Torfaen Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) - 2022-2037

Candidate Sites - Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Note

July 2023

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This document is available in Welsh

Torfaen CBC has commissioned AECOM to prepare an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) for each stage of the Torfaen Replacement Local Development Plan (2022-2037). According to the Council's Candidate Sites Assessment Methodology (May 2023), candidate sites which are found acceptable in the Council's Stage 2A Assessment, will also be assessed by AECOM under the following proposed ISA Framework and associated Scoring Matrix. This Framework has been provided for your information.

Extract from the "Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) for the Replacement Local Development Plan: Scoping Report - Torfaen Council - July 2023"

Table 13.1 Proposed ISA Framework

ISA topic	ISA objective
Biodiversity and geodiversity	Conserve, protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity interests within and surrounding Torfaen.
Climate change	Mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change through increasing energy efficiency and generation and use of low carbon and renewable energy sources.
Population and communities	Provide a sufficient quantity of good quality market and affordable homes in sustainable locations to meet identified needs.
	Enhance design quality to create great places for people.
Economy and employment	Promote economic growth and maximise the economic contribution of the area to the Cardiff City Region, strengthening and diversifying the economy, promoting tourism, enhancing the vitality and viability of town centres and increasing prosperity for all.
	Increase levels of local employment and ensure distribution of opportunities, whilst improving educational attainment and increasing skill levels.
Health and wellbeing	Improve the health and well-being of the population including physical and mental health, social well-being and community safety.
Equalities, diversity and social inclusion	Reduce poverty and inequality; tackle social exclusion and promote community cohesion.
Historic environment	Conserve and enhance the significance of the County Borough's historic environment, cultural assets (including the use of the Welsh language) and heritage assets and their settings.

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Natural resources (air, land, minerals and water)	Identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air pollution.
	Make the best use of previously developed land and existing buildings to minimise pressure for greenfield development and protecting where possible higher grade agricultural land.
	Promote the circular economy by reducing waste generation and maximising reuse and recycling, ensuring the use of natural resources and the provision of an adequate supply of minerals.
	Conserve, protect and enhance the water environment, water quality and water resources.
Landscape	Protect and enhance the quality and character of the landscape.
Transport and movement	Improve access for all to the jobs, services and facilities they need whilst supporting a reduction in the use of private transport by promoting active travel and encouraging modal shift to sustainable transport and improving access to high quality digital communications and utilities.

ISA: Candidate Site Scoring Matrix

++	Major positive effect
+	Minor positive effect
0	Neutral / No effect
?	Uncertain effect
-	Minor negative effect
--	Major negative effect