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**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council: Delivery Agreement 2nd Revision**  
**The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005**  
**(as amended)**

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 January requesting agreement to a Delivery Agreement (DA) Revision for your replacement Local Development Plan (LDP).

The preparation of a LDP is a statutory duty placed on all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. Having an up-to-date development plan in place underpins the very basis of the planning system in Wales and reinforces the Government's commitment to a plan-led system.

The plan is a corporate tool and land-use expression of a LPAs priorities in dealing with national and local issues, and as such, the DA is a commitment by your authority to deliver on these key priorities. Effective project management and the availability of staff resources is essential to ensure the plan can be prepared in accordance with the timescales set out in Appendix 2 of the DA. This timescale is considered realistic and achievable by your authority and takes into account recent staff appointments and the subsequent uptake of workstreams.

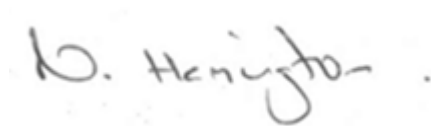
A test of soundness against which the plan will be considered through the examination is whether it adheres to the agreed DA including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS). The plan will also need to demonstrate general conformity with Future Wales: The National Plan 2040.

Your submitted DA contains a detailed breakdown on the timings of each LDP stage (in Appendix 2) with an indicative adoption date March 2025.

After considering your DA submission, I can **confirm agreement** to the timetable set out in Appendix 2 (plus a single slippage period of 3 months) as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

The published version of your DA should now be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N. Hemington', followed by a period.

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