPORT

HOMELESS ORGANISATIONS

Shelter Cymru
Crisis

HOUSE BUILDERS

Barratt South Wales
Bellway Homes
Benfield ATT
Bovis Homes
Bond Pearce
C P Construction
Charles Church Wales
Compton Developments
Crest Nicholson PLC
David McLean Homes Ltd
Davies Homes
Taylor Wimpey South Wales
Lovell
Persimmon Homes Wales Ltd
Redrow Homes South Wales Ltd
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Mike Phillips
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POLITICAL

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Mr Dai Davies
Mr Mohammad Asghar AM
Ms Jocelyn Davies AM
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PLANNING CONSULTANTS

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Halcrow Group Ltd
Hepher Dixon
Jacobs
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Kevin Nield and Partners
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Peacock & Smith
RPS Group
Tony Thorpe Associates
White Young Green
Land Access & Recreation Association
R E Phillips & Partners
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Pegasus Planning Group
DLP Planning
Capita Symonds
Louis Chicot Associates
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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Princes Trust Volunteers Ebbw Vale
Children in Wales
Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Clubs
Brynithel Youth and Community Association
Cefn Golau Youth Development Crew
Cwmcelyn Chapel Youth Club
Glyncoed Youth Community Representatives
St Anne's Church Youth Club
Tredegar Youth Café
Youth Choices
NCH Action for Children
NCH Action For Children (Network)
Youth Hostel Association
Young Dimensions



INITIAL CONSULTATION REPORT

VOLUNTARY PUBLIC BODIES

British Aggregates Association
Community Service Volunteers Wales
British Horse Society
Ramblers Association Wales
Prince's Trust Cymru
Welsh Consumer Council
One Voice Wales
Welsh Association of Motor Clubs
Herian

Commoners Association

Mr M Lloyd
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Mr A Davies
Ms Janet Haliday
M Bowen
Mr T Tapscott
Mr J Burchell
Mr G Davies
Mr Alan Williams
Mr J Hudd
Evans
Mr M Lippiatt
Mr Mike Roberts
Ms Lorraine Shehan

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Arts Council of Wales
Capital Region Tourism
Coed Cymru
Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
Hazardous Installations Directorate
Civic Trust for Wales
National Trust

Mynydd Carn-y-Cefn Commoners Association
Nantyglo & Blaina Commoners Association
Manmoel Commoners Association
Bedwellty Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Blorange Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Commoners Association
Rhymney & Bedwellty Commoners Association
Commoners Association



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Mr Nick Thomas
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Mr Jack Hanbury
Mr Roger Leadbeter
Mr Philip Crozier
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Mr Sean Tohill
Mr James Edwards
Mr Reg Arnold
Mrs Elaine Townsend

Mr Colin Stevens
Mrs Margaret Retallick
Ms Jessica Daley
Ms Heidi Carter
Mrs T Gudge
Mr Roles
Mr Ray Musto
Mr Mike Chislett
Mrs P Rogers
Mr Wyn Cross
Ms E Chappell
Mr Bradley Morgan
Mr Allan Thomas
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Ms Rosie Martin
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Councillor R. Rocke
Councillor D. Hughes
Councillor H. McCarthy
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Councillor J.T Rogers
Councillor D. Wilcox
Councillor J. Morgan
Councillor B.K. Clements
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Chris Engel
Clive Rogers
Clive Phillips
Colin Cheesman
Dave R Cook
Dave Thompson
Dave Watkins
Deborah Beeson
Emma Cashmore
Eirlys Hallett
Frank Olding
Ged McHugh
Hayley Selway
Helena Hunt
Jane McNeil
Jenny Turner
Jim Allen
Joanna Rhead
John Howells
John Parsons
Julian Bosley
Karin Lamb
Keith Chaplin
Keith Rogers
Kelsey Watkins
Leanne Connor
Louise Horner
Lyn Evans
Lynn Phillips
Mark Hopkins
Mark Price

Highways Division
Social Services
Technical Services - Transport
Regeneration – Business Services
Tourism
Public Protection
People & Performance Division
Accountancy & Financial Policy
Policy Performance & Development
Regeneration – Town Centres
Housing
Public Protection, Development Control
Regeneration - Projects
Technical Services
Social Services
Regeneration - Biodiversity
Public Protection
Public Protection - Grants Policy & Operations
Leisure Services
Regeneration - Biodiversity
Education
Public Protection – Planning Control
Leisure - Heritage
Regeneration – Economic Policy
Housing
People and Performance – Community Safety
Communities First
Environment
Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
Accountancy & Financial Policy
Education – School Services
Environment – Corporate Director
Regeneration – Business Services
Regeneration – Town Centres
Environment
Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Housing - Communications
Corus Project Team
Estates - Legal
Environment
Leisure Services
Technical Services - Engineering
Community Regeneration



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Phil Hodgson
Phillip Hackling
Richard Crook
Rob Thompson
Roderic Jenkins
Ruth Sinfield
Sharn Anett
Simon Dobbs
Steve Smith
Tony Chivers
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Education
Regeneration - Projects
Legal & Estates Division
Social Services
Housing
Corus Project Team
People and Performance Team
Transport
Social Services
Education – Children and Young People
Regeneration - Projects
Public Protection - Planning
Technical Services - Engineering
Technical Services – Property Asset

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Mr Owain Griffiths
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Mr Gary Howells
Mr Nick Richards
Mr Rodney Edward Morris
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Mr Tom Tyler
Mr Brian Morgan
Mr David Thursfield
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Mr Darren Parker
Mr Terry Maggs
Mr Fred Howells
Ms Carolyn Jones
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Mr W John Evans
Ms Michelle Jones
Mr I Watkins
Mr Graham Morris
Mr Adam Everley
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Mr M P & R Haven

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Knight Frank

Harmers Limited
White Young Green
Welsh Assembly Government
WBS Planning LLP

Redrow Homes
GVA Grimley
GVA Grimley LLP
DPP

Festival Park Chester Properties Ltd

Walters Group

DTZ

RPS Planning & Development
Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway Co.

Hedland Civil Engineering



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Linc Cymru Housing



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APPENDIX 2: INVITATION LIST FOR THE ISSUES PAPER JULY 2007

Name	Organisation
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	
Alan Reed	Highways Division
Alison Hoskins	Social Services
Alun Evans	Technical Services - Transport
Alwyn Hughes	Regeneration – Business Services
Alyson Tippings	Tourism
Andrew Long	Public Protection
Andrew Parker	People & Performance Division
Angela Chard	Accountancy & Financial Policy
Bernadette Elias	Policy Performance & Development
Bethan Cartwright	Regeneration – Town Centres
Bridget Powell	Housing
Chris Engel	Regeneration - Projects
Clive Rogers	Technical Services
Colin Cheesman	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	Public Protection
Dave Thompson	Public Protection - Grants Policy & Operations
Dave Watkins	Leisure Services
Deborah Beeson	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Eirlys Hallett	Public Protection – Planning Control
Frank Olding	Leisure - Heritage
Ged Mchugh	Regeneration – Economic Policy
Hayley Selway	Housing
Jenny Turner	Environment
Jim Allen	Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
Joanna Rhead	Accountancy & Financial Policy
John Howells	Education – School Services
John Parsons	Environment – Corporate Director
Julian Bosley	Regeneration – Business Services
Keith Chaplin	Environment
Keith Rogers	Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Leanne Connor	Environment – Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	Environment
Lynn Phillips	Leisure Services
Mark Hopkins	Technical Services - Engineering
Mark Price	Community Regeneration
Michelle Evans	Education
Nick Landers	Regeneration - Projects
Paul Miles	Legal & Estates Division
Phil Hodgson	Social Services
Phillip Hackling	Housing
Richard Crook	Corus Project Team
Roderic Jenkins	Transport
Ruth Sinfield	Social Services
Sharn Annett	Education – Children and Young People

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Name	Organisation
Simon Dobbs	Regeneration - Projects
Steve Smith	Public Protection - Planning
Tony Chivers	Technical Services - Engineering
External Organisations	
Elaine Ancrum	National Assembly for Wales
Jackie Walters	Environment Agency
Tracy Nettleton	Brecon Beacons National Park
Mr N Davies	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Mr R Murray	Torfaen County Borough Council
Mr Steve Bartlett	Nantyglo and Blaina Town Council
Dr J Evans	Tredegar Town Council
Richard Jones	Countryside Council for Wales
	Cadw
Mrs Rhian Kyte	Caerphilly County Borough Council
	Powys County Borough Council
Mr G Bartlett	Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council
Mrs A Davies	Brynmawr Town Council
Mr J P Williams	Rhymney Community Council
Mrs D Gronow	New Tredegar Community Council
	Local Network Planning British Telecom
	NTL
	Virgin Mobile
	Lattice Property
	British Wind Energy Association
	Celtic Energy Ltd
Mr Rhian Deakin	Blaenavon Town Council
Mr Ryan Bowen	Hyder Consulting Ltd
	Mobile Operators Association
Richard Bevan	Blaenau Gwent Local Health Board
Mr Neil Dalley	British Gas (TRANSCO)
Mr K Ferguson	Coal Authority
	Confederation of UK Coal Producers
Dr Emma Wilson	Innogy plc
Mr Ed Wallace	Powergen
	SWALEC
	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
	Department for Transport
	The Home Office
Mr Jonathon Jones	Wales Tourist Board
	National Grid Transco plc
	RWE npower
	Western Power Distribution
	Wales and West Utilities
	Department of Trade & Industry
Mr Allan Fogg	Defence Estates
	Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust Ltd
Stuart Newland S.	East Wales Regional Waste Group



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	Friends of the Earth (Cymru)
Michael J Harris & Assoc	Local Planning Agent
Peter Barnes	Local Planning Agent
Graham Worthington	Local Planning Agent
Mike Cuddy	Department of Enterprise, Innovation & Networks
LDP Forum	
Jeff Harris	ARPP
Darren Wright	Capita Symonds
Sarah Fotheringham	Glamorgan & Gwent Housing Association
Richard Jones	Countryside Council for Wales
Mr Richard Bevan	Health Board
Ernie Pitt Base	Handling Products
Kerry Diamond	Continental Teves
Mike Garland	M & J Europe
Matthew Simon	Environment Agency
Jane Layzell	Local Health Board
John Hopkins	BGCBC Leader
Dennis Owens	BGCBC Executive Member
Jane Mcneil	BGCBC - Community First
Patrick Lewis	Heads of the Valleys Programme
John Morgan	Tredegar Town Council
Victoria King	Coleg Gwent
Frank Callus	Coleg Gwent
Wayne Thomas	RISE
Jeremy Gass	University of the Valleys
Pat Tagg	Job Centre Plus
John Davies	Ebbw Vale & District Development Trust
Huw Lewis	GAVO
Anita Thomas	Princes Trust
Brian Kember	Tredegar Development Trust
Chris Jarvis	Venture Wales
Gareth Matthews	Working Links
Clair Stonelake	Department of Enterprise and Innovation Network
Stephen Byrne	Spatial Support and Regeneration Branch
Margaret Hunt	CPRW
Neil Maylan	Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust
Richard Price	The Home Builders Federation
Jeff Pride	Herian

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APPENDIX 3: INVITATION LIST FOR THE ISSUES AND VISION WORKSHOP

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LDP Forum	
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Sarah Fotheringham	Glamorgan & Gwent Housing Association
Kate Rogers	Countryside Council for Wales
Mr Richard Bevan	Health Board
Ernie Pitt Base	Handling Products
Kerry Diamond	Continental Teves
Mike Garland	M & J Europe
Matthew Simon	Environment Agency
Jane Layzell	Local Health Board
John Hopkins	BGCBC Leader
Dennis Owens	BGCBC Executive Member
Jane Mcneil	BGCBC – Community First
Patrick Lewis	Heads of the Valleys Programme
John Morgan	Tredegar Town Council
Victoria King	Coleg Gwent
Frank Callus	Coleg Gwent
Wayne Thomas	RISE
Jeremy Gass	University of the Valleys
Pat Tagg	Job Centre Plus
John Davies	Ebbw Vale & District Development Trust
Huw Lewis	GAVO
Anita Thomas	Princes Trust
Brian Kember	Tredegar Development Trust
Chris Jarvis	Venture Wales
Gareth Matthews	Working Links
Clair Stonelake	Department of Enterprise and Innovation Network
Stephen Byrne	Spatial Support and Regeneration Branch
Margaret Hunt	CPRW
Jim Perry	Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust
Richard Price	The Home Builders Federation
Jeff Pride	Herian
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	
Alan Reed	Highways Division
Alison Hoskins	Social Services
Alun Evans	Technical Services - Transport
Alwyn Hughes	Regeneration – Business Services
Alyson Tippings	Tourism
Andrew Long	Public Protection
Andrew Parker	People & Performance Division
Angela Chard	Accountancy & Financial Policy
Bernadette Elias	Policy Performance & Development
Bethan Cartwright	Regeneration – Town Centres
Bridget Powell	Housing

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Name	Organisation
Chris Engel	Regeneration - Projects
Clive Rogers	Technical Services
Colin Cheesman	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	Public Protection
Dave Thompson	Public Protection - Grants Policy & Operations
Dave Watkins	Leisure Services
Deborah Beeson	Regeneration - Biodiversity
Eirlys Hallett	Public Protection – Planning Control
Frank Olding	Leisure - Heritage
Ged Mchugh	Regeneration – Economic Policy
Hayley Selway	Housing
Jane McNeil	Communities First
Jenny Turner	Environment
Jim Allen	Technical Services – Architecture and Business Dev
Joanna Rhead	Accountancy & Financial Policy
John Howells	Education – School Services
John Parsons	Environment – Corporate Director
Julian Bosley	Regeneration – Business Services
Keith Chaplin	Environment
Keith Rogers	Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Leanne Connor	Environment – Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	Environment
Lynn Phillips	Leisure Services
Mark Hopkins	Technical Services - Engineering
Mark Price	Community Regeneration
Michelle Evans	Education
Nick Landers	Regeneration - Projects
Paul Miles	Legal & Estates Division
Phil Hodgson	Social Services
Phillip Hackling	Housing
Richard Crook	Corus Project Team
Roderic Jenkins	Transport
Ruth Sinfield	Social Services
Sharn Annett	Education – Children and Young People
Simon Dobbs	Regeneration - Projects
Steve Smith	Public Protection - Planning
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Will Beer	NHS Local Public Team



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APPENDIX 4: INVITATION LIST FOR VISION AND STRATEGY OPTIONS WORKSHOPS 2007

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G Bartlett	Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council
Ernie Pitt	Base Handling Products
Alan Reed	BGCBC - Highways
Alison Hoskins	BGCBC - Social Services
Alun Evans	BGCBC - Technical Services, Transport
Alwyn Hughes	BGCBC - Regeneration, Business Services
Andrew Long	BGCBC - Public Protection
Andrew Parker	BGCBC - People and Performance Division
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Bethan Cartwright	BGCBC -Regeneration, Town Centres
Catherine Ashby	BGCBC - Public Protection, Development Control
Chris Engel	BGCBC - Regeneration, Projects
Clive Rogers	BGCBC - Technical Services
Deborah Beeson	BGCBC - Regeneration - Biodiversity
Dave R Cook	BGCBC - Public Protection
Dave Watkins	BGCBC - Leisure Services
Eirlys Hallett	BGCBC - Public Protection – Development Control
Emma Cashmore	BGCBC - Education
Frank Olding	BGCBC - Leisure - Heritage
Ged McHugh	BGCBC - Regeneration – Economic Policy
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Gill Clark	Chair Cwmtillery Partnership
Frank Callus	Coleg Gwent
David Llewellyn	Co-ordinator for Cwmtillery Partnership
Darren Lewis	Co-ordinator for Rassau & Garnlydan Partnership
Anna Chard	Co-ordinator for St Illtyds Partnership
Claire Stonelake	Department of Enterprise and Innovation Network
Chris Cox	DTZ
Dr Jane Layzell	Local Health Board
Gemma White	Local Health Board
Cllr David Britton	Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
Brian Walters	National Assembly for Wales
D Gronow	New Tredegar Community Council
Anita Thomas	Princes Trust
Glyn Davies	Ramblers Association - North Gwent
Colin Stevens	Rassau Tenants & Residents Association & Blaenau Gwent Federation of T & R Associations
Andrew Jenkins	Rhyd Development Ltd
A Edwards	Town Centre Partnership Brynmawr Traders
Brian Kember	Tredegar Development Trust
G Powell	Tredegar Development Trust

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Graham Bartlett	Vice Chair, Cwmtillery Communities First
Gareth Matthews	Working Links
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Gwyn Smith	Sustrans
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Helena Hunt	Community Safety
Huw Lewis	GAVO
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J P Williams	Rhymney Community Council
James Eades	Linc Cymru
Jane McNeil	BGCBC - Communities First
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Jeff Harris	ARPP
Jeremy Gass	University of the Valleys
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Jessica Osbourne	Co-ordinator for Tredegar Central & West & Sirhowy Partnership
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John Davies	Ebbw Vale & District Development Trust
John Howells	BGCBC - Education – School Services
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John Wedlock	Vice Chair, Ebbw Vale North & South Communities First
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Karin Lamb	BGCBC - Regeneration – Town Centres
Kate Terrell	Chair St Illtyds Partnership
Kayna Tregay	Environment Agency
Keith Dykes	Chair Abertillery Partnership
Keith Rogers	BGCBC - Regeneration – Access and Conservation
Kelsey Watkins	BGCBC - Housing
Keren Bender	Chair Cwm, Waunlwyd & Victoria Partnership
Kerry Diamond	Continental Teves
Leanne Connor	BGCBC - Environment – Corus Project Team
Louise Horner	BGCBC - Estates - Legal
Lyn Evans	BGCBC - Environment
Lyn Harber	Vice Chair, Six Bells Communities First
Lyn Maloney	Vice Chair, St Illtyds Communities First
Lynn Phillips	BGCBC - Leisure Services



INITIAL CONSULTATION REPORT

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