

Appendix 2: Responses to the Draft Delivery Agreement Consultation February 2022

Respondents	Response/Representation	Council Response/ Changes required to the Delivery Agreement
<p>10 responses from landowners, developers, agents and interested parties.</p>	<p>Various queries on how existing Candidate Sites will be included.</p> <p>Will Candidate Sites submitted during the previous call for sites be carried forward into the new plan process?</p> <p>Can new Candidate sites be submitted?</p> <p>Disappointment raised that decisions on Candidate Sites will not be made until a later time.</p>	<p>The Council are considering how to formally progress with Candidate Sites submitted through the previous call for sites and will contact promoters and/or their agents directly to provide further advise in due course. It has been indicated through the consultation that any factual supporting evidence submitted alongside Candidate Sites will remain relevant, subject to any time associated information.</p> <p>There will be a need for a new Call for Sites, which is scheduled for June-September 2022. This will allow for new sites to be considered in the RLDP as well.</p> <p>Any final decisions on sites will not be made until the RLDP is adopted. This is timetabled in 2025 with the proposed RLDP 2022 – 2037. It would no longer be possible to reach Adoption in 2024 on the 2020 – 2030 RLDP due to slippage to date.</p>

		No changes required to the Delivery Agreement.
3 responses from individuals.	Requests for administrative, factual correctness changes and typographical changes to their details.	Acknowledged and agreed. Changes made to the Delivery Agreement.
3 responses from individuals.	Requests for removal from the consultation list and additions to the consultation list.	Noted. The Council will remove consultees no longer wishing to be consulted and add those who have requested to be on the consultation list. No changes required to the Delivery Agreement
1 response from an individual	Support for the Delivery agreement	Noted. Support for the Delivery Agreement is welcomed.
1 response from an individual	Green Infrastructure should be integrated into the RLDP process including in SPG and its importance recognised. RCT LNP and their partners should be included in the consultation.	The Council will prepare a green infrastructure assessment as part of the evidence base for the RLDP. If required, SPG will be prepared to support RLDP policies. The Council welcomes any suggestions to its consultation lists and will also continue to work with its internal colleagues such as the Council's Nature assets and Climate change group and its external colleagues on the preparation of the plan.
GGAT	The Draft Delivery Agreement is helpful and the charts for key stages allow us to be aware of upcoming consultations, and we note that Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust are on the list of consultees.	Noted. The Council will continue to work alongside GGAT through the preparation of the RLDP.

	<p>There have been Legislative changes since the previous plan which need to be considered.</p> <p>There are numerous statutorily designated and non-designated assets in RCT. These should not be seen as any constraint to development but viewed with the aims of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, contribute substantially to the well-being goals relating to culture and community, and by understanding and enhancement to the remaining goals.</p> <p>We note that the SPGs from 2011 are listed and that they will be reviewed as part of the LDP revision, including The Historic Environment SPG. We have compiled SPGs for Archaeology and the Historic Environment for some of the UAs in our area, and these can if required include Archaeologically Sensitive Areas, defined for concentrations of evidence of archaeological and historic environment activity.</p> <p>GGAT should be consulted in relation to any planned development around historic assets.</p>	
The Coal Authority	<p>Our records indicate that within the Rhondda County Borough Council area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including mine entries, shallow workings, surface mining and reported surface hazards. These features pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.</p> <p>It is noted however that this current consultation relates to a revised LDP Delivery Agreement, and I can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on this document</p>	Noted the Council will continue to consult with the Coal Authority throughout the plan process.

People First RCT	Easy read version of documents should be available	<p>Agree. Change to the Delivery Agreement.</p> <p>Addition to the DA under 4.11.1. 'The Council will prepare Easy Read versions of the main RLDP stage consultation documents'.</p>
Compliance Officer RCT	<p>Include reference to the Council's general data protection pages as well as the Planning and Regeneration pages under the GDPR section of the DA. This will help with compliance (transparency) of processing people's data who chose to take part in consultation.</p>	<p>Change to Delivery Agreement. Agreed this reference will be added to the delivery agreement.</p>
NRW	<p>We acknowledge the amended timetable for the preparation of a new Revised LDP within the new proposed Delivery Agreement.</p> <p>We note your Authority will have regard to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 in the context of the review. We advise your Authority that the Area Profiles and Area Statements our colleagues are developing are also used in the LDP Review. Each Area Statement outlines the key challenges facing that particular locality, what we can all do to meet those challenges, and how we can better manage our natural resources for the benefit of future generations. The Wales Environmental Information Map (WEI) contains the spatial evidence held by us and is an output of the Area Statements. WEI provides open data regarding access, flood, habitats, hydrology, landscapes, marine, designated land, water quality, and woodlands and we advise you use the open data provided in WEI, in the LDP Review.</p>	<p>Noted. The Council will continue to consult and work alongside NRW throughout the RLDP process and welcomes the support and guidance.</p>

	<p>We would like to take the opportunity to offer our support, including informal engagement, throughout the LP review and plan preparation process. Acknowledgement of the DA and continued support offered through the plan preparation process.</p>	
South Wales Fire Service	<p>On behalf of the Service I would like to confirm our continued desire to be involved with future consultations.</p> <p>The document clearly set out the plan with a clearly defined timetable.</p> <p>It was of particular interest to see the many and varied groups that had been identified on the consultation and hard to reach groups and how carefully the consultation had been considered.</p> <p>It would be of interest to provide more specific plans on how the engagement of the plan would be achieved using more non digital mechanisms and there would be merit in more clarification on future plans via social media</p> <p>As a large employer in the area we would be happy to share engagement events/links via our internal communication channels should that be of benefit.</p>	<p>Noted and support welcomed. The Council will continue to consult and work alongside SWFR throughout the RLDP process.</p> <p>The Council will endeavour to consult as widely as possible on proposals via both digital and non- digital methods. Closer to the individual consultation we will release further details of how people can engage with us including those non-digital methods such as any events we are holding.</p>
Planning Consultancy	<p>Support for the extended plan period although even recommend a longer plan period of 20 years.</p>	<p>Noted. The Council welcomes the support for our longer plan period. However, it is considered that a 15 year plan period is appropriate.</p>
Theatres Trust	<p>Theatres Trust should be added to the list of consultees contained in the Delivery Agreement.</p>	<p>Noted. The Theatres Trust will be added to the consultee list contained in the Delivery Agreement.</p>
Aberdare BID	<p>Our Aberdare BID needs to be added to this list as generators of wealth.</p>	<p>The Council welcomes Aberdare Bid's engagement with the RLDP preparation</p>

	<p>We would like to input into the LDP and information that comes from Aberdare Bids engagements with other organisations should also be used to inform the LDP.</p> <p>Proposals for several other Cynon Valley based groups and bodies are proposed to be added to the consultation list;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Evan's church, in addition to the overall organisation they are governed by. • Aberdare based Arts & Culture organisations; Showcase Sioegerdd, a charity who work with children to provide entertainment at Aberdare Community School, St Fagans Church, the Coliseum in Aberdare, and Colstars • Valleys Regional Parks • GroundWork Wales • Tarian Group who manage St John's Medical Practice and Park Surgery in Trecynon. <p>How will the retail study be undertaken and by whom. Who will be consulted on it?</p>	<p>process and looks forward to working with them. Any information to inform the plan is welcomed to be submitted during engagement and consultation periods.</p> <p>Aberdare Bid and other proposed groups will be added to our DA consultation lists.</p> <p>The Council will undertake a retail study as part of the RLDP evidence base. This is a very detailed qualitative and quantitative evidence base study, based on standard national retail planning policy and guidance, alongside bespoke RCT analysis. The details of this will be determined during the preparation of the RLDP.</p>
<p>South Wales Police</p>	<p>I would like to thank you for sending us the information regarding the Draft Delivery Agreement for the revised LDP 2022 – 2037.</p> <p>At this stage we have no comment to make however we welcome the opportunity to continue with our involvement and look forward to discussing the issues of Community Safety and Crime Prevention in the near future.</p>	<p>Noted and support welcomed. The Council will continue to consult and work alongside SWP throughout the RLDP process.</p>