

Appendix 2 – Non-Technical Summary of LDP Inspectors Report

The Inspectors report concludes that, subject to the recommended changes set out in Appendix A, B and C, the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011- 2026 (LDP) provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Vale of Glamorgan up to 2026. The Council has sufficient evidence to support the strategy and has shown that it has a realistic prospect of being delivered. A number of changes are needed to meet legal and statutory requirements and to ensure that the Plan is sound. These do not alter the thrust of the Council's overall strategy and do not undermine the Sustainability Appraisal (SA). The main changes can be summarised as:

- Inclusion of a statement on how the Welsh language has been taken into account;
- Delineation of settlement boundaries at '*Minor Rural Settlements*' and other amendments to settlement boundaries, reflective of national policy;
- Revised housing requirement figure of 9,460 dwellings and clarification on the composition of that figure;
- Amendments to housing supply, including a reduced reliance on windfalls;
- New/ extended residential allocations to correct a previous over-reliance on windfalls: *Land West of Pencoedtre Lane, Barry; Upper Cosmeston Farm, Penarth; Land adjacent to Oak Court, Penarth; and Former Eagleswell Primary School, Llantwit Major.*
- Updates to housing allocation figures to reflect the most up to date evidence;
- Deletion of the proposed phasing of housing developments;
- Amendments to the Authority-wide target for affordable housing;
- Deletion of the requirement for all affordable housing to be constructed to DQR standards, increased flexibility regarding on site provision of affordable housing to reflect national policy and clarification regarding tenure split requirements, again with increased flexibility for negotiation on a site by site basis where viability issues are demonstrated;
- Deletion of the Gypsy and Traveller allocation at Hayes Road and the inclusion of a new allocation for 2 pitches at Llangan;
- Improvements to the Gypsy and Traveller policy framework to better reflect the legislative requirements/ national policy, with closer links to the Monitoring Framework;
- Amendments to the policy framework relating to the St. Athan – Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone, embedding the masterplan principles within the statutory Plan;
- Extension of Policy MG9.4: '*Atlantic Trading Estate*';
- Amendments to the policy framework relating to employment proposals/ protection of employment sites, reflective of national policy;
- Amendments to Policy MD4: '*Community Infrastructure and Planning Obligations*' to reflect viability issues and wider legislative and national policy requirements;
- Revisions to the policy framework relating to natural environment to reflect national policy;
- Revisions to the retail policy framework, reflective of national policy;
- Identification of Garwa and Ruthin Quarries as specific sites for minerals working and wider updates to the minerals policies to ensure consistency with national policy;
- Improvements to the waste strategy, including a new policy to reflect national policy;
- Clarification regarding renewable energy targets and the identification of local search areas for solar energy;
- Various improvements to Development Management policies to enable the effective implementation of the Plan's aims and objectives and to ensure consistency with national policy;
- Updates to site specific details and infrastructure requirements at Appendix 5 & 6;
- Revisions to the Monitoring Framework to provide a more robust framework within which the Plan's success can be monitored.

Almost all of the recommended changes have been put forward by the Council in response to matters discussed during the examination. With the recommended changes, the Plan satisfies the requirements of section 64(5) of the 2004 Act and meets the tests of soundness.