



Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 15) (as amended 2015).

Notice of Pre-deposit (Preferred Strategy) Public Consultation for Neath Port Talbot Replacement Local Development Plan (2023-2038)

Neath Port Talbot Council has prepared the pre-deposit proposals documents for the above plan. Once adopted, the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) will supersede the current Local Development Plan and be the basis for decisions on land use planning for the Neath Port Talbot Council area.

Neath Port Talbot Council is now making the pre-deposit proposals documents available for inspection. Comments are invited on the pre-deposit proposals documents, which outline the Vision, Growth and Spatial Options, Preferred Strategy, and Strategic Policies for the Replacement LDP. Comments are also invited on the Application Sites Register (CSR) (sites submitted during the Calls for Candidate Sites and the Urban Capacity study), the Initial Integrated Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitat Regulations Assessment. A series of background documents have also been published.

The Preferred Strategy, the LDP Review Report (2022) and the CSR together with supporting background documents can be inspected on the LDP consultation portal available through the Council's website (<https://beta.npt.gov.uk/rldp/ps/>) and copies of the main consultation documents can also be inspected at the following locations during office hours:

- Neath Civic Centre, Neath SA11 3QZ;
- Port Talbot Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1PJ; and
- The Quays, Brunel Way, Neath SA11 2GG.

The consultation period runs for 8 weeks from midday Thursday 12th December 2024 to midday Thursday 6th February 2025. The closing date for making Representations (comments) is midday on the 6th February 2025.

The Council encourages representations (comments) to be made via the online LDP consultation portal which can be accessed from the Council's website (<https://beta.npt.gov.uk/rldp/ps/>)

Representations will also be accepted via post or email using the standard representation forms available from the above locations or from our website ldp@npt.gov.uk

Representations deemed to be duly made and received by the closing date will be acknowledged and formally considered when preparing the Deposit RLDP.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specified address, that the RLDP has been submitted to the Welsh Government for independent examination and of the adoption of the plan.

The Authority is only required to consider representations made in accordance with this notice.

The independent Inspector carrying out the examination will not consider representations made during this pre-deposit stage. There will be a further opportunity for representations to be made during the Deposit consultation and those will be considered by the Inspector at the Examination stage.

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