

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026

Annual Monitoring Report (October 2021)



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- 1 The Neath Port Talbot (NPT) Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted on 27th January 2016. As part of the statutory development plan process (Section 76 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004⁽¹⁾ and Regulation 37 Local Development Plan (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended))⁽²⁾, the Council is required to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).
- 2 The purpose of the AMR is to establish whether the LDP Strategy is effective and achieving its objectives; assess whether the strategic policies are working in practice; assess the impact the LDP is having on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County; identify any significant contextual changes that may influence Plan implementation or review; and ultimately determine whether any revisions to the Plan are necessary.
- 3 In January 2020, the Council commenced a review of its LDP in accordance with the statutory requirement under Section 69 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 for LDPs to be reviewed every four years following adoption. Following public consultation January March 2020, the LDP Review Report⁽³⁾ was approved for publication in July 2020.
- 4 The subsequent first step in the replacement plan process is the finalisation and publication of the LDP Delivery Agreement (DA) setting out the timetable and community involvement scheme that will be followed during the Replacement LDP (RLDP) preparation process. Finalisation of the DA has been delayed as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic but it is anticipated that this will now take place in early 2022, with the first formal stages of RLDP preparation work then also commencing.
- 5 Until the RLDP is adopted, the Council is still required to prepare an AMR of the current LDP. AMRs will therefore continue to be prepared to analyse the implementation of the current Plan and to inform the preparation of the RLDP.
- 6 This is the fifth AMR to be prepared since the adoption of the LDP and it covers the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Key Findings of the AMR

Contextual Information

7 Part 1 of the AMR provides a summary of significant relevant national, regional and local contextual changes in this monitoring period. Notable publications include Future Wales, Planning Policy Wales (11th Edition), Building Better Places, NPT Decarbonisation and Renewable Energy Strategy (DARE Strategy) and NPT LDP Review Report.

Available at: www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/contents

² Available at: www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2005/2839/contents/made

³ Available at: www.npt.gov.uk/media/13823/ldp-review-report-july-2020.pdf?v=20200709084011

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Policy Analysis

- 8 Part 2 of the AMR assesses how the Plan's strategic policies are performing against the identified key monitoring targets and outcomes and whether the LDP strategy and objectives are being delivered.
- **9** Given that a number of indicators reported in the 2020 AMR⁽⁴⁾ were deemed to have resulted in a 'trigger' for review of the policy in question and the ruling that this would be undertaken as part of the overall forthcoming review of the LDP, indicators that have already triggered a review in this way are not reported in this 2021 AMR but instead will be reported in relevant RLDP Topic Papers prepared as part of the LDP Review process. A full list of these indicators is provided in Appendix A.
- The Table below provides an overview of the appraisal framework for assessment of the remaining indicators.

LDP Monitoring Framework

Assessment	Action	No. of Indicators in Each Category (2020/21)
The indicators point to the successful implementation of the Policy	No further action required. Monitoring to continue	35
LDP Policies are not being implemented in the intended manner	Officer and/or Member training may be required	0
Indicators suggest the need for further guidance in addition to those identified in the Plan	Supplementary Planning Guidance may be required	0
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategic policy is not proving to be as effective as originally expected	Further research and investigation required	0
The indicators are suggesting that the strategic policy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the policy will be subject to a review process	7
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the LDP will be subject to a review process	0
Indicator completed	No further monitoring or action required	15
Indicator no longer being monitored following the revocation of TAN1 (See Chapter 6 for more information)		1
Data not yet available		2

11 The majority of the indicators that continue to be reported on in this AMR continue to show positive policy implementation (83.3%). Of the seven indicators reported in this AMR that suggest that the strategic policy is not being implemented, four are related to housing delivery.

Indicators suggesting strategic policy is not being implemented

Indicator	Target	Trigger
Indicator 6: The number of applications permitted within C2 floodplain areas	No applications permitted for highly vulnerable development within C2 floodplain areas.	One application permitted for highly vulnerable development.
Indicator 33: The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area.	Annual delivery targets.	The number of new housing units provided within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 34: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.	To provide 150 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2020/21.	The housing development at Park Avenue Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme is not delivered from 2020/21.
Indicator 38: The number of applications permitted at Rheola	The allocation at Rheola will be delivered by 2021.	The allocation at Rheola is not delivered by 2021.
Indicator 39: The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area.	A total provision of 8,760 new housing units will be made in order to ensure that a minimum of 7,800 new housing units will be delivered by 2026. [Annual delivery targets listed]	The number of new housing units provided within the County Borough falls below the cumulative requirement for 2 consecutive years.
Indicator 41: The number of net additional and general market dwellings built in the LPA area.	To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026. [Annual delivery targets listed]	The number of new affordable housing units provided within the County Borough falls below the cumulative requirement for 2 consecutive years.
Indicator 74: The number of applications permitted for renewable energy and low carbon technology development.	To achieve TAN 8 SSA capacity targets and to encourage where appropriate all forms of renewable energy and low carbon technology development.	No increase in the number of renewable energy schemes permitted is recorded.

- 12 Two of these (indicators 39 and 41) were previously reported to suggest that the LDP strategy is not being implemented as intended, however these continue to be monitored due to Regulation 37 of The Town and County Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)⁽⁵⁾ requiring AMRs to report on affordable and market housing delivery.
- 13 Chapter 6 Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities details progress with housing delivery during the monitoring period. It shows that over the course of the monitoring period there have been 149 completions (of which approximately a third were affordable housing delivered via Social Housing Grant and four were affordable housing delivered via s.106).

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Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring

14 In addition to monitoring the delivery of the NPT LDP strategy, the AMR reports on the results of monitoring undertaken for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA). This includes a number of indicators identified in the LDP Monitoring Framework with the addition of 12 SA indicators which are assessed and reported on as part of the AMR. The Table below shows that 64.0% of the indicators either have a positive or neutral impact.

SA Monitoring

Assessment	No. of Indicators within Category
Generally positive impacts	81
Mixed impacts	49
Generally negative impacts	0
Neutral impact	6

PART 1 - Introduction & Background



1 Introduction

- **1.0.1** The NPT LDP was adopted on 27th January 2016, together with Future Wales it forms the statutory development plan for the County Borough. These documents provide the land use planning framework which forms the basis on which decisions about future development in the County Borough, including planning applications, are based.
- **1.0.2** The Council is required under Section 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 37 of the Local Development Plan (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) to monitor the effects of the LDP and to publish an AMR analysing the effectiveness of the LDP, identifying aspects that are not being implemented as anticipated or are not having the required effect.
- **1.0.3** The purpose of the AMR is to establish whether the LDP Strategy is effective and achieving its objectives; assess whether the strategic policies are working in practice; assess the impact the LDP is having on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the County; identify any significant contextual changes that may influence Plan implementation or review; and ultimately determine whether any revisions to the Plan are necessary.

NPT LDP Review

- **1.0.4** In accordance with Section 69(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 37 of the Local Development Plan (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended), the Council is required to review the LDP at least every four years.
- **1.0.5** As a result of this requirement, the Council commenced a review of its LDP in January 2020. Following public consultation January March 2020, the LDP Review Report⁽⁶⁾ was approved for publication at a meeting of the Full Council on 2 July 2020.
- **1.0.6** The subsequent first step in the replacement plan process is the finalisation and publication of the LDP Deliver Agreement (DA) setting out the timetable and community involvement scheme that will be followed during RLDP preparation. However, as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts on plan preparation procedures, Council activities and consultation processes among other matters, preparation and publication of the DA has been delayed. It is anticipated that this will now be concluded and the final document published in early 2022, with the first formal stages of RLDP preparation work then also commencing.
- **1.0.7** The requirement to produce an AMR for the existing adopted LDP as an integral part of the statutory development plan process will continue until the adoption of the new RLDP.

NPT LDP Monitoring Framework

1.0.8 Section 6 of the adopted LDP sets out the Monitoring Framework for the AMR. It includes a total of 89 indicators, with corresponding targets and triggers for further action. Following the publication of the Development Plan Manual (Edition 3) in March 2020, amendments were made to the monitoring framework as set out in the AMR (2020)⁽⁷⁾.

1.0.9 The Table below identifies the possible actions which may result from monitoring, and there are several potential options to help address indicators which do not appear to be delivering as anticipated. To assist with the interpretation of the monitoring undertaken, a simplified colour scheme has been used to indicate how the indicator is performing.

Table 1.0.1 LDP Monitoring Framework

Assessment	Action	Colour Code
The indicators point to the successful implementation of the Policy	No further action required. Monitoring to continue	
LDP Policies are not being implemented in the intended manner	Officer and/or Member training may be required	
Indicators suggest the need for further guidance in addition to those identified in the Plan	Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) may be required	
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategic policy is not proving to be as effective as originally expected	Further research and investigation required	
The indicators are suggesting that the strategic policy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the policy will be subject to a review process	
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the LDP will be subject to a review process	

1.0.10 A number of indicators reported in the 2020 AMR were deemed to have resulted in a 'trigger' for review of the policy in question and it was stated that this would be undertaken as part of the overall forthcoming review of the LDP. The indicators that have already triggered review in this way are not therefore reported on in this 2021 AMR, but will continue to be reported in relevant RLDP Topic Papers prepared as part of the LDP Review process. The indicators in question are listed in Appendix A with details of the relevant monitoring findings.

1.0.11 The AMR also reports on the results of monitoring undertaken for the SA. This includes a number of indicators identified in the LDP monitoring framework with the addition of 12 SA indicators which are assessed and reported on as part of the AMR. The following colour coding is used to give an overall summary of the findings for each SA indicator:

SA Monitoring

Assessment	Colour Code
Generally positive impacts	
Mixed impacts	
Generally negative impacts	
Neutral impact	

Structure and Content

1.0.12 The AMR is structured into the following four parts:

Part 1: Introduction and Background - provides an introduction and an outline of the contextual change at a national, regional and local level over the monitoring period;

Part 2: LDP Monitoring - provides detail of the findings of the monitoring of the LDP Indicators (in Plan order);

Part 3: SA Monitoring - details the findings of the monitoring of the SA Objectives; and

Part 4: Conclusions and Recommendations

1. Introduction

2 Contextual Change

2.0.1 This Chapter outlines national, regional and local contextual changes over the monitoring period. Further contextual information specific to a particular LDP policy area is provided where appropriate in the relevant policy section.

2.1 National Context

Future Wales: The National Plan 2040

- **2.1.1** Future Wales: The National Plan 2040 ('Future Wales')⁽⁸⁾ was published in February 2021. Alongside the NPT LDP, Future Wales forms part of the statutory development plan for NPT.
- **2.1.2** As the new National Development Framework for Wales (NDF), Future Wales outlines the Welsh Government's (WG's) strategies for addressing key national priorities through the planning system; details where future WG investment will be concentrated; and provides the spatial vision for development to 2040.

Policy 1 'Where Wales will grow' identifies three National Growth Areas for employment growth, housing opportunities and investment in infrastructure - Cardiff, Newport and the Valleys; Swansea Bay and Llanelli; and Wrexham and Deeside. The Swansea Bay and Llanelli National Growth Area includes the towns of Neath and Port Talbot. Policy 2 'Shaping Urban Growth and Regeneration - Strategic Placemaking' emphasises the importance of strategic placemaking.

Future Wales identifies Neath and Port Talbot as two of a number of 'District Heat Priority Areas'. Policy 16 'Heat Networks' says that within these areas, large scale mixed use development (100 or more dwellings and/or 10,000sqm commercial floorspace) should, where feasible, have a heat network with a renewable/ low carbon source.

Future Wales also identifies a large swathe of NPT as part of 'Pre Assessed Areas for Wind Energy'. Policy 17 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy and Associated Infrastructure' states that within this area, subject to a number of criteria, there is a presumption in favour of large scale wind energy.

Section 5 'The Regions' divides Wales into four spatial planning regions - North Wales; Mid Wales; South East Wales; and South West Wales. NPT, alongside Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Swansea, form part of the South West Wales Region.

Policy 19 'Strategic Policies for Regional Planning' requires each region to produce a Strategic Development Plan (SDP), which when adopted will form part of the statutory development plan for the County Borough.

Policy 30 'Green Belts in the South West' supports the use of the SDP to identify and establish green belts to manage urban form and growth, particularly around the National Growth Area.

Policy 31 'South West Metro' says that the WG supports the development of the South Wales Metro and will work with Transport for Wales, local authorities and other partners

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to enable its delivery and maximise associated opportunities. Future Wales also identifies the need to assess the case to reopen older railway lines and new stations such as the Dulais, Amman, Neath and Swansea Valleys.

2.1.3 In accordance with Regulations 60 and 62 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, SDPs and LDPs will need to be in general conformity with Future Wales. LDPs will also need to be in general conformity with SDPs.

Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11

- **2.1.4** Coinciding with the publication of Future Wales, an updated version of Planning Policy Wales (PPW) (Edition 11)⁽⁹⁾ was published.
- **2.1.5** A number of changes were introduced through the updated version of PPW, including:

Information added with regards to the Placemaking Wales Charter and embedding place-making principles into the planning system in Wales.

'Sustainable Management of Natural Resources' section updated to include wider links to decarbonisation and energy.

Reference added to the application of the Socio-economic Duty which came into effect on 31 March 2021 and aims to reduce inequalities resulting from socio economic disadvantage.

Strengthened section on the use of compulsory purchase powers to unlock the development potential of sites.

Promotion of drinking water fountains/ refill stations as part of development in public areas.

Clarification to support historic environment best practice guidance on giving consideration to the settings of archaeological remains as part of development proposals.

'Active Travel' section expanded to make it a requirement to put active travel and public transport infrastructure in place early in the development process.

'Transport' section updated to ensure that the design of new streets supports the wider WG work on making 20 mph the new default speed limit and prevent pavement parking.

'Housing Delivery' section updated to reflect policy changes made by the Minister for Housing and Local Government in March 2020 regarding the removal of the five year housing land supply policy and housing trajectories $^{(10)}$.

'Affordable Housing' section updated to reflect the Minister for Housing and Local Government's policy statement in July 2019 regarding the need for planning authorities to make provision for affordable housing led sites when reviewing their LDPs⁽¹¹⁾.

⁹ Available at: gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf

¹⁰ See Housing Delivery Section for more detail

¹¹ See Covid-19 Section below

Clarification that all affordable housing is required to meet the WG's development quality standards.

Reference added to the Covid-19 pandemic and the WG's Building Better Places document⁽¹²⁾.

Other National Context Changes

Covid-19 Pandemic

- **2.1.6** During the course of this monitoring period, the County Borough has continued to be impacted by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.
- **2.1.7** On 7th July 2020, the Minister for Housing and Local Government wrote to all local authorities to confirm the WG's commitment as part of the Covid-19 recovery to the plan-led system, sustainable development and placemaking and said that this commitment had been reinforced rather than reduced by the current crisis⁽¹³⁾.
- **2.1.8** The letter advises that local authorities will need to consider the implications of the pandemic for emerging plans, particularly with regard to the economy, housing and transport matters. It also introduces changes to Permitted Development Rights to address temporary issues from the Covid-19 pandemic (for example, temporary permitted development rights to support businesses such as allowing an additional 28 days for use of land and temporary (trial) changes of use in town centres (6 months)).

Building Better Places

- **2.1.9** On 16th July 2020, the WG published Building Better Places⁽¹⁴⁾. This document recognises the Covid-19 pandemic as one of the most complicated challenges in a generation and pinpoints the most relevant policy priorities and actions to aid in the recovery.
- **2.1.10** Building Better Places emphasises the importance of a plan-led and placemaking approach to recovery and says that in order to act as a catalyst for recovery, the immediate recovery phase should seek to focus on the following considerations:

Staying local: creating neighbourhoods;

Active travel: exercise and rediscovered transport methods:

Revitalising our town centres;

Digital places: the lockdown lifeline;

Changing working practices: our future need for employment land;

Reawakening Wales' tourism and cultural sectors;

Green infrastructure, health and well-being and ecological resilience;

Improving air quality and soundscapes for better health and well-being.

¹² See Building Better Places section below

¹³ Letter available at:

www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2020/07/Planning-and-the-post-Covid-19-recovery-Letter-to-local-authorities-07.07.2020.pdf

¹⁴ Available at:

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2.2 Regional Context

South West Wales Regional Planning Group

- **2.2.1** In light of the new emerging planning regime in Wales and the introduction of SDPs, work has continued in respect of supporting and contributing to the regional agenda. In its lead/secretariat role for the South West Wales region, NPT Policy Officers have continued to facilitate ongoing discussion and progress in respect of regional collaboration initiatives and studies.
- **2.2.2** Over the course of the monitoring period, the authorities of the Mid and South West Wales regions⁽¹⁵⁾ have worked collaboratively with consultants to produce a Joint Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA)⁽¹⁶⁾ (published October 2020). The authorities have also worked collaboratively together to develop regional viability work (ongoing). These pieces of work will inform reviews of individual LDPs and contribute positively as a potential baseline for future work on SDPs. Further opportunities for joint working will be explored going forward.

Swansea Bay City Deal

2.2.3 Following the signing of the Swansea Bay City Deal⁽¹⁷⁾ on 20th March 2017 (a £1.3bn investment programme comprising eleven strategic projects across the Swansea Bay City Region⁽¹⁸⁾, expected to boost the regional economy by an estimated £1.8bn and generate almost 10,000 new high-quality jobs). NPT has led on three of the eleven projects:

Homes as Power Stations; Centre of Excellence for Next Generation Services; and Steel Science.

2.2.4 During the course of this monitoring period there has been regional approval for Homes as Power Stations project and steelwork erected for NPT's Technology Centre⁽¹⁹⁾.

South West Wales Strategic Development Plan (SDP)

- **2.2.5** During the course of the monitoring period, the WG consulted on draft regulations to create four regional Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) to exercise functions relating to SDP planning, regional transport planning and the economic well-being of their areas.
- **2.2.6** Following this consultation, on the 17th March 2021 the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 were made $^{(20)}$. This established the framework for CJCs. On the 1st April 2021, the following four CJCs were then established:

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council, NPT Council, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, Pembrokeshire County Council, Powys County Council and The City and County of Swansea

¹⁶ Available at:

https://www.npt.gov.uk/media/15510/mplussww-regional-housing-market-assessment-final-131020.pdf?v=20210407164845

^{17 &}lt;a href="https://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales">https://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales

¹⁸ Carmarthen, NPT, Pembrokeshire and Swansea

¹⁹ More information available https://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales/timeline/

²⁰ Available at: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents

The North Wales CJC Regulations 2021;

The Mid Wales CJC Regulations 2021;

The South East Wales CJC Regulations 2021; and

The South West Wales CJC Regulations 2021⁽²¹⁾

- **2.2.7** Regulations 11, 12 and 13 of the South West Wales CJC Regulations⁽²²⁾ (regulations regarding economic well-being, transfer etc. of function for developing transport policies and strategic planning functions) will come into force on 30 June 2022.
- **2.2.8** Further consultation on the CJC Regulations and guidance will be undertaken in Summer 2021.

2.3 Local Context

Decarbonisation and Renewable Energy Strategy

- **2.3.1** Following public consultation September November 2019, on the 21st May 2020, the Council's Cabinet Scrutiny Committee/ Cabinet approved the Council's Decarbonisation and Renewable Energy Strategy (DARE Strategy)⁽²³⁾.
- **2.3.2** Following WG's declaration of a climate emergency on 30th April 2019, the DARE Strategy provides a clear strategy and action plan in respect of the Climate Change/Decarbonisation Agenda. It outlines the Council's overarching vision and objectives, sets out what the Council has already achieved and identifies the potential future opportunities that exist. The document is therefore an integral part of the Council's overall sustainability drive and the associated action plan framework will assist the Council in meeting its carbon footprint reduction aspirations.

LDP Review Report

2.3.3 Following public consultation between January - March 2020, the Council's LDP Review Report was agreed by Full Council on 2nd July 2020. The Review Report confirms a full review of the LDP which due to delays because of the Covid-19 pandemic will commence in the next monitoring period.

Active Travel Network Map

2.3.4 In accordance with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013⁽²⁴⁾ requirement to produce an Active Travel Network Map showing where walking and cycling routes already exist (Existing Routes) and where upgrades or brand new routes are anticipated for the next 15 years (Future Routes), the Council is working with Sustrans Cymru to prepare an Active Travel Network Map.

²¹ More information available

https://gov.wales/consultation-corporate-joint-committees-general-no2-wales-regulations-2021-html

²² Available at: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2021/352/body/made?view=plain

²³ Available at:

https://data.climateemergency.uk/media/data/plans/neath-port-talbot-county-borough-council-b4fac2e.pdf

²⁴ Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2013/7/contents/enacted

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2.3.5 As part of the preparation of the Council's Active Travel Network Map, public consultation was undertaken between November 2020 - January 2021 in order to understand people's views on walking and cycling routes in their areas, including identifying problems on a route⁽²⁵⁾. Further consultation will be undertaken in the 2020/21 monitoring period prior to the finalisation of the Active Travel Network Map.

PART 2 - LDP Monitoring



3 Strategy

3.1 Strategy

- **3.1.1** The LDP is underpinned by an employment-led growth strategy that uses the projected increase in jobs and an increase in economic activity rates to identify the required working age population needed to support the projected number of jobs, which in turn projects the number of new homes needed. The approach ensures that the housing and employment strategies are aligned and there is a correlation between the number of jobs, houses, labour supply and employment space.
- **3.1.2** The Plan identifies a total of 25 objectives grouped under the following themes:

Building healthy, sustainable communities;

Promoting a sustainable economy;

Valuing our environment;

Achieving sustainable accessibility; and

Respecting distinctiveness.

3.1.3 Considering these objectives the LDP Strategy aims to:

Facilitate growth within NPT, with a focus on the coastal corridor whilst reinvigorating the valley communities

3.1.4 Through monitoring the LDP indicators, it is possible to assess how well the policies in the Plan are delivering the strategy. The Table below provides a summary overview.

LDP Monitoring Framework

Assessment	Action	No. of Indicators in Each Category (2020/21)
The indicators point to the successful implementation of the Policy	No further action required. Monitoring to continue	35
LDP Policies are not being implemented in the intended manner	Officer and/or Member training may be required	0
Indicators suggest the need for further guidance in addition to those identified in the Plan	Supplementary Planning Guidance may be required	0
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategic policy is not proving to be as effective as originally expected	Further research and investigation required	0

3 . Strategy

Assessment	Action	No. of Indicators in Each Category (2020/21)
The indicators are suggesting that the strategic policy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the policy will be subject to a review process	7
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the LDP will be subject to a review process	0
Indicator completed	No further monitoring or action required	15
Indicator no longer being monitored following the revocation of TAN1 (See Chapter 6 for more information)		1
Data not yet available		2

3.1.5 More detailed analysis is provided in the following Chapters (Chapters 4-10).

4.0.1 The NPT LDP includes four overarching strategic policies:

Strategic Policy (SP) 1 'Climate Change' SP2 'Health' SP3 'Sustainable Communities' SP4 'Infrastructure'

4.0.2 Beneath these overarching strategic policies are a number of area specific and topic specific strategic policies. This Chapter reports on the findings of the overarching strategic policies indicators and the following chapters report on the findings of the area and topic specific strategic policies indicators.

4.1 SP1 'Climate Change'

- **4.1.1** SP1 'Climate Change' recognises that climate change is likely to affect the environment and future development of NPT and outlines a number of measures to deal with the causes of climate change (mitigation measures) and measures relating to the consequences of climate change (adaptation methods).
- **4.1.2** The following indicators are listed for SP1 in the LDP Monitoring Framework:
 - **Indicator 1:** The number of applications permitted below 35 dwellings per hectare within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area. This indicator has triggered a review and is not being analysed further in this AMR.
 - **Indicator 2**: The number of applications permitted below 30 dwellings per hectare within the Valleys Strategy Area. This indicator has triggered a review and is not being analysed further in this AMR.
 - Indicator 3: The amount of greenfield land lost not allocated in the LDP.
 - **Indicator 4**: The number of applications permitted within safeguarded freight facility locations.
 - **Indicator 5**: The number of applications permitted within C1 floodplain areas.
 - **Indicator 6**: The number of applications permitted within C2 floodplain areas.
- **4.1.3** As a result of the appraisal of indicators 1 and 2 in last year's AMR, it was concluded that SP1 is not achieving its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review. The appraisals of indicators 3, 4 and 5 continue to show that these aspects of the policy are still meeting their targets. Indicator 6 has now also triggered a review of the policy (see below).

Indicator 3: Amount of greenfield land lost not allocated in the LDP.

Table 4.1.1 SP1 - Climate Change Indicator 3

SP1 Indicator 3				
Indicator	Amount of greenfield land lost not allocated in the LDP.			
Objective	OB1			
Key Policies	Policies SP1 Related Policies SP16; BE1		SP16; BE1	
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger
Amount of greenfield land lost not allocated in the	No greenfield land lost contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	The loss of greenfield land contrary to the policy
LDP.	framework.	AMR 2017		framework.
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

16 approvals on unallocated greenfield sites: Most single dwellings or small residential developments, renewable energy, minerals or agricultural. One larger housing development.

Alternative brownfield land not considered to be realistically available in a suitable location for any of the approved developments.

All proposals considered to accord with Policy BE1.

Indicator 4: The number of applications permitted within safeguarded freight facility locations.

Table 4.1.2 SP1 - Climate Change Indicator 4

SP1 Indicator 4				
Indicator	The number of applications permitted within safeguarded freight facility locations. OB2, OB21, OB22			
Objective				
Key Policies	SP1 Related Policies SP20; TR4			
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger	

permitted within on safeguarded freight facility tra locations.	ermitted within on sites for the afeguarded freight facility transportation of freight	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy framework.
		AMR 2017		
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

There has been no applications within a safeguarded freight facility location covered by Policy TR4 (Safeguarding Freight Facilities) during the monitoring period.

Therefore there are no trigger applications for this indicator.

Indicator 5: The number of applications permitted within C1 floodplain areas.

Table 4.1.3 SP1 - Climate Change Indicator 5

SP1 Indicator 5					
Indicator	The number of applications permitted within C1 floodplain areas.				
Objective	OB1				
Key Policies	SP1	SP1 Related Policies			
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger	
The number of applications permitted within C1 floodplain areas.	No applications permitted for highly vulnerable development within C1 floodplain areas that does	Adoption	2016	One application permitted for highly vulnerable	
		AMR 2017		development that does not meet all the TAN 15	
	not meet all the TAN 15 tests.	AMR 2018		requirements.	
	lesis.	AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Seven proposals approved within or partly within Zone C1. One outline proposal for a housing development of 50 units, three for changes of use, two new buildings, one for new access and flood works (affected by C1 and C2).

Two of the proposals were for highly vulnerable developments (the housing development and a change of use to a restaurant and guest accommodation).

All proposals were considered to be in accordance with the requirements of TAN 15.

Indicator 6: The number of applications permitted within C2 floodplain areas.

Table 4.1.4 SP1 - Climate Change Indicator 6

SP1 Indicator 6					
Indicator	The number of applications permitted within C2 floodplain areas.				
Objective	OB1				
Key Policies	SP1 Related Policies				
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger	
The number of applications permitted within C2	No applications permitted	Adoption	2016	One application permitted for highly vulnerable	
floodplain areas.	for highly vulnerable development within C2 floodplain areas.	AMR 2017		development.	
	ilooupiain areas.	AMR 2018			
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

Following confirmation, the policy will be subject to a review process.

Analysis:

Six proposals approved within or partly within Zone C2. Five are for changes of use/subdivision of premises, and one for new access and flood works (affected by C1 and C2).

Two of the proposals were for highly vulnerable developments (a change of use from a ground floor shop with flat above to a house in multiple occupation and a subdivision of a public house including forming two flats from one existing flat). No objections in principle were raised by Natural Resources Wales to either proposal, and both properties already incorporated highly vulnerable residential uses.

Both proposals were therefore deemed to be in line with the requirements set out in TAN 15. However, in terms of the monitoring of the implementation of LDP policy SP1, any approvals for highly vulnerable development in DAM zone C2 constitute trigger applications for this indicator.

4.2 SP2 'Health'

4.2.1 SP2 'Health' is an overarching strategic policy which seeks to reduce the high levels of poor long term health and sickness in NPT through:

Requiring new developments to be located within a sustainable location, located away from sources of noise, air pollution and flood risk and built to strict environmental standards to increase energy efficiency;

Seeking to retain a range of accessible leisure, recreational, health, social, cultural and community facilities in order to encourage a healthier, more active and safer lifestyle;

Ensuring all residents have access to adequate open space to improve physical and mental health;

Improving the accessibility between communities and encouraging active travel wherever possible;

Providing new employment opportunities to reduce unemployment and economic activity rates; and

Ensuring a high quality natural and built environment.

4.2.2 The following indicators are listed for SP2:

<u>Indicator 7:</u> The net change, type and spatial distribution of open space and community facilities.

Indicator 8: The number of applications refused on design grounds.

<u>Indicator 9:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to design. The Design SPG was completed and published in July 2017 and no further monitoring or action is required in respect of this indicator.

4.2.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP2 is being implemented as intended (see below). Monitoring of this policy will continue.

Indicator 7: The net change, type and spatial distribution of open space and community facilities.

Table 4.2.1 SP2 - Health, Indicator 7

SP2 Indicator 7				
Indicator	The net change, type and spatial distribution of open space and community facilities			
Objective	OB2			
Key Policies	SP2	Related Policies	SP10, OS2, SC2	
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger	

spatial distribution of open permitted	No loss of facilities permitted contrary to the policy framework	Adoption	2016	One facility lost contrary to the policy framework
		AMR 2017		
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				
No further action required. Monitoring to continue.				

Analysis:

Within this monitoring period no applications have been permitted which would lead to a loss of open space and/or community facilities contrary to the policy framework.

Table 4.2.2 SP2 - Health, Indicator 8

SP2 Indicator 8					
Indicator	The number of planning applications refused on design grounds.				
Objective	OB2; OB23; OB24				
Key Policies	SP2 Related Policies BE1				
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of planning	applications refused on contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy	
design grounds.		AMR 2017		framework.	
		AMR 2018			
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Apart from small scale/householder proposals, 10 applications were refused for reasons including design grounds during the monitoring period.

No applications were permitted contrary to the design policy framework

4.3 SP3 'Sustainable Communities'

- **4.3.1** SP3 'Sustainable Communities' is intended to facilitate the delivery of a network of sustainable, healthy and cohesive communities through the identification and implementation of a settlement hierarchy, defined settlement limits and protection of community facilities.
- **4.3.2** The following indicators are listed for SP3:

<u>Indicator 10:</u> Amount of major retail, office and leisure development permitted in town centre and in out of town centres.

Indicator 11: The number of applications permitted outside settlement limits.

4.3.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP3 is being implemented as intended (see below). Monitoring of this policy will continue.

Indicator 10: The amount of major retail, office and leisure development permitted in town centre and in out-of-town centres.

Table 4.3.1 SP3 - Sustainable Communities, Indicator 10

SP3 Indicator 10				
Indicator	The amount of major retail, office and leisure development permitted in town centre and in out-of-town centres.			
Objective	OB2, OB3, OB4			
Key Policies	SP3 Related Policies SP2; SC1			
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger		
The amount of major retail, office and leisure development permitted in town centre and in out-of-town centres.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy
		AMR 2017		framework.
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				
No further action required. Monitoring to continue.				
Analysis:				

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Two proposals approved for major retail/leisure (greater than 1000m²). One for retail and leisure within Neath town centre/retail centre and retail allocation, one for an out of centre retail store within the settlement of Neath. Both proposals were deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework.

Indicator 11: The number of applications permitted outside settlement limits.

Table 4.3.2 SP3 - Sustainable Communities, Indicator 11

SP3 Indicator 11					
Indicator	The number of applications permitted outside settlement limits.				
Objective	OB2, OB3, OB4				
Key Policies	SP3 Related Policies SP2; SC1				
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
permitted outside settlement limits. outside set contrary to	No applications permitted outside settlement limits	Adoption	2016	One application permitted outside settlement limits	
	contrary to the policy framework.	AMR 2017		contrary to policy framework.	
	Tramework.	AMR 2018		namework.	
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

A total of 21 applications for proposals outside settlement limits were decided upon over the monitoring period. Of these 20 were approved.

The applications approved over the plan period were varied. They ranged from an extension to a hard rock quarry, a 90m mast, two applications at the University campus, agricultural buildings, replacement dwellings, bike hire storage and earthworks which were to prepare the ground for what is now to become the Global Centre for Rail Excellence at Onllwyn.

All of the approvals were deemed to be in accordance with Policy SC1.

There are therefore no trigger applications for this indicator.

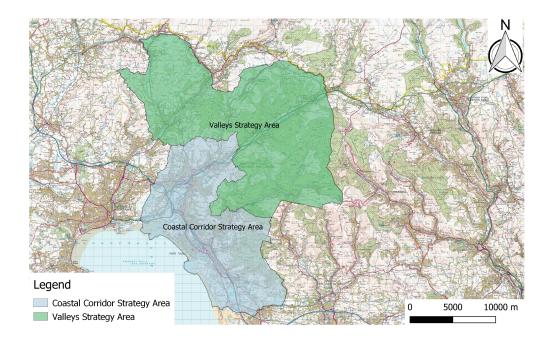
4.4 SP4 'Infrastructure Requirements'

- **4.4.1** SP4 'Infrastructure Requirements' seeks to ensure that new development proposals make efficient use of existing infrastructure and provide where necessary for new infrastructure and planning obligations (as set out in s.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) to mitigate the impacts of the development.
- **4.4.2** The following indicators are listed for SP4:
 - <u>Indicator 12:</u> The number of applications permitted where new or improved infrastructure has been secured through developer contributions. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.
 - <u>Indicator 13:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to Planning Obligations. The Planning Obligations SPG was completed and published in October 2016. No further action or monitoring is required for this indicator.
- **4.4.3** As a result of the appraisal of indicator 12 in last year's AMR, it was concluded that SP4 is not achieving its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review.

5 Area Based Policies

5.0.1 The NPT LDP includes two strategy areas (Coastal Corridor Strategy Area and Valleys Strategy Area).

Figure 5.1 NPT LDP Strategy Areas



5.0.2 The NPT LDP includes area-based strategic policies for the two strategy areas:

SP5 'Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area'; and SP6 'Development in the Valleys Strategy Area'.

5.1 SP5 'Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area'

5.1.1 SP5 'Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area' sets out how the strategy to facilitate growth within NPT will be applied in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area through a number of area-specific measures and policies, including a number of housing allocations, employment allocations, mixed use regeneration schemes, university campus and a number of highway schemes.

5.1.2 The following indicators are listed for SP5:

<u>Indicator 14:</u> The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

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<u>Indicators 15-18:</u> The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within the Coed Darcy Strategic Regeneration Area (SRA) (housing, employment, Coed Darcy Southern Access Road and J43 (M4) improvements). These indicators were triggered in 2019 and are not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicators 19 & 20:</u> The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (housing; employment). These indicators were triggered in 2020 and are not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 21</u>: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (Retail).

Indicator 22: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (Completion of Harbour Way (PDR)). Harbour Way was completed in 2014; no further monitoring or action required.

<u>Indicator 23:</u> The preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance relating to Port Talbot Harbourside and Town Centre Development Framework. This indicator is no longer being monitored following the findings of the 2019 AMR.

Indicators 24 and 25: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (housing and retail). Indicators 26 and 27: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Glanafan Comprehensive School Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (housing and retail). This development is now complete and therefore these indicators are no longer being monitored.

<u>Indicators 28 and 29:</u> The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Afan Lido Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (housing and tourism). These indicators were triggered in 2020 and are not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 30:</u> The number of applications permitted at the Bay Campus for uses contrary to the monitoring framework.

5.1.3 As a result of the appraisal of indicators 14-20, 23, 28 and 29 in previous AMRs and the reasons given above, it was concluded that SP5 is not achieving all its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review. The appraisals of the remaining indicators continue to show that these aspects of the policy are still meeting their targets (see below).

Indicator 21: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA.

Table 5.1.1 SP5 - Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area, Indicator 21

SP5 Indicator 21					
Indicator	The amount and ty SRA.	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA.			
Objective	OB5; OB13	OB5; OB13			
Key Policies	SP5	Related Policies	SRA2; SP12; R1/3		

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Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger
new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA. develop Harbour accorda Talbot H	To deliver the retail development at	Adoption	2016	The retail development at Harbourside SRA is not
	Harbourside SRA in accordance with the Port Talbot Harbourside and Town Centre Development Framework.	AMR 2017		delivered in accordance with the Port Talbot
		AMR 2018		Harbourside & Town Centre Development Framework.
		AMR 2019		Development Framework.
		AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

No retail applications within Harbourside during the monitoring period.

Existing established business continues to trade in accordance with the development framework.

Indicator 24: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.

Table 5.1.2 SP5 - Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area, Indicator 24

SP5 Indicator 24							
Indicator	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.						
Objective	OB5	OB5					
Key Policies	SP5	Related Policies CCRS1/1 SP7, H1/7					
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger			
The amount of new development permitted and	To deliver 50 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2016/17.	Adoption	2016	The housing development within Neath Town Centre			
delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use		AMR 2017		Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme is not delivered			
Regeneration Scheme.		AMR 2018		from 2016/17.			
		AMR 2019					
		AMR 2020					
Action							

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

12 units under construction by Coastal Housing Group.

No further residential applications received during the monitoring period.

Indicator 25: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.

Table 5.1.3 SP5 - Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area, Indicator 25

SP5 Indicator 25							
Indicator	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.						
Objective	OB5						
Key Policies	SP5	SP5 Related Policies CCRS1/1; SP12, R1/1					
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger			
The amount of new	To deliver the retail element of the Neath Town Centre Regeneration Scheme: Phase1 by 2016; Phase 2 by 2020.	Adoption	2016	The retail element of the Neath Town Centre			
development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use		AMR 2017		Regeneration Scheme is not delivered in accordance			
Regeneration Scheme.		AMR 2018		with the identified timescales.			
		AMR 2019		timescales.			
		AMR 2020					
Action							
No further action required. Monitoring to continue.							

Analysis:

Additional consent for part of phase 2 of the town centre scheme (retail and leisure development) granted 2020. All phase 2 retail schemes now being delivered.

Indicator 30: The number of applications permitted at the Bay Campus for uses contrary to the policy framework.

Table 5.1.4 SP5 - Development in the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area, Indicator 30

SP5 Indicator 30				
Indicator	The number of applications permitted at the Bay Campus for uses contrary to the policy framework.			
Objective	OB5			
Key Policies	SP5 Related Policies CCUC1			
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger	

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Outline planning permission was granted for the campus in August 2012, with subsequent reserved matters for Phase 1 approved in December 2012. The LDP allocates land to accommodate both development within the existing outline application and additional areas of the site for further expansion. Land is also available to the west of the site, which is within the administrative boundary of Swansea Council.

The targets contained within this monitoring framework refer to the development of Phase 1a of the Campus, which included many of the main buildings that were required for the campus to formally open in September 2015, such as the Great Hall, Innovation Hub, Manufacturing Facility, residential accommodation and academic buildings.

Within the monitoring period, there have been four applications granted planning permission: one (P2020/0429) for the development of a new Centre for Integrative Semiconductor Materials building and gas store building; and three for variation of conditions (P2020/0353, P2020/0354 and P2021/0129). All of these were acceptable and in accordance with Policy CCUC1.

5.2 SP6 'Development in the Valleys Strategy Area'

5.2.1 SP6 'Development in the Valleys Strategy Area' sets out the main measures that will be taken to implement the spatial strategy of reinvigorating the Valleys Strategy Area. The strategy is centred on improving economic resilience with the encouragement of tourism, small scale employment and other economic developments, the diversification away from traditional industries and the identification of growth areas where development will be concentrated with the aim of spreading the regeneration effects over a wider area.

5.2.2 The following indicators are listed for SP6:

<u>Indicator 31</u>: The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Valleys Strategy Area. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 32:</u> The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Pontardawe Strategic Growth Area. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 33:</u> The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area

<u>Indicators 34 and 35:</u> The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (housing and retail)

<u>Indicator 36:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to Park Avenue Glynneath. This indicator is no longer being monitored following the findings of the 2019 AMR.

<u>Indicator 37:</u> The number of live work proposals permitted. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

Indicator 38: The number of applications permitted at Rheola

- **5.2.3** As a result of the appraisal of indicators 31, 32, 36 and 37 in previous AMRs and the reasons given above, it was concluded that SP6 is not achieving all its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review.
- **5.2.4** The appraisal of Indicators 33, 34 and 38 has this year shown that these indicators are also now not achieving their objectives while the appraisal of indicator 35 concludes that although this indicator has not triggered, the Park Avenue allocation will need to be re-assessed (see below).

Indicator 33: The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area.

Table 5.2.1 SP6 - Development in the Valleys Strategy Area, Indicator 33

SP6 Indicator 33 Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth area						
Indicator	The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area.					
Objective	OB6					
Key Policies	SP6	Related Poli	cies	VRS1;SP7; H1		
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger				
The number of new housing units permitted and	2011/12 - 5	Adoption	2016	The number of new housing units provided		
delivered within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic	2012/13 - 0	AMR 2017		within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth		
Growth Area.	2013/14 - 9	AMR 2018		Area falls below the cumulative requirement for		
	2014/15 - 2	AMR 2019		2 consecutive years.		
	2015/16 - 0	AMR 2020				
	2016/17 - 0					
	2017/18 - 0					

The policy will be subject to a review process.

Analysis:

The numbers of new housing units provided within the Upper Neath Valleys Strategy Growth Area has fallen below the cumulative requirement for 2 consecutive years (2019/20 & 2020/21). 17 units have been completed in the area to date. However construction has resumed on allocation H1/LB/27 Heol y Glyn and construction is due to start imminently on H1/LB/28 Welfare Hall.

The identification of opportunities to deliver housing within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area will therefore be considered as part of the LDP review.

Indicator 34: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.

SP6 - Development in the Valleys Strategy Area, Indicator 34

SP6 Indicator 34 Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration						
Indicator	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue , Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.					
Objective	OB6					
Key Policies	SP6	Related Poli	cies	VRS1/1; SP7; H1		
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger		
The amount of new development permitted and	To provide 150 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2020/21.	Adoption	2016	The housing development at Park Avenue Glynneath		
delivered within the Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed		AMR 2017		Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme is not delivered		
Use Regeneration Scheme.		AMR 2018		from 2020/21.		
		AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020				

Action

The policy will be subject to a review process.

Analysis:

There has been no evidence of interest from the current landowners(x3) to bring this site forward during the monitoring period and the target has therefore not been met.

This allocation will be re-assessed as part of the review process.

Indicator 35: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme.

Table 5.2.2 SP6 - Development in the Valleys Strategy Area, Indicator 35

SP6 Indicator 35						
Indicator	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue Glynneath mixed-use regeneration scheme.					
Objective	OB6	OB6				
Key Policies	SP6	Related Poli	cies	VRS1/1; SP12; R1/4		
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger		
The amount of new development permitted and	To deliver the retail element of a mixed use development at Park Avenue Glynneath in accordance with the Park	Adoption	2016	The retail element of a mixed use development at		
delivered within the Park Avenue Glynneath		AMR 2017		Park Avenue, Glynneath is not delivered in accordance		
mixed-use regeneration scheme.		AMR 2018		with the Park Avenue,Glynneath SPG.		
Scrience.	Avenue Glynneath SPG.	AMR 2019		Avenue, Glyffileau'i Gl		
		AMR 2020				
Action						

Allocation to be re-assessed. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

No retail development has taken place within the monitoring period.

Although Indicator 35 has not triggered, it is accepted that this allocation will need to be re-assessed as part of the plan review.

Indicator 38: The number of applications permitted at Rheola.

Table 5.2.3 SP6 - Development in the Valleys Strategy Area, Indicator 38

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Indicator	The number of applications permitted at Rheola.						
Objective	OB6	OB6					
Key Policies	SP6 Related Policies SP13; TO3/1						
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger					
The number of applications permitted at Rheola.	The allocation at Rheola will be delivered by 2021.	Adoption	2016	The allocation at Rheola is not delivered by 2021			
		AMR 2017		Thot delivered by 2021			
		AMR 2018					
		AMR 2019					
		AMR 2020					
Action							

The allocation will be subject to a review process.

Analysis:

The site at Rheola remains the subject of an outline planning application that has a resolution to grant planning consent, subject to the signing of a s.106 agreement. The outline application is for mixed use, tourism led development comprising up to 100 holiday accommodation units, leisure complex and also allows for an element of residential as enabling development. Given that the site has not been delivered by 2021, the trigger point has been reached. It is understood however that there are ongoing discussions regarding the development of the site.

6.0.1 Following on from the area based policies, the topic based policies of the NPT LDP are grouped under the following themes:

Building healthy, sustainable communities;

Promoting a sustainable economy;

Valuing our environment;

Achieving sustainable accessibility; and

Respecting distinctiveness

6.0.2 Within each theme there are strategic policies and detailed policies. In accordance with the LDP Monitoring Framework, the AMR reports on indices related to the following strategic policies:

SP7 'Housing Requirement';

SP8 'Affordable Housing';

SP9 'Gypsies and Travellers'; and

SP10 'Open Space'

6.1 SP7 'Housing Requirement'

- **6.1.1** SP7 'Housing Requirement' details the housing requirement for the Plan period (7,800 units over the period of 2011-2026).
- **6.1.2** The following indicators are listed for SP7:

<u>Indicator 39:</u> The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area

<u>Indicator 40:</u> The housing land supply taken from the current Housing Land Availability Study (TAN1).

- **6.1.3** The Council no longer reports on indicator 40 following the revocation of TAN1 in March 2020. Instead, in line with the approach introduced through the Development Plans Manual (Edition 3) (2020), the Council has prepared an up to date Housing Trajectory and compared housing delivery against the Average Annual Requirement (AAR). This is covered after indicator 39.
- **6.1.4** As a result of the appraisal of indicator 39 and the analysis of the housing trajectory and AAR it has been concluded that SP7 is not achieving its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review (see below).

Indicator 39: The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area.

Table 6.1.1 SP7 - Housing Requirement

SP7 Indicator 39							
Indicator	The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area.						
Objective	OB7						
Key Policies	SP7	SP7 Related Policies SP2, H1					
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger			
The number of net additional affordable and	A total provision of 8,760 new housing units	Adoption	2016	The number of new housing units provided			
general market dwellings built in the LPA area.	will be made in order to ensure that a a minimum of	AMR 2017		within the County Borough falls below the cumulative			
Suit in the Elift area.	7,800 new housing units will be delivered by 2026.	AMR 2018		requirement for 2 consecutive years.			
	Annual Targets:	AMR 2019					
	2011/12 - 262	AMR 2020					
	2012/13 - 287						
	2013/14 - 301						
	2014/15 - 386						
	2015/16 - 486						
	2016/17 - 549						
	2017/18 - 625						
	2018/19 - 686						
	2019/20 - 698						
	2020/21 - 676						
	2021/22 - 647						
	2022/23 - 614						
	2023/24 - 553						
	2024/25 - 542						
	2025/26 - 488						
	2020/20 - 400						
Action							

Analysis

The LDP makes provision of 8,760 housing units in order to deliver the 7,800 dwellings required to meet the economic-led growth strategy by 2026. The following table illustrates the delivery of housing against the annual targets within the monitoring framework:

Table 6.1.2 Total Housing Completions by Year (NPT LDP)

Year	Annual Target (NPT LDP)	Actual Housing Completions	Cumulative Target (NPT LDP)	Cumulative Completions	Cumulative Completions Against Target (NPT LDP)	Cumulative Completions as a % of Target (NPT LDP)
2 011/12	262	277	262	277	15	106%
2012/13	287	303	549	580	31	106%
2013/14	301	262	850	842	-8	99%
2014/15	386	314	1,236	1,156	-80	94%
2015/16	486	214	1,722	1,370	-352	80%
2016/17	549	184	2,271	1,554	-717	68%
2017/18	625	119	2,896	1,673	-1,223	58%
2018/19	686	276	3,582	1,949	-1,633	54%
2019/20	698	259	4,280	2,208	-2,072	52%
2020/21	676	149	4,956	2,357	-2,599	48%

- The above table shows that the delivery of housing across NPT continues to fall behind the targets contained within the monitoring framework. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it has not been possible to accurately assess housing completions with site visits, as has been done in previous years. Figures have been gathered from discussions with developers and reviewing completion data from the Council's Building Control and Council Tax records. Whilst this will not pick up all completions, it is the best estimate that could be made this year, and any missed units will be adjusted in next year's AMR subject to the resumption of site visits. A total of 149 housing completions were recorded on large and small sites. This figure remains significantly lower than the target of 676 dwellings in the monitoring framework.
- 6.1.7 Since the LDP base date (2011), the number of housing completions totals 2,357 dwellings. Compared against the annual cumulative target of 4,956 in the monitoring framework, this shows that completions continue to fall below target and that just 48% of the cumulative annual target has been delivered to date.

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6.1.8 In March 2020, the WG published the Development Plans Manual (Edition 3), which introduced a requirement for AMRs for plans adopted prior to the publication of the Manual to include an up-to-date Housing Trajectory and to compare the actual delivery of housing against the AAR.

6.1.9 The AAR for NPT is 495 units and is illustrated by the black line in the graph presented in Figure 6.1 below.

Table 6.1.3 Total Housing Completions by Year (AAR)

Year	Target (AAR)	Actual Housing Completions	Cumulative Target (AAR)	Cumulative Completions	Cumulative Completions Against Target (AAR)	Cumulative Completions as a % (AAR)
2 011/12	495	277	495	277	-218	56%
2012/13	495	303	990	580	-410	59%
2013/14	495	262	1,485	842	-643	57%
2014/15	495	314	1,980	1,156	-824	58%
2015/16	495	214	2,474	1,370	-1,105	55%
2016/17	495	184	2,970	1,554	-1,416	52%
2017/18	495	119	3,465	1,673	-1,792	48%
2018/19	495	276	3,960	1,949	-2,011	49%
2019/20	495	259	4,455	2,208	-2,247	50%
2020/21	495	149	4,950	2,357	-2,593	48%

6.1.10 The trajectory graph (Fig. 6.1) and more detailed table, 'Housing Delivery in NPT' (Fig. 6.2), illustrates the cumulative shortfall of delivery to date. The actual completions have been plotted for this monitoring period and for previous years, and show that in each year from the LDP base date, housing delivery has been significantly below the AAR line of 495 units.

6.1.11 From the phasing and delivery of sites (provided in Appendix B), the housing supply for future years has been plotted on the graph for each of the remaining years of the plan. Due to the significant under delivery in each year of the plan to date, it is acknowledged that the LDP will not deliver the full housing requirement of 7,800 from the total housing supply of 8,760 by the end of the Plan period. The housing completions to date and the remaining supply total 5,551, approximately 36.6% less than the original housing provision of 8,760.

6.1.12 The LDP Review Report, published in July 2020, identified the shortfall in housing delivery as one of the primary issues that would need to be addressed in the RLDP. The Council will therefore address the shortfall as part of the forthcoming review process.

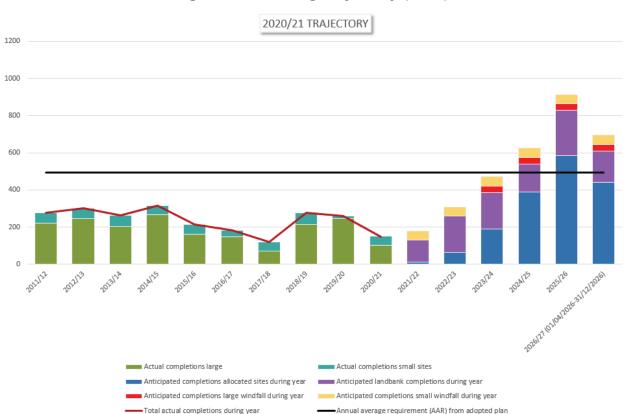


Figure 6.1 Housing Trajectory (2020)

6.1.13 The Housing Trajectory was the subject of a stakeholder meeting in August 2021 where the methodology, assumptions and conclusions were discussed and agreed. The housing trajectory predicts a gradual increase in housing completions during the latter third of the plan period, peaking at 913 units in 2025/26. The authority recognises that this predicted delivery is ambitious, however the trajectory will be subject to revision annually, when any changes to trends in windfall, small sites, large site build out rate assumptions are anticipated to be amended. In future trajectories, Covid-19 impacts and the availability of materials and labour (contractors) on housing delivery may also be reflected.

Figure 6.2 Housing Delivery in Neath Port Talbot

LDP Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27 (01/04/26- 31/12/26)
Actual completions large	221	247	204	267	162	146	70	214	244	102						
Actual completions small sites	56	56	58	47	52	38	49	62	15	47						
Anticipated completions allocated sites during year											12	65	190	389	584	440
Anticipated landbank completions during year											118	195	196	151	244	170
Anticipated completions large windfall during year											0	0	35	35	35	35
Anticipated completions small windfall during year											50	50	50	50	50	50
Total actual completions during year	277	303	262	314	214	184	119	276	259	149						
Anticipated annual build rate											180	310	471	625	913	695

6.2 SP8 'Affordable Housing'

- **6.2.1** The NPT LDP aims to deliver an appropriate mix and supply of housing. SP8 'Affordable Housing' sets out the requirement for the delivery of affordable housing over the plan period (1,200 affordable housing units over the Plan period of 2011-2026) and the approach to the delivery of affordable housing.
- **6.2.2** The following indicators are listed for SP8:

<u>Indicator 41:</u> The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area

Indicator 42: Changes in residual values across the six sub market areas (1) Port Talbot; 2) Neath; 3) Pontardawe; 4) Neath and Dulais Valley; 5) Swansea and Amman Valley; and 6) Afan Valley). This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 43:</u> The number of applications permitted on affordable housing exception sites. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR. <u>Indicator 44:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to Affordable Housing. The Affordable Housing SPG was completed and published in October 2016. No further monitoring or action required.

6.2.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP8 is not achieving its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review.

Indicator 41: The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area.

Table 6.2.1 SP8 - Affordable Housing, Indicator 41

The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area.						
OB8						
SP8	Related Policies SP2; AH1					
Target	Outcome		Trigger			
To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026. Annual Targets:	Adoption	2016	The number of new affordable housing units			
	AMR 2017		provided within the County Borough falls below the			
	AMR 2018		cumulative requirement for 2 consecutive years.			
	AMR 2019		2 consecutive years.			
2012/13 - 5						
2013/14 - 22						
	area. OB8 SP8 Target To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026. Annual Targets: 2011/12 - 7 2012/13 - 5	area. OB8 SP8 Related Policy Target To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026. Annual Targets: 2011/12 - 7 2012/13 - 5 Related Policy Adoption AMR 2017 AMR 2017 AMR 2018	area. OB8 SP8 Related Policies Target Outcome To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026. Annual Targets: AMR 2017 AMR 2018 AMR 2019			

	2014/15 - 37			
	2015/16 - 72			
	2016/17 - 90			
	2017/18 - 115			
	2018/19 - 130			
	2019/20 - 124			
	2020/21 - 120			
	2021/22 - 111			
	2022/23 - 102			
	2023/24 - 90			
	2024/25 - 89			
	2025/26 - 86			
Action				
The policy will be subject to a review process.				

Analysis

6.2.4 The following table illustrates the delivery of affordable housing units through the planning system (i.e. via s.106 agreements) against the annual targets within the monitoring framework:

Table 6.2.2 Affordable Housing Completions by Year

Year	Annual Targets	Actual Affordable Housing Units Delivered	Cumulative Target	Cumulative Completions	Cumulative Delivery Against Target
2011/12	7	11	7	11	4
2012/13	5	0	12	11	-1
2013/14	22	0	34	11	-23
2014/15	37	23	71	34	-37
2015/16	72	8	143	42	-101
2016/17	90	0	233	42	-191
2017/18	115	8	348	50	-298
2018/19	130	0	478	50	-428
2019/20	124	18	602	68	-534

Year	Annual Targets	Actual Affordable Housing Units Delivered	Cumulative Target	Cumulative Completions	Cumulative Delivery Against Target
2020/21	120	4	722	72	-650

- 6.2.5 The above table shows that the delivery of affordable housing units through the planning system across NPT continues to fall significantly behind the targets contained within the monitoring framework. During the 2019/20 monitoring year, 4 affordable housing units were delivered through the planning system, against an annual target of 120 units. A commuted sum of £15,000 was also received during this period. Whilst the figure is below target, the amount of affordable housing delivered overall is significant. Approximately a third of all the housing units completed during this monitoring year were affordable housing units, many delivered by Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) with the benefit of Social Housing Grant.
- **6.2.6** Since the LDP base date (2011), the number of affordable housing completions totals 72 units. Whilst the delivery of any amount of affordable housing is positive and will have a positive impact on community cohesion and help meet the affordable housing need in NPT, when compared against the annual cumulative target of 722, this shows that completions have now fallen significantly below target and that just 10.0% of the cumulative annual target has been delivered to date.
- **6.2.7** The delivery of affordable housing is directly linked to broader housing delivery and the position reflects the fact that LDP allocated sites are not coming through the planning system as originally anticipated. A number of allocated sites have been delivered by RSLs, whereby only with Social Housing Grant support the sites become viable.
- **6.2.8** Given that the trigger point of the policy has been reached and the policy is clearly not achieving its objectives, the policy will be reassessed as part of the review. All factors which influence housing delivery will be considered, including the level and spatial distribution of growth, site viability and existing site constraints.

6.3 SP9 'Gypsies and Travellers'

- NPT has a well established Gypsy and Traveller Community. SP9 'Gypsies and Travellers' provides the policy framework for ensuring there is adequate pitch provision to accommodate the needs of the community over the Plan period, through the allocation of a site and providing a criteria policy to assess applications for new sites.
- The following indicator is listed for SP9: 6.3.2

Indicator 45: The number of additional pitches provided at Cae Garw; the number of proposals for Gypsy and Traveller sites permitted annually; the number of unauthorised Gypsy and traveller encampments reported annually; and the need for additional Gypsy and Traveller provision as identified within a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)

The appraisal of the indicator has concluded that SP9 is being implemented as intended (see below). Monitoring of this policy will continue.

Indicator 45: The number of additional pitches provided at Cae Garw; the number of proposals for Gypsy and Traveller sites permitted annually; the number of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments reported annually; and the need for additional Gypsy and Traveller provision as identified within a GTAA.

Table 6.3.1 SP9 - Gypsies and Travellers, Indicator 45

SP9 Indicator 45							
Indicator	The number of additional pitches provided at Cae Garw.						
	The number of proposals fo	r Gypsy and Tr	aveller sites pe	ermitted annually.			
	The number of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments reported annually.						
	The need for additional Gyp	The need for additional Gypsy and Traveller provision as identified within a GTAA					
Objective	OB9	OB9					
Key Policies	SP9	Related Poli	cies	SP2; GT1 ; GT2			
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger			
The number of additional	4 pitches will be provided	Adoption	2016	Failure to deliver the 4			
pitches provided at Cae Garw.	at Cae Garw by 2017.	AMR 2017		pitches at Cae Garw by 2017.			
The number of proposals	7 pitches will be provided at Cae Garw by 2022.	AMR 2018		Failure to deliver the 7			
for Gypsy and Traveller sites permitted annually.	9 pitches will be provided	AMR 2019		pitches at Cae Garw by 2022.			
	(on an appropriate site/ or Cae Garw) by 2026.			Failure to deliver 9 pitches (on an appropriate site / or Cae Garw) by 2026.			

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The number of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments reported annually.	AMR 2020		
The need for additional Gypsy and Traveller provision as identified within a GTAA			
Action			

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

The 2012 GTAA identified a need of 4 pitches by 2017, 7 pitches by 2022 and 9 pitches by 2026. Initially, the Council intended to develop the Cae Garw, Margam site in 3 phases, to meet the short, medium and long term targets identified within the 2012 GTAA. Due to the amount of preparation works that were required for the site however, and in the interests of cost effectiveness and efficient delivery, the Council took the decision to implement 11 pitches in the short term, to meet the required need up to 2022.

Planning consent was granted for the 11 pitches in early 2015, at which time the Council applied for, and was successfully awarded funding from the WG Gypsy and Traveller Sites Capital Grant for the extension. The extension(11 pitches) was subsequently completed in Spring 2016,in line with the terms of the grant. Therefore, the policy targets of delivering 4 pitches by 2017 and 7 pitches by 2022 have both been met.

The most recent assessment, the 2016 GTAA, concluded that the 11 pitches provided at Cae Garw was sufficient to meet the needs of the community up to 2021.

Over the monitoring period there was one planning application refused for various reasons, one of which was that the application was contrary to Policy GT2 which provided sufficient pitches to meet the needs of Gypsy and Travellers.up to 2021.

There was only one unauthorised encampment recorded over the monitoring period but this only lasted a few days and did not require any further action.

A further GTAA is due to take place in 2021 and will be published in early 2022.

6.4 SP10 'Open Space'

- 6.4.1 SP10 'Open Space' seeks to ensure that new development proposals make provision for the open space needs of its future occupiers and employees, by providing on or off-site provision or making s.106 contributions to enable provision or enhancement to be made locally. In addition, existing open space is afforded protection from development unless specified criteria can be met.
- 6.4.2 The following indicators are listed for SP10:

Indicator 46: The number of applications permitted for housing development that do not address the open space needs of the occupants. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

Indicator 47: The number of existing open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework

Indicator 48: The preparation of SPG relating to Open Space and Greenspace. The Open Space and Greenspace SPG was completed and published in July 2017. No further monitoring or action is therefore required.

6.4.3 As a result of the appraisal of indicator 46 in 2019 it was concluded that SP10 is not achieving all its objectives and that it should be reviewed as part of the LDP review. The appraisal of indicator 47 continues to show that this aspect of the policy is still meeting its target (see below).

Indicator 47: The number of existing open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework.

Table 6.4.1 SP10 - Open Space, Indicator 47

SP10 Indicator 47								
Indicator	The number of existing open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework							
Objective	OB 10	OB 10						
Key Policies	SP10	Related Poli	cies	SP2, OS2				
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger				
The number of existing	No loss of open space contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application permitted resulting in the loss of open				
open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework	framework	AMR 2017		space contrary to the policy framework				
the policy framework		AMR 2018		Hamework				
		AMR 2019						
		AMR 2020						
Action								

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Over the course of the monitoring period, there have been no applications approved which have resulted in a loss of open space where there is a shortfall of provision of that category of open space in the ward.

7.0.1 This Chapter reports on the following strategic policies in the 'Promoting a Sustainable Economy' theme of the LDP:

SP11 'Employment Growth'; SP12 'Retail'; and SP13 'Tourism'

7.1 SP11 'Employment Growth'

- **7.1.1** SP11 'Employment Growth' aims to promote a sustainable economy through a number of measures including the allocation of sites for economic development, safeguarding existing employment sites and providing a more flexible approach to development in the valley areas.
- **7.1.2** The following indicators are listed for SP11:

<u>Indicator 49:</u> The level of workplace employment in NPT, the change of workplace employment for Wales and UK, the level and rate of employment in NPT and the level and rate of employment for Wales and UK. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 50:</u> Employment land permitted on allocated sites as a percentage of all employment allocations. This indicator was triggered in 2019, but as a core indicator it is also further analysed below.

<u>Indicator 51</u>: The number of applications permitted for employment purposes within Baglan Bay. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 52:</u> The net change in the amount of employment land and floorspace. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 53</u>: The rate of economic activity for NPT, the rate of economic activity for Wales and UK.

<u>Indicator 54:</u> The rate of unemployment for NPT, the rate of unemployment for Wales and UK

<u>Indicator 55</u>: The preparation of SPG relating to Baglan Bay Development Framework. The Baglan Bay Development Framework SPG was completed and published in October 2016. No further monitoring or action is required.

<u>Indicator 56:</u> The number of applications permitted on safeguarded sites contrary to the policy framework

7.1.3 The appraisal of the indicators has previously concluded that the strategic policy is not achieving its objectives and that therefore the policy will be reviewed as part of the LDP Review.

Indicator 53: The rate of economic activity for NPT and the rate of economic activity for Wales and UK

Table 7.1.1 SP11 - Employment Growth, Indicator 53

SP11 Indicator 53							
Indicator	Local Indicator: The rate of economic activity for NPT.						
	Contextual Indicator: The rate of economic activity for Wales and UK.						
Objective	OB2; OB11; OB12						
Key Policies	SP2	Related Poli	cies	SP11			
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger			
Local Indicator:	To achieve an increase in the rate of economic activity	Adoption	2016	The rate of economic activity declines for 2			
The rate of economic	to 76% by 2026	AMR 2017		consecutive years.			
activity for NPT.		AMR 2018					
Contextual Indicator:		AMR 2019					
The rate of economic activity for Wales and UK.		AMR 2020					
Action							

Analysis:

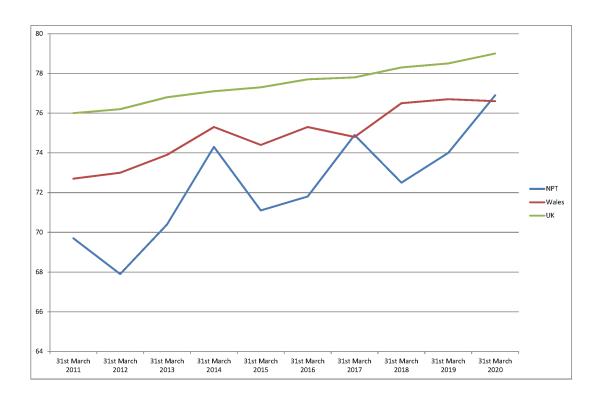
This indicator reports on the economic activity rate obtained from Office of National Statistics (ONS) Annual Population Survey. Data for the monitoring period has not yet been made available. The Table and Graph below report on economic activity rates since the beginning of the Plan period.

Table 7.1.2 Economic Activity 2011-2020

Year Ending	NPT	Wales	UK
31st March 2011 (Base Date)	69.7%	72.7%	76%
31st March 2012	67.9%	73%	76.2%
31st March 2013	70.4%	73.9%	76.8%
31st March 2014	74.3%	75.3%	77.1%
31st March 2015	71.1%	74.4%	77.3%
31st March 2016	71.8%	75.3%	77.7%
31st March 2017	74.9%	74.8%	77.8%
31st March 2018	72.5%	76.5%	78.3%
31st March 2019	74.0%	76.7%	78.5%
31st March 2020	76.9%	76.6%	79.0%

Source: ONS Annual Populations Survey

Figure 7.1 Economic Activity Rates



Indicator 54: The rate of unemployment for NPT and the rate of unemployment for Wales and UK.

Table 7.1.3 SP11 - Employment Growth, Indicator 54

Strategic Policy SP 11 Indicator 54								
Indicator	Local Indicator: The rate of unemployment for NPT							
	Contextual Indicator: The rate of unemployment for Wales and UK							
Objective	OB2; OB11; OB12							
Key Policies	SP11	Related Poli	cies	SP2				
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger				
Local Indicator:	To achieve a decrease in	Adoption	2016	The rate of unemployment increases for 2 consecutive				
The rate of unemployment for NPT	the unemployment rate to 6.9% by 2026	AMR 2017		years.				

Contextual Indicator:		AMR 2018					
The rate of unemployment		AMR 2019					
for Wales and UK	AMR 2020						
Action							
Analysis:							
Similarly to Indicator 53	above, this indicator reports	on unemplovm	ent rates using	data obtained from the	ONS		

Annual Population Survey. Data for the monitoring period has not been made available. The Table below reports

Table 7.1.4 Comparative Rates of Unemployment by Year (2012-2020)

on the rate of unemployment since the beginning of the Plan period.

Year Ending	NPT	Wales	UK
31st March 2012	10.8%	8.4%	8.1%
31st March 2013	7.4%	8.3%	7.8%
31st March 2014	9.3%	7.4%	7.2%
31st March 2015	5.6%	6.7%	5.9%
31st March 2016	6.9%	5.4%	5.1%
31st March 2017	5.5%	4.4%	4.7%
31st March 2018	6.6%	4.9%	4.3%
31st March 2019	3.0%	4.5%	4.1%
31st March 2020	4.8%	3.7%	3.8%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey

Indicator 56: The number of applications permitted on safeguarded sites contrary to the policy framework.

Table 7.1.5 SP11 - Employment Growth, Indicator 56

SP11 Indicator 56						
Indicator	The number of applications permitted on safeguarded sites contrary to the policy framework.					
Objective	6,11,12					
Key Policies	SP2 Related Policies EC2, EC3, EC4, EC5					
Indicator	Target	Target Outcome Trigger				

The number of applications permitted on safeguarded sites contrary to the policy framework. No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy	
		AMR 2017		framework.
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Policy EC3 'Employment Area Uses' restricts uses within allocated and existing employment areas to Use Classes B1, B2 and B8, ancillary facilities or services that would support employment uses and commercial services unrelated to Class B. Commercial services would need to complement the wider economic function of the employment area and should not be uses that would be best located within town centres. Within this monitoring period, there have been no applications within a safeguarded employment area that could potentially be considered contrary to the policy framework.

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7.2 SP12 'Retail'

- **7.2.1** SP12 'Retail' outlines the retail strategy for the County Borough over the plan period. This is to support the County Borough's existing retail centres through the protection and encouragement of retail provision in appropriate locations, together with allowing complementary uses that will enhance retail centres while resisting out of centre retail proposals.
- **7.2.2** The following indicators are listed for SP12:

<u>Indicator 57:</u> The number of applications permitted for retail development contrary to the defined retail hierarchy

Indicator 58: The number of applications for small scale retail developments permitted

7.2.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP12 is being implemented as intended. Monitoring of this policy will continue (see below).

Indicator 57: The number of applications permitted for retail development contrary to the defined retail hierarchy.

Table 7.2.1 SP12 - Retail, Indicator 57

SP12 Indicator 57						
Indicator	The number of applications permitted for retail development contrary to the defined retail hierarchy.					
Objective	OB13					
Key Policies	SP12	SP12 Related Policies SP2; R2; R3				
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger				
The number of applications permitted for retail	No applications permitted for retail development	Adoption	2016	One application permitted for retail development		
development contrary to the defined retail hierarchy.	contrary to the policy framework.	contrary to the policy framework.				
the defined retail merarchy.	AMR 2018					
		AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020				
Action						

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Two applications approved for new retail premises in the monitoring period, one being contrary to the defined retail hierarchy.

Both proposals were considered to be acceptable and in accordance with the policy framework and there were therefore no trigger applications in respect of this indicator.

Indicator 58: The number of applications for small scale retail development permitted.

Table 7.2.2 SP12 - Retail, Indicator 58

SP12 Indicator 58					
Indicator	The number of applications	for small scale	retail developr	nent permitted.	
Objective	OB13				
Key Policies	SP12	Related Poli	cies	SP2; R3	
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications for small scale retail	An increase in the number	s An increase in the number of small scale retail	Adoption	2016	No increase in the number of small scale retail
development permitted.	proposals permitted.	proposals permitted for 2			
	AMR 2018 consecutive years.				
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Two applications for small scale retail ⁽²⁶⁾were approved in the monitoring period, both changes of use. This is one more than were approved in the previous period.

7.3 SP13 'Tourism'

- **7.3.1** SP13 'Tourism' seeks to encourage sustainable tourism development: encouraging high quality, sustainable tourism development; providing a flexible approach to the development and conversions to tourism facilities; supporting tourism proposals through the allocation of land for tourism development; and resisting, where appropriate, proposals which would result in the loss of tourism facilities.
- **7.3.2** The following indicators are listed for SP13:

<u>Indicator 59</u>: The number of applications permitted contrary to the policy framework. <u>Indicator 60</u>: The number of tourism facilities lost contrary to the policy framework. <u>Indicator 61</u>: The development of a range of improved walking and cycling routes. The walking and cycling routes were completed in the 2017 monitoring period - no further monitoring/action required.

7.3.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP13 is being implemented as intended. Monitoring of this policy will continue (see below).

Indicator 59: The number of applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.

Table 7.3.1 SP13 - Tourism, Indicator 59

SP13 Indicator 59					
Indicator	The number of applications	permitted conti	rary to the polic	cy framework.	
Objective	OB14				
Key Policies	SP13	Related Poli	cies	T01	
Indicator	Target	orget Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications permitted contrary to the	No tourism proposals to be permitted contrary to the	e Adoption 2016	2016	One application permitted for tourism proposals	
policy framework.	policy framework.	AMR 2017		contrary to the policy framework.	
		AMR 2018		namework.	
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action required, monitoring to continue

Analysis:

Within this monitoring period, three planning applications relating to the provision of new tourism facilities were approved. The applications related to the provision of bed and breakfast accommodation (P2020/0176); holiday accommodation (P2020/0387); and earthwork restoration in order to enable the land to be used for a variety of uses including tourism, agriculture, nature conservation, leisure and industrial, research and development and/or business use (P2020/0362).

All the applications were in accordance with the policy framework and will support the tourism sector within the County Borough. There are therefore no trigger applications for this indicator.

Indicator 60: The number of tourism facilities lost contrary to the policy framework.

Table 7.3.2 SP13 - Tourism, Indicator 60

SP13 Indicator 60	
Indicator	The number of tourism facilities lost contrary to the policy framework
Objective	OB14

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Key Policies	SP13	Related Policies		T02
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger
The number of tourism	facilities lost contrary to the contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application permitted resulting in the loss of
policy framework		AMR 2017		tourism facilities contrary to the policy framework.
		AMR 2018		the policy framework.
		AMR 2019		
	AMR 2020			
Action				

No further action required, monitoring to continue

Analysis:

Within this monitoring period there have been no applications approved that would result in the loss of tourism facilities.

8 Valuing Our Environment

- **8.0.1** This Chapter reports on the following strategic policies in the 'Valuing Our Environment' theme of the LDP:
 - SP14 'The Countryside and the Undeveloped Coast';
 - SP15 'Biodiversity and Geodiversity';
 - SP16 'Environmental Protection';
 - SP17 'Minerals':
 - SP18 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'; and
 - SP19 'Waste Management'

8.1 SP14 'The Countryside and Undeveloped Coast'

- **8.1.1** The County Borough has a variety of distinctive and contrasting landscapes and seascapes. SP14 seeks to ensure that the countryside and important landscapes and undeveloped coast across the area are protected from inappropriate development and are conserved, while supporting rural enterprise including tourism and leisure activities.
- **8.1.2** The following indicators are listed for SP14:
 - <u>Indicator 62:</u> The number of applications permitted within the undeveloped coast, special landscape areas and green wedges contrary to the policy framework. This indicator was triggered in 2019 and is not analysed further in this AMR.
 - <u>Indicator 63:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to landscape and seascape. The Landscape and Seascape SPG was completed and published in May 2018. No further monitoring or action required.
- **8.1.3** The appraisal of indicator 62 concluded in 2019 that SP14 was not achieving its objectives and would need to be reviewed as part of the LDP Review.

8.2 SP15 'Biodiversity and Geodiversity'

- **8.2.1** SP15 'Biodiversity and Geodiversity' seeks to protect, conserve and enhance important biodiversity and geodiversity sites and features within the area through the planning process.
- **8.2.2** The following indicators are listed for SP15:
 - <u>Indicator 64:</u> The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework.
 - <u>Indicator 65</u>: The preparation of the SPG relating to Biodiversity and Geodiversity. The Biodiversity and Geodiversity SPG was completed and published in May 2018. No further monitoring or action required
- **8.2.3** The appraisal of the indicator 64 has concluded that SP15 is being implemented as intended (see below). The policy will continue to be monitored.

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Indicator 64: The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework.

Table 8.2.1 SP15 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity, Indicator 64

SP15 Indicator 64					
Indicator	The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework.				
Objective	OB15				
Key Policies	SP15	Related Poli	cies	EN6	
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications permitted on nationally and	No applications permitted	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy	
internationally designated	contrary to the policy framework.	AMR 2017		framework.	
sites, regionally important biodiversity and		AMR 2018			
geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework.	AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020			
Action					
No further action required. Monitoring to continue.					
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Analysis:

No planning applications were received or approved within any nationally or internationally designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites within the monitoring period.

8.3 SP16 'Environmental Protection'

- **8.3.1** SP16 'Environmental Protection' seeks to protect the quality of air, water and soil and the environment generally and ensure that developments do not increase the number of people exposed to significant levels of pollution.
- **8.3.2** The following indicators are listed for SP16:

<u>Indicator 66:</u> The number of applications permitted within the Air Quality Monitoring Area (AQMA) contrary to the policy framework.

<u>Indicator 67:</u> The number of applications permitted not accompanied by a Construction Management Plan

<u>Indicator 68</u>: The preparation of SPG relating to pollution. The Pollution SPG was completed and published in October 2016. No further monitoring or action required.

Indicator 69: The number of applications permitted within designated guiet areas

8.3.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP16 is being implemented as intended (see below). The policy will continue to be monitored.

Indicator 66: The number of applications permitted within the AQMA contrary to the policy framework.

Table 8.3.1 SP16 - Environmental Protection, Indicator 66

SP16 Indicator 66				
Indicator	The number of applications p	ermitted within	the AQMA con	trary to the policy framework.
Objective	OB16; OB17			
Key Policies	SP16	Related Poli	cies	SP2; EN8
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger
The number of applications	in the AQMA should not lead to a significant increase in	Adoption	2016	One application permitted
permitted within the AQMA contrary to the policy framework.		AMR 2017		contrary to the policy framework.
iramework.	pollution levels and should not lead to an increase in	AMR 2018		
	the number of people exposed to significant	AMR 2019		
	levels of pollution.	AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

One relevant application was approved within the AQMA during the monitoring period.

The proposal was deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework.

Indicator 67: The number of applications permitted not accompanied by a Construction Management Plan.

Table 8.3.2 SP16 - Environmental Protection, Indicator 67

SP16 Indicator 67					
Indicator	The number of applications permitted not accompanied by a Construction Management Plan.				
Objective	OB16; OB17				
Key Policies	SP16 Related Policies SP2; EN9				
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger		

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The number of applications permitted not accompanied		Adoption	2016	One or more breaches of air quality occurring during	
by a Construction Management Plan.		ruction construction phase contrary	AMR 2017		the construction phase contrary to the submitted
Wanagement Flan.		AMR 2018		and agreed Construction Management Plan.	
		Wanagement Flan.	AMR 2019		Management Flam.
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Two applications were approved within AQMA or 5 within 500m of AQMA boundary during the monitoring period.

One of these applications was for relevant operational development.

No breaches of air quality were caused during the construction phase of this proposal.

Indicator 69: The number of applications permitted within designated Quiet Areas.

Table 8.3.3 SP16 - Environmental Protection, Indicator 67

SP16 Indicator 69						
Indicator	The number of applications permitted within designated Quiet Areas.					
Objective	OB2;					
Key Policies	SP16; EN10	Related Policies				
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger		
The number of applications permitted within designated Quiet Areas.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy framework.		
		AMR 2017				
		AMR 2018				
		AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020				
Action						

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

No applications were approved within designated quiet areas during the monitoring period.

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- **8.4.1** SP17 'Minerals' seeks to regulate the exploitation of mineral resources in order to make a proportionate contribution to meeting the national, regional and local demand for minerals while achieving an acceptable and sustainable balance with protecting the environment and local communities.
- **8.4.2** The following indicators are listed for SP17:

<u>Indicator 70:</u> The extent of primary land won aggregates permitted in accordance with the Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates expressed as a percentage of the total capacity required as identified in the Regional Technical Statement (MTAN). <u>Indicator 71:</u> The number of applications permitted that would sterilise a mineral resource.

<u>Indicator 72:</u> The number of planning applications for extraction of mineral not in line with Policy M2

Indicator 73: The number of applications permitted within Mineral Buffer Zones

8.4.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP17 is being implemented as intended (see below). The policy will continue to be monitored.

Indicator 70: The extent of primary land-won aggregates permitted in accordance with the Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates expressed as a percentage of the total capacity required as identified in the MTAN.

Table 8.4.1 SP17 - Minerals, Indicator 70

SP17 Indicator 70						
Indicator	The extent of primary land won aggregates permitted in accordance with the Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates expressed as a percentage of the total capacity required as identified in the MTAN					
Objective	OB18					
Key Policies	SP17	Related Policies				
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger		
The extent of primary land won aggregates permitted in accordance with the Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates expressed as a percentage of the total capacity required as identified in the MTAN	A 10 year landbank of crushed rock to be retained throughout the Plan period.	Adoption	2016	A 10 year landbank is not retained throughout the Plan period.		
		AMR 2017				
		AMR 2018				
		AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020				
Action						
No further action. Monitoring to continue						

Analysis:

The most up to date information regarding the extent of the crushed rock landbank has been published in the South Wales Regional Aggregate Working Party (SWRAWP) Annual Report 2019 (published May 2021).

The landbank figures have been calculated according to the method set out in MTAN1 (Aggregates) and have been calculated using the average of the last 3 years sales (i.e. no allowance has been made for the demand trend).

The report identifies that NPT has a landbank figure of 47 years based on 3 year average sales (2017-2019). The figure of 43 years based on 10 year sales average (2010 - 2019).is deemed to be more prudent than the 3 year figure.

The Regional Technical Statement (RTS) 2nd Review (published in September 2020) now expresses the landbank in terms of the annualised apportionment figure recommended for NPT which gives a landbank of 54 years.

The requirements of this indicator have therefore been met.

Indicator 71: The number of applications permitted that would sterilise a mineral resource.

Table 8.4.2 SP17 - Minerals, Indicator 71

SP17 Indicator 71					
Indicator	The number of applications permitted that would sterilise a mineral resource.				
Objective	OB18				
Key Policies	SP17	SP17 Related Policies M1			
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications permitted that would	No applications permitted contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy	
sterilise a mineral resource.	framework.	AMR 2017		framework.	
		AMR 2018			
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

A total of 20 applications were permitted within mineral safeguarding areas (Policy M1) over the monitoring period.

Ten permissions were granted where the effect on the mineral resource was deemed to be minimal.

In all other cases the proposals were of a scale and location that would not have a significant impact on the

future working of the mineral.

All the approvals were therefore considered to be in accordance with the policy framework and there are no trigger applications for this indicator.

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Indicator 72: The number of planning applications for extraction of mineral not in line with Policy M2.

Table 8.4.3 SP17 - Minerals, Indicator 72

SP17 Indicator 72					
Indicator	The number of planning applications for extraction of minerals not in line with Policy M2.				
Objective	OB18	OB18			
Key Policies	SP17 Related Policies M2				
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger		
The number of planning applications for extraction of	No application permitted	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to Policy.	
minerals not in line with Policy M2.	contrary to the policy framework.	AMR 2017		Contrary to 1 oney.	
IVIZ.		AMR 2018			
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Indicator 72 concerns Policy M2 which refers to proposals for surface activities associated with the extraction of coal

No relevant applications have been permitted during the monitoring period, therefore there are no trigger applications for this indicator.

Indicator 73: The number of planning applications permitted within Mineral Buffer Zones.

Table 8.4.4 SP17 - Minerals, Indicator 73

SP17 Indicator 73				
Indicator	The number of planning applications permitted within Mineral Buffer Zones.			
Objective	OB18			
Key Policies	SP17	Related Policies	M3	
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger	

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The number of planning	lications permitted contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the Policy
within Mineral Buffer Zones.		AMR 2017		framework.
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

The indicator relates to the number of applications permitted within mineral buffer zones (Policy M3) identified around existing and proposed mineral sites.

One application was permitted within the monitoring period for a proposal within a buffer zone.

The application considered the implications with regard to the mineral resource but as it involved the restoration of an open cast coal site and Distribution Centre at the end of its working life, it was considered that the proposal was in accordance with the terms of the policy.

8.5 SP18 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'

- 8.5.1 SP18 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy' seeks to ensure that the area makes a proportionate contribution to renewable energy generation while balancing the impact of renewable energy developments on the environment and communities.
- 8.5.2 The following indicators are listed for SP18:

Indicator 74: The number of applications permitted for renewable energy and low carbon technology development

Indicator 75: The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Renewable **Energy Assessment**

<u>Indicator 76</u>: The preparation of SPG relating to Renewable and Low Carbon Energy. The Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPG was completed and published in July 2017. No further monitoring or action required.

The appraisal of the indicator 74 has concluded that SP18 is not now meeting its targets and has also been made obsolete by new national policy (see below). The policy will therefore need to be reviewed as part of the LDP Review process. The policy will continue to be monitored.

Indicator 74: The number of applications permitted for renewable energy and low carbon technology development.

Table 8.5.1 SP18 - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Indicator 74

Indicator	The number of applications permitted for renewable energy and low carbon technology development.				
Objective	OB 19				
Key Policies	SP18; RE1	SP18; RE1 Related Policies			
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications permitted for renewable	ble capacity targets and to encourage where	Adoption	2016	No increase in the number	
energy and low carbon		AMR 2017		of renewable energy schemes permitted is	
technology development.		AMR 2018		recorded.	
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

The policy will be subject to a review process

Analysis

Two applications were approved in the monitoring period for renewable/low carbon developments, for a PV solar farm and for PV panels on the roof of an existing building. This is the same number of approvals as in 2019 - 2020 which was a reduction on 2018-19. This therefore constitutes a trigger for Indicator 74.

Policy RE1 has also been affected by new national policy on renewable energy in Future Wales, which also indicates the need for the policy to be reviewed.

Policies SP18 and RE1 will therefore need to be reassessed as part of the review of the LDP

Indicator 75: The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Renewable Energy Assessment.

Table 8.5.2 SP18 - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy, Indicator 75

SP18 Indicator 75					
Indicator	The number of applications p	The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Renewable Energy Assessment.			
Objective	OB19				
Key Policies	SP18; Related Policies RE2				
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications permitted accompanied by	No applications permitted contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy	
a Renewable Energy Assessment.	framework.	AMR 2017		framework.	
Assessment.		AMR 2018			
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			

Action

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Four proposals reached the threshold for requiring a Renewable Energy Assessment . This was submitted and approved in all cases $\frac{1}{2}$

- **8.6.1** Strategic Policy 19 (SP19) 'Waste Management' seeks to adopt a sustainable approach to waste management and contribute to making provision for an integrated and adequate network of waste management facilities.
- **8.6.2** The following indicators are listed for SP19:

<u>Indicator 77:</u> The number of applications permitted accompanied by Site Waste Management Plans.

<u>Indicator 78</u>: The number of waste facilities permitted and refused on employment sites.

Indicator 79: The amount of land and facilities to cater for waste in NPT.

8.6.3 An appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP19 is being implemented as intended (see below). The policy will continue to be monitored.

Indicator 77: The number of applications permitted accompanied by Site Waste Management Plans.

Table 8.6.1 SP19 - Waste Management, Indicator 77

SP19 Indicator 77					
Indicator	The number of applications p	permitted accor	mpanied by a S	ite Waste Management Plan.	
Objective	OB20				
Key Policies	SP19	SP19 Related Policies W3			
Indicator	Target	Outcome Trigger			
The number of applications permitted accompanied by	All new development proposals falling within the	Adoption	2016	One application permitted contrary to the policy	
a Site Waste Management Plan.	terms of Policy W3 should produce Site Waste	AMR 2017		framework.	
Fian.	Management Plans.	AMR 2018			
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

Over the monitoring period there were 2 applications that met the threshold for requiring a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

In accordance with Policy W3 both of these applications were conditioned to produce a SWMP that addresses both the construction phase as well as the subsequent occupation/operation of the site.

The requirements of this indicator have therefore been met.

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Indicator 78: The number of waste facilities permitted and refused on employment sites.

Table 8.6.2 SP19 - Waste Management, Indicator 78

SP19 Indicator 78					
Indicator	The number of waste facilities permitted and refused on employment sites				
Objective	OB20				
Key Policies	SP19	SP19 Related Policies			
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger	
The number of waste facilities permitted and	To ensure the appropriate	Adoption	2016	One application refused on an employment site	
refused on employment sites	supply of employment sites for waste	AMR 2017		considered suitable for waste.	
Siles		AMR 2018		wasie.	
		AMR 2019			
		AMR 2020			
Action					

No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

No waste related applications were received / determined during the period monitored that related to allocated and/or safeguarded employment land.

Therefore there are no trigger applications for this indicator.

Indicator 79: The amount of land and facilities to cater for waste in NPT.

Table 8.6.3 SP19 - Waste Management, Indicator 79

SP19 Indicator 79				
Indicator	The amount of land to cater for waste in NPT			
Objective	OB20			
Key Policies	SP19 Related Policies			
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger
The amount of land to cater	r waste in NPT To maintain sufficient land and facilities to cater for waste in NPT	Adoption	2016	Trigger is established at a Regional level in
ioi waste iii ivi i		AMR 2017		accordance with TAN 21
		AMR 2018		

		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				
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No further action. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

The trigger for this indicator is a landfill capacity for the region of at least seven years.

The Waste Planning Monitoring Report (WPMR) 2020/21 for the South West Wales region indicates that the predicted landfill capacity for the region currently amounts to 6.1 years. Although this falls below the trigger point, it should be noted that this figure is dependent upon several assumptions, including about the individual circumstances of the landfill facilities currently operating, potential availability of new facilities and treatment plants, and the potential reduction in quantities of residual waste produced.

Taking into account that the voidspace figure is highly variable depending on annual figures and individual waste contracts and facilities, and that it remains above the 5 year threshold for requiring new provision to be made, it is considered that this indicator should be deemed not to have been triggered in this monitoring period. However, the reduction in voidspace availability and the increase in the amount of waste landfilled seen in 2018 and 2019 will need to be closely monitored in future WMPRs and AMRs.

In respect of in-building waste treatment facilities, the take-up of employment land is specifically monitored by Indicators 50, 51, 52 and 56 respectively. Based on the results of the monitoring to date, coupled with the existing network of facilities that are currently operational, it is considered that there is sufficient land and facilities across the County Borough to deal with waste arisings in NPT.

9. Achieving Sustainable Accessibility

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9.0.1 This Chapter reports on the following strategic policies of the 'Achieving Sustainable Accessibility' theme of the LDP:

SP20 'Transport Network'

9.1 SP20 'Transport Network'

- **9.1.1** SP20 'Transport Network' seeks to support and develop the transport network to safely and effectively facilitate the movement of people and freight within the County Borough, reduce reliance on the private car and improve connectivity to neighbouring areas.
- **9.1.2** The following indicators are listed for SP20:

Indicator 80: The delivery of 1. the Baglan Energy Park Link Road; 2. Coed Darcy Southern Access Road; Ffordd Amazon (Phase 2); 3. Junction 43 (M4) improvements; Harbour Way (PDR). Although schemes 1 and 3 have been delivered within the timescales given, scheme 2 has not been delivered by 2017 and this indicator was therefore triggered and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 81:</u> To deliver the Integrated Transport Hub, Port Talbot. The Integrated Transport Hub was completed in the 2018 monitoring period, no further action or monitoring required.

<u>Indicator 82:</u> The completion of the Amman Valley Cycle Way Project and the Afan Valley Trail (Port Talbot to Afan Valley). The Amman Valley project has only been partly completed and this indicator was therefore triggered and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 83:</u> To deliver a Park and Share facility at Junction 38 (M4) Margam. This scheme was not delivered within the timeframe given and the indicator was therefore triggered and is not analysed further in this AMR.

<u>Indicator 84:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to Parking Standards. The Parking Standards SPG was completed and published in October 2016. No further monitoring or action required.

9.1.3 Whilst a number of developments including the Baglan Energy Park Link Road, Ffordd Amazon (Phase 2), Integrated Transport Hub, Afan Valley Trail and part of the Amman Valley Cycle Way have been completed, appraisal of the indicators previously concluded that SP20 is not achieving its objectives. The policy will therefore be reviewed as part of the LDP Review.

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10 Respecting Distinctiveness

10.0.1 This Chapter reports on the following strategic policies of the 'Respecting Distinctiveness' theme of the LDP:

SP21 'Built Environment and Historic Heritage'; and SP22 'Welsh Language'

10.1 SP21 'Built Environment and Historic Heritage'

10.1.1 The built environment and urban form of NPT is varied and distinctive, with important remaining features from all periods from prehistory onwards, including Iron Age hill forts and burial mounds, Roman military infrastructure and medieval ecclesiastical buildings and farmsteads. SP21 seeks to ensure that new development is undertaken to a high design standard and that the important existing historic environment of the area is conserved and enhanced wherever possible.

10.1.2 The following indicators are listed for SP21:

<u>Indicator 85:</u> The number of applications permitted impacting upon buildings and features of local, architectural or cultural importance.

<u>Indicator 86:</u> The preparation of SPG relating to the Historic Environment. The Historic Environment SPG was completed and published in April 2019. No further monitoring or action required.

<u>Indicator 87:</u> The number of applications permitted within Conservation Areas and other designated sites

10.1.3 The appraisal of the indicators has concluded that SP21 is being implemented as intended (see below). The policy will continue to be monitored.

Indicator 85: The number of applications permitted impacting upon features of local, architectural or cultural importance.

Table 10.1.1 SP21 - Built Environment and Historic Heritage, Indicator 85

SP21 Indicator 85				
Indicator	The number of applications permitted impacting upon features of local, architectural or cultural importance.			
Objective	OB23; OB24			
Key Policies	SP21 Related Policies BE2; BE3			
Indicator	Target	Outcome	Trigger	

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permitted impacting upon contrary to	No applications permitted contrary to the policy	Adoption	2016	One application for development contrary to
	framework.	AMR 2017		the policy framework.
		AMR 2018		
		AMR 2019		
		AMR 2020		
Action				

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

There were five approvals relating to or affecting Buildings of Local Importance (BLI) during the monitoring period for which Policy BE2 was relevant.

Four were for changes of use or conversions, retaining the building, while one related to a vestry building adjacent to a chapel designated as a BLI.

In all cases, the proposals were deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework.

Indicator 87: The number of applications permitted within Conservation Areas and other designated sites.

Table 10.1.2 SP21 - Built Environment and Historic Heritage, Indicator 87

SP21 Indicator 87						
Indicator	The number of applications sites.	The number of applications permitted within Conservation Areas and other designated sites.				
Objective	OB23; OB24					
Key Policies	SP21	Related Poli	cies	BE1		
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger		
The number of applications permitted within	No application permitted contrary to the policy framework.	Adoption	2016	One application permitted for development contrary to		
Conservation Areas and other designated sites.		AMR 2017		the policy framework.		
Other designated sites.		AMR 2018				
		AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020				
Action						
No further action required. Monitoring to continue.						
Analysis:						

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There were three relevant proposals approved within Conservation Areas during the monitoring period, all located in Neath town centre, all for changes of use (one including alterations)

All the proposals were considered to be appropriate in terms of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and to be in compliance with the policy framework.

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10.2 SP22 'Welsh Language'

- **10.2.1** SP22 ' Welsh Language' seeks to protect the integrity of the Welsh language within the areas identified in the policy as welsh language sensitive areas (Amman Valley; Swansea Valley; Pontardawe; and the community of Crynant in the Dulais Valley).
- **10.2.2** The following indicators are listed for SP22:

<u>Indicator 88:</u> The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Language Action Plan

<u>Indicator 89</u>: The preparation of SPG relating to development and the Welsh language. The Development and the Welsh Language SPG was completed and published in July 2017. No further monitoring or action required.

10.2.3 The appraisal of Indicator 88 has concluded that SP22 is being implemented as intended (see below). The policy will continue to be monitored.

Indicator 88: The number of planning applications permitted accompanied by a Language Action Plan.

Table 10.2.1 SP22 - Welsh Language, Indicator 88

SP22 Indicator 88						
Indicator	The number of planning app Plan.	The number of planning applications permitted accompanied by a Language Action Plan.				
Objective	OB6; OB25					
Key Policies	SP22	Related Poli	cies	WL1		
Indicator	Target	Outcome		Trigger		
The number of planning applications permitted	No applications permitted within the Language Sensitive Areas without addressing Welsh language issues.	Adoption	2016	One application permitted within the Language		
accompanied by a Language Action Plan.		AMR 2017		Sensitive Areas without addressing Welsh language		
Language / Cilon Flam.		AMR 2018		issues.		
		AMR 2019				
		AMR 2020				
Action						

No further action required. Monitoring to continue.

Analysis:

There were no Residential, Retail, Commercial or Industrial applications during the monitoring period within the Language Sensitive Areas which met the size thresholds for a Welsh Language Action Plan requirement.

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PART 3 - Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring



- **11.0.1** The LDP was subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as an iterative process throughout the plan preparation process. The SA incorporated the SEA requirements, and all references to SA in this document should be taken to include SEA. The SA appraised the social, environmental and economic effects of the plan and its likely impacts in terms of sustainable development.
- **11.0.2** The SA was structured around 8 topics and identified a total of 22 objectives within these topics. Monitoring indicators and targets were drafted, developed and refined throughout the evolution of the LDP and SA, and the published LDP Monitoring Framework⁽²⁷⁾ incorporates monitoring indicators that relate to the objectives of both the LDP and SA documents including a number derived from the draft indicators set out in the SA documentation.
- **11.0.3** For the SA monitoring, some amendments have been made to the indicators to ensure that they give useful information about the SA objectives. In some cases, additional indicators have been incorporated specifically to address certain SA objectives.
- **11.0.4** Each SA objective is assessed against the relevant monitoring indicators, with the findings set out in the sections below. The following colour coding has been used to give an overall summary of the findings for each indicator. Where indices have been assessed earlier in the report, these are just cross-referenced.

	Generally Positive Impacts			
	Mixed Impacts			
	Generally Negative Impacts			
0	Neutral Impact			

11.1 SA Topic 1: Climate Change

SA Objective 1A: Ensure that all development takes into account likely future changes resulting from climate change (Adaptation)

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
5	The number of applications permitted within C1 floodplain areas	No applications permitted for highly vulnerable development within C1 floodplain areas that does not meet all the TAN15 tests	No applications were permitted for highly vulnerable development within C1 floodplain areas that did not meet all the requirements of TAN15. See SP1 for further detail.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
6	The number of applications permitted within C2 floodplain areas	No applications permitted for highly vulnerable development within C2 floodplain areas	Three proposals for highly vulnerable development were approved within or partly within C2 floodplain area. All were however considered to be in accordance with the requirements of TAN15. See SP1 for further detail.	
62	The number of applications permitted within the undeveloped coast, special landscape areas and green wedges contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP14 for further details.	

Analysis:

To ensure that all development takes into account likely future changes resulting from climate change, NPT LDP SP1 and SP14 outline a number of requirements for new developments.

NPT LDP SP1 seeks to prevent the introduction of new development or further vulnerable uses into flood risk areas unless this can be fully justified in accordance with national policy. given that an increasing risk of more extreme weather and greater and more severe flooding events are predicted outcomes likely to result from climate change. With regard to this SA objective, within this monitoring period, no developments were granted for highly vulnerable development within C1 floodplain area that did not meet all the requirements of TAN15. A number of applications for highly vulnerable development were granted within C2 floodplain areas, these however were considered to be in accordance with the requirements of TAN15. However, in terms of SA objective 1A this is considered to constitute a mixed impact.

NPT LDP SP14 seeks to control development within the undeveloped coast, special landscape areas and green wedges for landscape and sustainability reasons, including the need to ensure resilience to the impacts of climate change. This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective.

The analysis suggests that overall the LDP is only partly contributing towards this SA objective.

SA Objective 1B: Achieve government targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (Mitigation)

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
1	The number of applications permitted below 35 dwellings per hectare within the CCSA	An average density of 35 dwellings per hectare on allocated sites within the CCSA should be achieved	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP1 for further detail.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
2	The number of applications permitted below 30 dwellings per hectare within the VSA	An average density of 30 dwellings per hectare on allocated sites within the VSA should be achieved	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP1 for further detail.	
3	Amount of greenfield land lost not allocated in the LDP	No greenfield land lost contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period no developments were granted on unallocated greenfield sites contrary to the policy framework. See SP1 for further detail.	
4	The number of applications permitted within safeguarded freight facility locations	No applications permitted on sites safeguarded for the transportation of freight contrary to the policy framework	No applications have been permitted on sites safeguarded for the transportation of freight within this monitoring period. See SP1 for further detail.	
75	The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Renewable Energy Assessment	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period four applications reached the threshold for requiring a Renewable Energy Assessment, these were submitted and approved in all cases. No applications were therefore permitted contrary to the policy framework. See SP18 for more information.	
SA1	NPT Carbon Footprint (tCO2 per capita)	Annual reduction	50.0 tCO2 per capita (2019) ⁽²⁸⁾	
SA2	NPT Gas consumption	Annual reduction	146.0 ktCO2 (Domestic 2019) (29)	
SA3	NPT Electricity consumption	Annual reduction	43.0 ktCO2 (Domestic 2019) ⁽³⁰⁾	

Analysis:

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The NPT LDP seeks to achieve a relatively high density on new developments; concentrate new developments within the existing urban area/ on allocated greenfield sites where there is good access to services and facilities in order to reduce future residents reliance on the motor vehicle; safeguard freight facilities for future movements of freight; and require developments above a specific threshold to submit Renewable Energy Assessments in order to achieve government targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The analysis below suggests that this SA objective is being met to a certain extent:

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³⁰ www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics-2005-to-2019

Indicator	Monitoring	Target	Commentary	Outcome
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Indicators 1 and 2 have failed to meet their targets in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective.

Analysis of the indicators 3 and 4 suggest that SP1 is working effectively to prevent the loss of non-allocated greenfield land and to prevent development within safeguarded freight facilities.

Analysis of Indicator 75 suggests that SP18 is working effectively in order to require relevant proposals to be accompanied by a Renewable Energy Assessment.

Analysis of indicators SA1 and SA2 show that between 2018 and 2019 there have been increases in the annual carbon footprint and domestic gas consumption (45.5 to 50.0 tCO2 per capita and 144.1 to 146.0 ktCO2 respectively). But analysis of indicator SA3 shows that between 2018 and 2019 there has been a fall in annual domestic electricity consumption (48.3 o 43.0 ktCO2). This is a continuation of the steady fall seen since the beginning of the monitoring of the Plan (77.0 to 43.0 ktCO2 2015-2019).

SA Objective 1C: Make the area's appropriate contribution to national energy production (Mitigation)

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
74	The number of applications permitted for renewable energy and low carbon technology development	To achieve TAN 8 SSA capacity targets and to encourage where appropriate all forms of renewable energy and low carbon technology development	Two applications were approved in the monitoring period for renewable/ low carbon developments. This is the same number as in the 2019/20 monitoring period. See SP18 for further detail.	
75	The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Renewable Energy Assessment	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Four applications met the requirements for the submission of a Renewable Energy Assessment. These were submitted and approved in all cases. See SP18 for more information.	

Analysis:

In order to ensure development makes the area's appropriate contribution to national energy production, NPT LDP SP18 seeks to achieve renewable energy targets and energy efficiency targets while balancing the impact of development on the environment and communities.

In terms of this SA objective, both indicators are considered to have generally positive impacts. Whilst there has not been an increase in the number of applications permitted for renewable/ low carbon technology development permitted within this monitoring period, the applications approved will contribute towards the

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production of renewable/ low carbon energy in the County Borough. All applications required to submit a Renewable Energy Assessment submitted a suitable assessment which was approved.

11.2 SA Topic 2: Natural Resources and Waste

SA Objective 2A: Minimise loss or degradation of natural resources while ensuring that they are used only in a sustainable way

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
1	The number of applications permitted below 35 dwellings per hectare within the CCSA.	An average density of 35 dwellings per hectare on allocated sites within the CCSA should be achieved.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP1 for further detail.	
2	The number of applications permitted below 30 dwellings per hectare within the VSA.	An average density of 30 dwellings per hectare on allocated sites within the CCSA should be achieved.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective See SP1 for further detail.	
3	Amount of greenfield land lost not allocated in the LDP.	No greenfield land lost contrary to the policy framework.	Within this monitoring period no developments were granted on unallocated greenfield sites contrary to the policy framework. See SP1 for further detail.	
11	The number of applications permitted outside settlement limits.	No applications permitted outside settlement limits contrary to the policy framework.	20 applications for development outside settlement limits were approved in this monitoring period. All were deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP3 for further detail.	
12	The number of applications permitted where new or improved infrastructure has been secured through developer contributions.	New development will address the impact on communities through the provision of new or improved infrastructure where appropriate.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP4 for further detail.	

Indicator	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
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62	The number of applications permitted within the undeveloped coast, special landscape areas (SLAs) and green wedges contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP4 for further detail.	
64	The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	No applications were received or permitted within any nationally or internationally designated site, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites within this monitoring period. See SP15 for further detail.	
66	The number of applications permitted within the AQMA contrary to the policy framework.	Development proposals should not lead to a significant increase in pollution levels and should not lead to an increase in the number of people exposed to significant levels of pollution.	Within this monitoring period, one application was approved for development within the AQMA. The proposal was deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP16 for further detail.	
70	Core Indicator: The extent of primary land-won aggregates permitted in accordance with the Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates expressed as a percentage of the total capacity required as identified in the MTAN. Local Indicator: Aggregates land supply.	A 10 year landbank of crushed rock to be retained throughout the plan period.	NPT has a landbank of 47 years based on 3 year average sales (2017-2019) and a landbank of 43 years based on 10 year average sales (2010-2019). See SP17 for more information.	
71	The number of applications permitted that would sterilise a mineral resource.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	Within this monitoring period 20 applications were granted for development within Mineral Safeguarding Areas. All applications were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP17 for further information.	
72	The number of planning applications for extraction of aggregate mineral not in line with Policy M2.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	No applications for the extraction of aggregate mineral have been granted within this monitoring period.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
			No applications have therefore been permitted contrary to the policy framework.	
			See SP17.	
73	The number of applications permitted within Mineral Buffer Zones.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	Within this monitoring period one application was permitted for a proposal within a buffer zone. This application considered the implications with regard to the mineral resource but as it involved the restoration of an open cast coal site and distribution centre at the end of its working life, it was considered that the proposal was in accordance with the terms of the policy. See SP17.	
SA4	Amount of development on high quality agricultural land.	No applications contrary to the policy framework.	There were no applications for development on high quality agricultural land granted contrary to the policy framework within this monitoring period.	

Analysis:

Sustainability objective 2A seeks to minimise the loss or degradation of natural resources while ensuring that they are used only in a sustainable way.

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that LDP is to a certain extent achieving this SA objective. Four indicators (1, 2, 12 and 62) have failed to meet their targets in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. The remaining indicators suggest generally positive impacts with regards to this SA objective.

SA Objective 2B: Maintain and improve the chemical and biological / ecological quality of natural resources

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
11	The number of applications permitted outside settlement limits	No applications permitted outside settlement limits contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, 20 applications outside settlement limits were granted. All were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP3 for more information.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
64	The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were received or approved within any nationally or internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework within this monitoring period. See SP15 for more information.	
SA5	% water bodies at 'good' NRW classification status or above	Annual improvement in classification status	Within the Tawe to Cadoxton Management Catchment, 43% of surface water bodies are at good overall classification status, 52% at moderate and 5% at poor overall status. There are no water bodies at high or bad overall status (2015 Classification) (31)	0

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that the policies are working effectively in order to maintain and improve the chemical and biological/ ecological quality of natural resources in the County Borough.

SA Objective 2C: Minimise waste and reduce amounts of waste disposed of to landfill

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
77	The number of applications permitted accompanied by Site Waste Management Plans (SWMP)	All new development proposals falling within the terms of Policy W3 should produce SWMP	Two applications met the threshold for requiring a SWMP within this monitoring period. Both were conditioned to produce a SWMP that addresses the construction phase and the subsequent occupation/operation of the site. See SP19 for further detail.	
78	The number of waste facilities permitted and refused on employment sites	To ensure appropriate supply of employment sites for waste	No applications were received during the monitoring period therefore the policy framework was maintained. See SP19 for more information.	
79	The amount of land and facilities to cater for waste in NPT	To maintain sufficient land and facilities to cater for waste in NPT (to be confirmed at a	There is 11.2 years of landfill voidspace available therefore there is sufficient land and facilities across the County Borough to deal with	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
		regional level in accordance with TAN 21)	waste arisings. (Monitoring Report 2019). See SP19 for further information (to be finalised).	
SA6	% LACW ⁽³²⁾ reused / recycled / composted	Annual increase	61.7% of NPT LACW was reused, recycled or composted during 2019/20. (33)	

Analysis:

In relation to SA objective 2C, although the LDP does not have a primary impact on waste issues, the above indicators generally suggest that the relevant plan policies are having an overall positive impact.

The available LACW figures show that there has been a steady increase in the percentage reused/ recycled/composted (60.5% reported in 2020 AMR for 2018/19 to 61.7% reported in this AMR for 2019/20).

11.3 SA Topic 3: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

SA Objective 3A: Prevent any further net loss of biodiversity

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
64	The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated biodiversity sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were permitted on nationally and internationally designated biodiversity sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework within this monitoring period. See SP15 for more information.	
SA7	The number of applications permitted on identified SINCs contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were permitted contrary to the policy framework within this monitoring period.	
SA8	The number of applications permitted which would result in a residual (1) loss of important habitat or residual impact on important species (2)	No residual losses of important habitats or species	Within this monitoring period there have been no residual losses of important habitats or species.	

Analysis

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that the LDP is having a generally positive effect with regards to this SA objective.

- 1. Taking into account mitigation/compensation measures.
- 2. S7 Habitats and species, BAP habitats and important natural features as set out in Policy EN7.

SA Objective 3B: Exploit all reasonable opportunities to secure biodiversity improvements

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
12	The number of applications permitted where new or improved infrastructure has been secured through developer contributions	New development will address the impact on communities through the provision of new or improved infrastructure where appropriate	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP4 For further details.	
SA9	Area of S7/SINC habitat created and secured through planning decisions	Annual increase	Within this monitoring period there have been no applications which have led to the creation of additional S7/SINC habitat.	0

Analysis:

Analysis of these indicators suggest generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective.

With regards to indicator SA9, within this monitoring period there have been no applications granted requiring the creation of additional SINC habitat. Given that the only application granted in the previous monitoring period was for replacement SINC habitat, there has not been an annual increase or decrease in the area of SINC habitat created and secured through planning decisions.

SA Objective 3C: Minimise adverse effects on designated geodiversity sites

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
64	The number of applications permitted on nationally and internationally designated sites, regionally important biodiversity and geodiversity sites contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	No applications within this monitoring period have been permitted contrary to the policy framework. See SP15 for more information.	

Analysis

Analysis of indicator 64 suggests that the LDP is working effectively in order to minimise adverse effects on designated geodiversity sites.

11.4 SA Topic 4: Landscape, Townscape and Historic Character

SA Objective 4A: Protect and/or enhance the area's landscape and townscape

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
8	The number of applications refused on design grounds	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, no applications were granted contrary to the policy framework. See SP2 for more information.	
62	The number of applications permitted within the undeveloped coast, special landscape areas and green wedges contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP14 for further detail.	
85	The number of applications permitted impacting upon buildings and features of local, architectural or cultural importance	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Five applications were granted within this monitoring period relating to or affecting Buildings of Local Importance. All proposals were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP21 for more information.	
87	The number of applications permitted within Conservation Areas and other designated sites	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Three applications were approved within this monitoring period, all were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP21 for more information.	

Analysis:

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that the LDP is having a mixed impact with regards to this SA objective. Indicator 62 has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. Indicators 8, 85 and 87 show generally positive impacts.

SA Objective 4B: Protect and/or enhance the area's historic environment including architectural and archaeological resources

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
85	The number of applications permitted impacting upon buildings and features of local, architectural or cultural importance	No applications permitted contrary to the Policy framework	Five applications were granted within this monitoring period relating to or affecting Buildings of Local Importance. All proposals were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP21 for more information.	
87	The number of applications permitted within Conservation Areas and other designated sites	No applications permitted contrary to the Policy framework	Three applications were approved within this monitoring period, all were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP21 for more information.	

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that the LDP is achieving generally positive impacts with regards to this SA objective.

11.5 SA Topic 5: Pollution

SA Objective 5A: Achieve acceptable levels (meet national / European standards) of air quality throughout the County Borough

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
66	The number of applications permitted within the AQMA contrary to the policy framework	Development proposals should not lead to a significant increase in pollution levels and should not lead to an increase in the number of people exposed to significant levels of pollution	Within this monitoring period, one application was approved within the AQMA. It was considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP16 for more information.	
67	The number of applications permitted not accompanied by a Construction Management Plan (CMP)	No breaches of air quality should occur during the construction phase contrary to the submitted and agreed CMP	One application was permitted for operational development within the AQMA/ within 500m of AQMA boundary. No breaches of air quality occurred during the construction phase contrary to the submitted and agreed CMP. See SP16 for more information.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
81	To deliver the Integrated Transport Hub, Port Talbot	To deliver the project by 2018	The Integrated Transport Hub was delivered on schedule (March 2018). See SP20 for more information.	
83	To deliver a Park and Share facility at Junction 38 (M4) Margam	To deliver the project by 2020	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP21 For further details.	
SA10	Breaches of Air Quality objectives	No breaches of Air Quality Objectives	The 2020 Air Quality Progress Report identifies two breaches of air quality: The concentration of polyaromatic hydrocarbons at Port Talbot exceeded the Air Quality Objective of 0.25ng/m3, this is however below the EU target of 1ng/m3. Nickel concentrations exceeded the EU Target of 20ng/m3 at Tawe Terrace. This is however a significant annual reduction upon the previous monitoring period.	
SA11	Number and extent of AQMAs in NPT	No increase in number or extent of AQMAs	There is 1 AQMA in NPT, at Taibach / Margam, with no increase since adoption of the LDP	

Analysis:

In order to achieve acceptable levels (meet national/ European standards) of air quality throughout the County Borough, NPT LDP SP16 and SP20 seek to protect and improve the environment as far as possible; ensure developments do not increase the number of people exposed to significant levels of pollution; and support and develop the transport network to safely and effectively facilitate the movement of people and freight within the County Borough to reduce reliance on the private car and to improve connectivity to neighbouring areas. Analysis of the indicators suggest that the LDP is to a certain extent working effectively to achieve this SA objective. Indicators 66, 67, 81 and SA11 report generally positive impacts and indicators 83 and SA10 report mixed impacts.

SA Objective 5B: Achieve acceptable noise levels and protect quiet areas throughout the County Borough

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
69	The number of applications permitted within designated Quiet Areas	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were approved within designated quiet areas within this monitoring period. See SP16 for more information.	
SA12	Number and extent of Noise Action Planning Priority Area designations in NPT	No increase in number or extent of NAPPAs	There are 11 Priority Areas for roads and 3 for railways within NPT	
Analysis				

Analysis of these indicators suggest that the NPT LDP is working effectively with regards to this SA objective.

11.6 SA Topic 6: Community Cohesion

SA Objective 6A: Improve social cohesion and minimise the incidence of social exclusion by addressing the causes of social exclusion

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
7	The net change, type and spatial distribution of open space and community facilities	No loss of facilities permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, no applications have been permitted which would lead to a loss of open space and/or community facilities contrary to the policy framework. See SP2 for more information.	
10	Amount of major retail, office and leisure development permitted in town centre and in out-of-town centres	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, two applications were granted for major retail/ leisure development. Both proposals were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP3 for more information.	
11	The number of applications permitted outside settlement limits	No applications permitted outside settlement limits contrary to the policy framework	20 applications were granted for development outside settlement limits within this monitoring period. All	

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Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
			applications were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP3 for more information.	
14	The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 5,690 new housing units within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area over the Plan period.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 For further details.	
29	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Afan Lido Mixed-Use Regeneration Scheme	To deliver a tourism / recreation development at Afan Lido by 2020	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 For further details.	
31	The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Valleys Strategy Area	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 1,435 new housing units over the Plan period.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 For further details.	
32	The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Pontardawe Strategic Growth Area	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 664 new housing units over the Plan period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 For further details.	
33	The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Upper Neath Valley Strategic Growth Area	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 264 new housing units over the Plan period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in this years AMR, suggesting mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 for more information.	
34	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within the Park Avenue, Glynneath Mixed-Use Regeneration Scheme	To provide 150 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2020/21	This indicator has failed to meet its target in this years AMR, suggesting mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 for more information.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
37	The number of live-work proposals permitted	An increase in the number of live-work units permitted	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 For further details.	
	The number of applications permitted	The allocation at Rheola will be delivered by 2021	This indicator has failed to meet its target in this years AMR, suggesting	
38	at Rheola	Will be delivered by 2021	mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 for more information.	
	The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area	A total provision of 8,760 new housing units will be made in order to ensure that a minimum of 7,800 new housing units will be delivered by 2026.	Housing completions during the monitoring period were significantly below the annual target in the NPT LDP and the AAR. This is the fifth year that there has been a shortfall.	
39		delivered by 2026.	This level of new housing delivery will still have positive impacts for the local economy and consequently for social inclusion in general terms, but it is falling short of the targets and effects that were envisaged.	
			See SP7 for more information.	
	The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area	To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026.	Affordable housing delivery has been below target for the past five years, with 4 affordable units delivered through the planning system (via s.106 obligations) in the latest monitoring period which is significantly below the level envisaged.	
41			Approximately a third of the units delivered within this monitoring period have however been delivered by RSLs utilising Social Housing Grant. Whilst these units are unable to be accounted for in the Council's reported affordable housing delivery, they will help with regards to social inclusion.	
			See SP8 for further detail.	
46	The number of applications permitted for housing developments that do	All new housing development of 3 or more units should make provision for open space	This indicator failed to meet its target in the 2019 AMR, suggesting mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective.	

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	not address the open space needs of the occupants	where there is a quantitative deficiency in open space provision	See SP10 for more information.	
47	The number of existing open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework	No loss of open space contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, no applications have been approved which would have resulted in the loss of open space where there is a shortfall of provision of that category in the ward. See SP10 for further detail.	
	The net change in the amount of employment	Principal Target:	This indicator has failed to meet its target in this years AMR, suggesting	
	land and floorspace	To make provision for a net gain of approximately	mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective.	
		34,000 square metres of employment floorspace within the County Borough by 2026	ately objective. s of Ce See SP11 for more information.	
		Interim Targets:		
52		2011/14: 7,000 sq m 2014/17: 7,000 sq m 2017/20: 7,000 sq m 2020/23: 7,000 sq m 2023/26: 7,000 sq m		
		Annual Target: To develop an average of 2,250 sq m of employment floorspace per annum with a cumulative target of 4,500 sq m to be developed over any 2 year period		
58	The number of applications for small scale retail development permitted	An increase in the number of small scale retail proposals permitted	Two applications for small scale retail were approved in the monitoring period. This is one more than granted in the previous monitoring period.	
			See SP12 for more information.	
88	The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Language Action Plan	No applications permitted within the Language Sensitive Areas without addressing Welsh language issues	There were no applications submitted within the monitoring period within the Language Sensitive Areas which met the size thresholds for a Welsh Language Action Plan. See SP22 for further detail.	0
Analysis:				

Indicator	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
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NPT LDP SP2, SP3, SP5, SP6, SP7, SP8, SP10, SP11, SP12 and SP22 outline a number of requirements which seek to improve social cohesion and minimise the incidence of social exclusion by addressing the causes of social exclusion.

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that the LDP is having a mixed impact with regards to this SA objective.

SA Objective 6B: Protect and enhance the culture and character of communities including cultural resources and Welsh language

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
85	The number of applications permitted impacting upon buildings and features of local, architectural or cultural importance	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were granted within this monitoring period contrary to the policy framework. 5 applications were approved, all of which were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP21 for more information.	
87	The number of applications permitted within Conservation Areas and other designated sites	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Three applications were permitted for development within Conservation Areas within this monitoring period. All were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP21 for further detail.	
88	The number of applications permitted accompanied by a Language Action Plan	No applications permitted within the Language Sensitive Areas without addressing welsh language issues	There were no applications submitted within the monitoring period within the Language Sensitive Areas which met the size thresholds for a Welsh Language Action Plan. See SP22 for further detail.	0

Analysis:

In order to protect and enhance the culture and character of communities including cultural resources and Welsh language, NPT LDP SP21 and SP22 seek to resist developments contrary to the policy framework which would impact upon buildings and features of local, architectural or cultural importance, Conservation

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Areas and other designated sites and require relevant applications in accordance with the policy framework to be accompanied by a Language Action Plan.

Analysis of the indicators above suggests that the LDP is having a generally positive impact with regards to this SA objective.

11.7 SA Topic 7: Health and Well-Being

SA Objective 7A: Improve physical and mental health outcomes for all

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
7	The net change, type and spatial distribution of open space and community facilities	No loss of facilities permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, no applications have been granted which would lead to a loss of open space and/or community facilities contrary to the policy framework. See SP2 for more information.	
46	The number of applications permitted for housing developments that do not address the open space needs of the occupants	All new housing development of 3 or more units should make provision for open space where there is a quantitative deficiency in open space provision	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP10 for further details.	
47	The number of existing open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework	No loss of open space contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, there have been no applications approved which have resulted in a loss of open space where there is a shortfall of provision of that category of open space in the ward. See SP10 for more information.	
49	Local Indicator. The level of Workplace Employment in NPT Contextual Indicators: The change of Workplace Employment for Wales and UK;	Principal Target: A net gain of 3,850 jobs up to 2026 Interim Targets: 2011/14: - 1,458 2014/17: +1,326 2017/20: +1,326	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP11 for further details.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
	The level and rate of employment in NPT; and	2020/23: +1,326 2023/26: +1,326		
	The level and rate of employment for Wales and UK	Annual Target: An average gain of 442 jobs per annum from 2014 over the remainder of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 884 jobs over any 2 year period		
53	Local Indicator: The rate of economic activity for NPT Contextual Indicator: The rate of economic activity for Wales and UK	To achieve an increase in the rate of economic activity to 76% by 2026	This indicator reports on data taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey which has not yet been released for the monitoring period. See SP11 for more information.	
54	Local Indicator: The rate of unemployment for NPT Contextual Indicator: The rate of unemployment for Wales and UK	To achieve a decrease in the unemployment rate to 6.9% by 2026	This indicator reports on data taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey which has not yet been released for the monitoring period. See SP11 for more information.	
61	The development of a range of improved walking and cycling routes	Completion of the Wales Coast Path by 2012 Completion of the Cognation Mountain Bike Trails by 2013 Completion of the Great Dragon Ride Route by 2012	The routes listed in the LDP have been constructed, with likely positive impacts on health and well-being. See SP13 for more information.	
66	The number of applications permitted within the AQMA contrary to the policy framework	Development proposals should not lead to a significant increase in pollution levels and should not lead to an increase in the number of people exposed to significant levels of pollution	Within this monitoring period, one relevant application was approved within the AQMA. The proposal was deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP16 for more information.	
67	The number of applications permitted not accompanied by a CMP	No breaches of air quality should occur during the construction phase contrary to the submitted and agreed CMP	One application permitted within the AQMA/ within 500m of the AQMA boundary required a CMP. This was dealt with by condition. See SP16 for further detail.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
69	The number of applications permitted within designated Quiet Areas	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were approved within designated quiet areas during the monitoring period. See SP16 for more information.	
82	Completion of listed cycle routes	The Amman Valley Cycle Way project to be delivered by 2014 The Afan Valley Trail (Port Talbot to Afan Valley) to be delivered by 2013	The Afan Valley Trail is complete and the Amman Valey Cycle Way is partly complete. See SP20 for further information.	

Analysis:

In order to improve the physical and mental health outcomes for all, NPT LDP SP2, SP10, SP11, SP13, SP16 and SP20 outline a number of policy requirements for new developments.

Analysis of these indicators suggest that the LDP is having a mixed impact with regards to this SA objective. A number of indices are identified as having a generally positive impact (indicators 7, 47, 61, 66, 67, 69 and 82) and two indicators are identified as having a mixed impact (indicators 46 and 49).

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Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
7	The net change, type and spatial distribution of open space and community facilities	No loss of facilities permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, no applications have been granted which would lead to a loss of open space and/or community facilities contrary to the policy framework. See SP2 for more information.	
46	The number of applications permitted for housing developments that do not address the open space needs of the occupants	All new housing development of 3 or more units should make provision for open space where there is a quantitative deficiency in open space provision	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP10 for further details.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
47	The number of existing open spaces lost to development contrary to the policy framework	No loss of open space contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, there have been no applications approved which have resulted in a loss of open space where there is a shortfall of provision of that category of open space in the ward. See SP10 for more information.	
49	Local Indicator: The level of Workplace Employment in NPT Contextual Indicators: The change of Workplace Employment for Wales and UK; The level and rate of employment in NPT; and The level and rate of employment for Wales and UK	Principal Target: A net gain of 3,850 jobs up to 2026 Interim Targets: 2011/14: - 1,458 2014/17: +1,326 2017/20: +1,326 2020/23: +1,326 2023/26: +1,326 Annual Target: An average gain of 442 jobs per annum from 2014 over the remainder of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 884 jobs over any 2 year period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP11 for further details.	
53	Local Indicator. The rate of economic activity for NPT Contextual Indicator. The rate of economic activity for Wales and UK	To achieve an increase in the rate of economic activity to 76% by 2026	This indicator reports on data taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey which has not yet been released for the monitoring period. See SP11 for more information.	
54	Local Indicator. The rate of unemployment for NPT Contextual Indicator. The rate of unemployment for Wales and UK	To achieve a decrease in the unemployment rate to 6.9% by 2026	This indicator reports on data taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey which has not yet been released for the monitoring period. See SP11 for more information.	
61	The development of a range of improved walking and cycling routes	Completion of the Wales Coast Path by 2012 Completion of the Cognation Mountain Bike Trails by 2013	The routes listed in the LDP have been constructed, with likely positive impacts on health and well-being. See SP13 for more information.	

Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
	Completion of the Great Dragon Ride Route by 2012		
The number of applications permitted within the AQMA contrary to the policy framework	Development proposals should not lead to a significant increase in pollution levels and should not lead to an increase in the number of people exposed to significant levels of pollution	Within this monitoring period, one relevant application was approved within the AQMA. The proposal was deemed to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP16 for more information.	
The number of applications permitted not accompanied by a Construction Management Plan	No breaches of air quality should occur during the construction phase contrary to the submitted and agreed Construction Management Plan	One application permitted within the AQMA/ within 500m of the AQMA boundary required a CMP. This was dealt with by condition. See SP16 for further detail.	
The number of applications permitted within designated Quiet Areas	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications were approved within designated quiet areas during the monitoring period. See SP16 for more information.	
Completion of listed cycle routes	The Amman Valley Cycle Way project to be delivered by 2014 The Afan Valley Trail (Port Talbot to Afan Valley) to be delivered by 2013	The Afan Valley Trail is complete and the Amman Valey Cycle Way is partly complete. See SP20 for further information.	
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Indicator	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
Ref				

NPT LDP SP2, SP10, SP11, SP13, SP16 and SP20 outline a number of policy requirements for new development in order to reduce/ minimise the incidence and impacts of ill health by addressing the causes and consequences of ill health, health inequalities and poor well-being.

Analysis of the above indicators suggest mixed impacts with regards to this SA objective. Analysis of indicators 7, 42, 61, 66, 67, 69 and 82 suggest that the LDP is having generally positive impacts and analysis of indicators 46 and 49 suggest mixed impacts.

SA Objective 7C: Reduce / minimise the incidence and impacts of poverty by addressing the causes and consequences of poverty

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
49	Local Indicator: The level of Workplace Employment in NPT Contextual Indicators: The change of Workplace Employment for Wales and UK; The level and rate of employment in NPT; and The level and rate of employment for Wales and UK	Principal Target: A net gain of 3,850 jobs up to 2026 Interim Targets: 2011/14: - 1,458 2014/17: +1,326 2017/20: +1,326 2020/23: +1,326 2023/26: +1,326 Annual Target: An average gain of 442 jobs per annum from 2014 over the remainder of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 884 jobs over any 2 year period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP11 for further details.	
53	Local Indicator: The rate of economic activity for NPT Contextual Indicator: The rate of economic activity for Wales and UK	To achieve an increase in the rate of economic activity to 76% by 2026	This indicator reports on data taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey which has not yet been released for the monitoring period. See SP11 for more information.	
54	Local Indicator: The rate of unemployment for NPT Contextual Indicator: The rate of unemployment for Wales and UK.	To achieve a decrease in the unemployment rate to 6.9% by 2026	This indicator reports on data taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey which has not yet been released for the monitoring period. See SP11 for more information.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
Analysis:				

NPT LDP SP11 outlines a number of requirements with regards to economic development in order to reduce/minimise the incidence and impacts of poverty by addressing the causes and consequences of poverty.

Analysis of indicator 49 above suggests that the LDP is having mixed impacts with regards to this Objective.

Data has not been made available from ONS to report of the impacts of the LDP with regards to these indicators.

11.8 SA Topic 8: Economy

SA Objective 8A: Develop and support a local economic infrastructure that is attractive to business and meets the changing needs of the local and national community

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
12	The number of applications permitted where new or improved infrastructure has been secured through developer contributions	New development will address the impact on communities through the provision of new or improved infrastructure where appropriate	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP4 for further details.	
14	Local indicator the number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 5,690 new housing units within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area over the Plan period.	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
22	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside Strategic Regeneration Area [Harbour Way (PDR)]	To deliver Harbour Way (PDR)	Harbour Way has been completed, providing significant new infrastructure to support the future development of central Port Talbot. See SP5 for more information.	
31	The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the VSA	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 1,435 new housing units over the Plan period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 for further details.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
37	The number of live-work proposals permitted	An increase in the number of live-work units permitted	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 for further details.	
39	The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area	A total provision of 8,760 new housing units will be made in order to ensure that a minimum of 7,800 new housing units will be delivered by 2026.	Housing completions during the monitoring period were significantly lower than the annual target in the NPT LDP and AAR. This level of new housing delivery will still have some positive impacts for the local economy, but is falling short of the targets and effects that were envisaged. See SP7 for more information.	
41	The number of net additional affordable and general market dwellings built in the LPA area	To deliver 1,200 affordable housing units by 2026.	Affordable housing delivery has been below target for the past five years, with 4 affordable unis delivered through the planning system during the monitoring period. Approximately a third of total completions within this monitoring period were however delivered by RSLs utilising Social Housing Grant. This will still have some positive effects in relation to the local economy. See SP8 for more information	
52	The net change in the amount of employment land and floorspace	Principal Target: To make provision for a net gain of approximately 34,000 square metres of employment floorspace within the County Borough by 2026 Interim Targets: 2011/14: 7,000 sq m 2014/17: 7,000 sq m 2017/20: 7,000 sq m 2020/23: 7,000 sq m 2023/26: 7,000 sq m	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP11 for more information.	

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Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
		Annual Target: To develop an average of 2,250 sq m of employment floorspace per annum with a cumulative target of 4,500 sq m to be developed over any 2 year period		
56	The number of applications permitted on safeguarded sites contrary to the policy framework	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, there have been no applications permitted contrary to the policy framework. See SP11 for more information.	
57	The number of applications permitted for retail development contrary to the defined retail hierarchy	No applications permitted for retail development contrary to the policy framework	Two applications were granted within this monitoring period for new retail premises. Both were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP12 for further detail.	
58	The number of applications for small scale retail development permitted	An increase in the number of small scale retail proposals permitted	Two small scale retail applications were granted in this monitoring period. This is one more than in the previous monitoring period. For more information, see SP12.	
59	The number of tourism applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No tourism proposals to be permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, three applications were granted for tourism facilities. All were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP13 for more information.	
60	The number of tourism facilities lost contrary to the policy framework	No loss of tourism facilities contrary to the policy framework	No applications have been approved within this monitoring period which would result in the loss of tourism facilities. See SP13 for further detail.	

Analysis:

NPT LDP Policies SP4, SP5, SP6, SP7, SP8, SP11, SP12 and SP13 outline a number of requirements for new developments in order to develop and support a local economic infrastructure that is attractive to business and meets the changing needs of the local and national community.

The analysis above suggests that the LDP is having a mixed impact with regards to this SA objective.

SA Objective 8B: Develop and support an economy that safeguards while complementing, promoting and enhancing investment in, and the use of, local resources and environmental assets

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
15	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA (residential)	To provide 2,400 new housing units by 2026 A5/26: 250	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
16	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA (employment)	A minimum of 4 Ha of land will be developed during the Plan period for employment uses, with a minimum of 0.33 Ha developed per annum for the remaining years of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 0.66 Ha to be developed over any 2 year period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
19	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (residential)	To provide 385 new housing units by 2026	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
20	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (employment)	A minimum of 7 Ha of land will be developed during the Plan period for employment uses with a minimum of 0.46 Ha developed per annum for the remaining years of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 0.92 Ha to be developed over any 2 year period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
21	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (retail)	To deliver the retail development at Harbourside SRA in accordance with the Port Talbot Harbourside & Town Centre Development Framework	There has been no new retail development approved at Harbourside over the past five years,. Although the retail part of the allocation represents a significant opportunity in economic terms, the impacts of this have been mixed.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
			See SP5 for more information.	
24	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (residential)	To deliver 50 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2016/17	Although there has been no new housing development completed within Neath town centre regeneration scheme site during the last monitoring period, 12 units are currently under construction. These will be delivered by Coastal Housing Group and when complete should contribute towards the investment in and use of local resources. See SP5 for further detail.	
25	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Neath Town Centre Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (retail)	To deliver the retail element of the Neath Town Centre Regeneration Scheme: Phase 1 - By 2016 (Currently under construction) Phase 2 - By 2020	Phase 1 has been completed and Phase 2 is currently under construction. Additional consent for part of Phase 2 granted within this monitoring period. When complete the development should continue to contribute towards the investment in and use of local resources. See SP5 for more information.	
26	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Glanafan Comprehensive School Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (residential)	To deliver 50 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2017/18	Work on the residential element of the scheme is now complete, delivering a slightly lower total of 47 units. Overall the development should have a positive impact on the investment in and use of local resources. See SP5 for more information.	
27	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Glanafan Comprehensive School Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme (retail)	To deliver the retail element of a mixed use development at Glanafan Comprehensive School, Port Talbot by 2020	The retail element of this development is now complete. Overall the development should have a positive impact on the investment in and use of local resources. See SP5 for further detail.	

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Indicator Monitoring Indicator Target Commentary **Outcome** Ref The amount of new To deliver 150 new This indicator has failed to meet its development permitted housing units with target in previous years, and delivered within Afan anticipated demonstrating generally mixed Lido Mixed-Use commencement from impacts in respect of this SA 28 Regeneration Scheme 2016/17 objective. (residential) See SP5 for further details. The amount of new To deliver a tourism / This indicator has failed to meet its development permitted recreation development target in previous years, at Afan Lido by 2020 and delivered within Afan demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA Lido Mixed-Use 29 Regeneration Scheme objective. (tourism/recreation) See SP5 for further details. The number of The Swansea University The Swansea University Bay applications permitted at Science and Innovation Campus has opened and is in use, the Bay Campus for uses Campus to be delivered making a significant contribution to contrary to the policy by 2015: the investment in and use of local framework resources. Work to commence May 2013 See SP5 for more information. First buildings completed 30 May 2014 All non-residential buildings completed May 2015 Student accommodation completed September 2015 The number of The allocation at Rheola This indicator has triggered a review 0 applications permitted at will be delivered by 2021 of the policy in this AMR, as the Rheola development has not been delivered by 2021. Whilst this suggests that the development is not being implemented as intended, the development has a resolution to grant outline planning consent 38 subject to signing of s.106 and it is understood that there are ongoing discussions regarding the development of the site and if delivered, new tourism jobs in the area would be a positive for the investment in and use of local resources. See SP6 for more information.

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Indicator **Monitoring Indicator Target** Commentary Outcome Ref The number of An increase in the Two small scale retail applications applications for small number of small scale were granted in this monitoring scale retail development retail proposals permitted period. This is one more than in the permitted previous monitoring period. 58 For more information, see SP12. The number of tourism No tourism proposals to Within this monitoring period, three applications permitted applications were granted for tourism be permitted contrary to contrary to the policy the policy framework facilities. All were considered to be framework in accordance with the policy 59 framework. See SP13 for more information. The number of tourism No loss of tourism No applications have been approved within this monitoring period which facilities lost contrary to facilities contrary to the the policy framework policy framework would result in the loss of tourism facilities. 60 See SP13 for further detail. Core Indicator. The extent A 10 year landbank of NPT has a 47 year landbank based of primary land-won crushed rock to be on 3 year average sales (2017-2019) aggregates permitted in retained throughout the and 43 year landbank based on 10 accordance with the Plan period year average sales (2010-2019). Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates See SP17 for more information. expressed as a percentage of the total 70 capacity required as identified in the Regional **Technical Statement** (MTAN) Local Indicator. Aggregates land supply The number of No applications No applications were granted within applications permitted permitted contrary to the this monitoring period contrary to the that would sterilise a policy framework. 20 applications policy framework were granted within mineral mineral resource safeguarding areas and all were 71 considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP17 for more information. The number of planning No applications No applications have been granted applications for extraction permitted contrary to the within this monitoring period for extraction of aggregate mineral. No of aggregate mineral not policy framework 72 in line with Policy M2 applications have therefore been granted contrary to the policy framework.

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
			See SP17 for further detail.	
73	The number of applications permitted within Mineral Buffer Zones	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No applications have been granted within this monitoring period for extraction of aggregate mineral. No applications have therefore been granted contrary to the policy framework. See SP17 for further detail.	

Analysis:

NPT LDP Policies SP5, SP6, SP12, SP13 and SP17 outline a number of requirements in order to develop and support an economy that safeguards while complementing, promoting and enhancing investment in, and the use of, local resources and environmental assets.

Analysis of the indicators above suggest that to a certain extent the LDP is achieving this objective. Whilst a number of indicators have been identified as having mixed impacts (indicators 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28 and 29), a number of indicators have been identified as having generally positive impacts (indicators 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 58, 59, 60, 70, 71, 72 and 73).

SA Objective 8C: Develop and support an economy that complements, uses and enhances the skills and knowledge of the local community

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
16	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA (employment)	A minimum of 4 Ha of land will be developed during the Plan period for employment uses, with a minimum of 0.33 Ha developed per annum for the remaining years of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 0.66 Ha to be developed over any 2 year period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
20	The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside SRA (employment)	A minimum of 7 Ha of land will be developed during the Plan period for employment uses with a minimum of 0.46 Ha developed per annum for the remaining years of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 0.92 Ha to be developed over any 2 year period	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
29	The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Afan Lido Mixed-Use Regeneration Scheme (tourism / recreation)	To deliver a tourism / recreation development at Afan Lido by 2020	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP5 for further details.	
30	The number of applications permitted at the Bay Campus for uses contrary to the policy framework	The Swansea University Science and Innovation Campus to be delivered by 2015: Work to commence May 2013 First buildings completed May 2014 All non-residential buildings completed May 2015 Student accommodation completed September 2015	Swansea University Bay Campus has opened and is in use, making a significant contribution to this objective. See SP5 for more information.	
37	The number of live-work proposals permitted	An increase in the number of live-work units permitted	This indicator has failed to meet its target in previous years, demonstrating generally mixed impacts in respect of this SA objective. See SP6 for further details.	
38	The number of applications permitted at Rheola	The allocation at Rheola will be delivered by 2021	This indicator has triggered a review of the policy in this AMR, as the development has not been delivered by 2021. Whilst this suggests that the development is not being implemented as intended, the development has a resolution to grant outline planning consent subject to signing of s.106 and it is understood that there are ongoing discussions regarding the development of the site. If delivered, new tourism jobs in the area would be a positive for the investment in and use of local resources. See SP6 for more information.	0

Indicator Ref	Monitoring Indicator	Target	Commentary	Outcome
58	The number of applications for small scale retail development permitted	An increase in the number of small scale retail proposals permitted	Two small scale retail applications were granted in this monitoring period. This is one more than in the previous monitoring period. For more information, see SP12.	
59	The number of tourism applications permitted contrary to the policy framework	No tourism proposals to be permitted contrary to the policy framework	Within this monitoring period, three applications were granted for tourism facilities. All were considered to be in accordance with the policy framework. See SP13 for more information.	
60	The number of tourism facilities lost contrary to the policy framework	No loss of tourism facilities contrary to the policy framework	No applications have been approved within this monitoring period which would result in the loss of tourism facilities. See SP13 for further detail.	

Analysis:

In order to develop and support an economy that complements, uses and enhances the skills and knowledge of the local community, NPT LDP SP5, SP12 and SP13 outline a number of requirements for developments. Analysis of the indicators above suggest that only to a certain extent the LDP is achieving this SA objective. Indicators 30, 58 and 59 suggest generally positive impacts but indicators 16, 20, 29 and 37 suggest mixed impacts.

PART 4 - Conclusion & Recommendations



12 Conclusion & Recommendations

12.0.1 This is the fifth AMR to be prepared since the adoption of the LDP. The Table below provides an overview of the results of the monitoring period, it shows that the majority of the indicators that continue to be reported on in this AMR continue to show positive policy implementation (83.3%).

LDP Monitoring Framework

Assessment	Action	No. of Indicators in Each Category (2020/21)
The indicators point to the successful implementation of the Policy	No further action required. Monitoring to continue	35
LDP Policies are not being implemented in the intended manner	Officer and/or Member training may be required	0
Indicators suggest the need for further guidance in addition to those identified in the Plan	Supplementary Planning Guidance may be required	0
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategic policy is not proving to be as effective as originally expected	Further research and investigation required	0
The indicators are suggesting that the strategic policy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the policy will be subject to a review process	7
The indicators are suggesting that the LDP strategy is not being implemented	Following confirmation, the LDP will be subject to a review process	0
Indicator completed	No further monitoring or action required	15
Indicator no longer being monitored following the revocation of TAN1 (See Chapter 6 for more information)		1
Data not yet available		2

12.0.2 Of the seven indicators reported in this AMR that suggest that strategic policies are not being implemented as intended, four are related to housing delivery. Two of these indicators (indicators 39 and 41) were previously reported to suggest that the LDP strategy is not being implemented as intended, however these continue to be monitored due to Regulation 37 of the Town and Country planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) requiring AMRs to report on affordable and market housing delivery.

12.0.3 Taking into consideration the findings of the 2020 AMR, there are several key policy indicator targets and monitoring outcomes relating primarily to housing delivery and employment related development that have triggered a review of the strategic policy. This indicates that these policies are not functioning as intended and as a consequence, this is undermining the ability of the LDP to fully deliver upon the aspirational strategy. The strategic policies will be reassessed as part of the review of the LDP.

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Recommendation

- **12.0.4** In order to ensure that the LDP is kept up to date, the Council has a statutory obligation under Section 69 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to undertake a full review of the adopted Plan at intervals not longer than every four years from initial adoption.
- **12.0.5** In January 2020 the Council commenced a review of its LDP with public consultation on its draft Review Report. As part of the preparation of the RLDP (anticipated to commence early 2022), all policies which have been identified as not functioning as intended will be reviewed.
- **12.0.6** Until the adoption of the RLDP, the Council will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the existing LDP.

A.0.1 The table below details indicators no longer being reported on in this AMR:

Indicators suggesting strategic policy is not being implemented

Indicator	Target	Trigger
Indicator 1: The number of applications permitted below 35 dwellings per hectare within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area.	An average density of 35 dwellings per hectare on allocated sites within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area should be achieved.	The average density permitted on sites allocated within Policy H1 falls below 35 units per hectare, unless it aligns with the Policy framework.
Indicator 2: The number of applications permitted below 30 dwellings per hectare within the Valleys Strategy Area.	An average density of 30 dwellings per hectare on allocated sites within the Valleys Strategy Area should be achieved.	The average density permitted on sites allocated within Policy H1 falls below 30 units per hectare, unless it aligns with the Policy framework.
Indicator 12: The number of applications permitted where new or improved infrastructure has been secured through developer contributions.	New development will address the impact on communities through the provision of new or improved infrastructure where appropriate.	One application permitted contrary to the policy framework.
Indicator 14: The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area.	Sites have been allocated within Policy H1 for the provision of 5,690 new housing units within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area over the Plan period. Annual delivery targets.	The number of new housing units provided within the Coastal Corridor Strategy Area falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 15: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA.	To provide for the development of 2,400 new housing units by 2026.	The number of new housing units provided within the Coed Darcy SRA falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 16: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA.	A minimum of 4ha of land will be developed during the Plan period for employment uses, with a minimum of 0.33ha developed per annum for the remaining years of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 0.66ha to be developed over any two year period.	The amount of land developed for employment uses within the Coed Darcy SRA falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 17: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA.	To deliver the Coed Darcy Southern Access Road in accordance with the timeframe identified within the s.106 agreement.	The Coed Darcy Southern Access Road is not delivered in accordance with the timeframe identified in the s.106 agreement.

Indicator	Target	Trigger
Indicator 18: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Coed Darcy SRA.	To deliver the J43 (M4) improvements in a phased manner in accordance with the timeframe identified within the s.106 agreement.	The J43 (M4) is not delivered in accordance with the timeframe identified within the s.106 agreement.
Indicator 19: The amount and type of new development permitted and delivered within Harbourside Strategic Regeneration Area.	To provide 385 new housing units by 2026. Annual delivery targets.	The number of new housing units provided within the Harbourside Strategic Regeneration Area falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 20: The amount and type of new development permitted within Harbourside SRA.	A minimum of 7ha of land will be developed during the Plan period for employment uses with a minimum of 0.46ha developed per annum for the remaining years of the Plan period with a cumulative target of 0.92ha to be developed over any two year period.	The amount of land developed for employment uses within the Harbourside SRA falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 23: The preparation of SPG relating to Port Talbot Harbourside and Town Centre Development Framework.	To prepare the SPG relating to Port Talbot Habourside and Town Centre Development Framework by October 2016.	The SPG is not prepared by October 2016.
Indicator 28: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Afan Lido Mixed-Use Regeneration Scheme.	To deliver 150 new housing units with anticipated commencement from 2016/17.	The housing development within Afan Lido Mixed Use Regeneration Scheme is not delivered from 2016/17.
Indicator 29: The amount of new development permitted and delivered within Afan Lido Mixed-Use Regeneration Scheme	To deliver a tourism/ recreation development at Afan Lido by 2020.	The tourism/ recreation development at Afan Lido is not delivered by 2020.
Indicator 31: The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Valleys Strategy Area	Annual delivery targets	The number of new housing units provided within the Valleys Strategy Area falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 32: The number of new housing units permitted and delivered within the Pontardawe Strategic Growth Area	Annual delivery targets.	The number of new housing units provided within the Pontardawe Strategic Growth Area falls below the cumulative requirement for two consecutive years.
Indicator 36: The preparation of SPG relating to Park Avenue, Glynneath	To prepare he SPG relating o Park Avenue, Glynneath by April 2017.	The SPG is not prepared by April 2017.

Indicator	Target	Trigger
Indicator 37: The number of live-work units permitted.	An increase in the number of live-work units permitted.	No increase in the number of live-work units permitted for two consecutive years.
Indicator 42: Changes in the residual values across the six sub-market areas: Port Talbot; Neath; Pontardawe; Neath and Dulais Valleys; Swansea and Amman Valleys; and Afan Valley	To deliver the maximum level of affordable housing considered viable.	An increase or decrease of 5% of residual value in any sub-market housing area in one year.
Indicator 43: The number of applications permitted on affordable housing exception sites.	An increase in the number of affordable housing exception sites.	No increase in the number of affordable housing exception sites permitted for two consecutive years.
Indicator 49: Local indicator: The level of workplace employment in NPT. Contextual indicator: The change of workplace employment for Wales and UK. The level and rate of employment in NPT. The level and rate of employment for Wales and UK.	Principal target: A net gain of 3,850 jobs up to 2026. Interim and annual delivery targets.	The level of jobs growth deviates from the cumulative target of 884 jobs over any two year period for two consecutive years.
Indicator 50: Employment land permitted on allocated sites as a percentage of all employment allocations.	Principal target: To develop a minimum of 32ha of land on the following sites allocated for employment purposes up to 2026: Baglan Bay: 15ha Junction 38: 6ha Coed Darcy SRA: 4ha Harbourside SRA: 7ha Interim delivery targets.	The amount of land developed for employment purposes falls below the cumulative target of 5ha to be developed over any two year period for two consecutive years.
Indicator 51: The number of applications permitted for employment purposes within Baglan Bay.	Principal target: To develop a minimum of 15ha of land at Baglan Bay for employment purposes.	The amount of land developed for employment purposes at Baglan Bay deviates from the cumulative target of 2.7ha to be

Indicator	Target	Trigger
	Interim and annual delivery targets.	developed over any two year period for two consecutive years.
Indicator 52: The net change in the amount of employment land and floorspace.	Principal target: To make provision for a net fain of approximately 34,000sqm of employment floorspace within the County Borough by 2026. Interim and annual delivery targets.	The amount of floorspace developed for employment purposes falls below the cumulative target of 4,500sqm to be developed over any two year period for two consecutive years.
Indicator 62: The number of applications permitted within the undeveloped coast, special landscape areas and green wedges contrary to the policy framework.	No applications permitted contrary to the policy framework.	One application permitted contrary to the Policy framework.
Indicator 74: The number of applications permitted for renewable energy and low carbon technology development.	To achieve TAN 8 SSA capacity targets and to encourage where appropriate all forms of renewable energy and low carbon technology development.	No increase in the number of renewable energy schemes permitted is recorded.
Indicator 80: The delivery of the Baglan Energy Park Link Road, Coed Darcy Southern Access Road, Ffordd Amazon (Phase 2), Junction 43 improvements and Harbour Way	 The Baglan Energy park Link Road is delivered by 2015. The Coed Darcy Southern Access Road is delivered in accordance with the terms of the s.106 agreement. Ffordd Amazon (Phase 2) is delivered by 2014. The Junction 43 (M4) improvements are delivered in accordance with the terms of the s.106 agreement. The Harbour Way (PDR) is delivered by 2014. 	
Indicator 82: 1. The completion of the Amman Valley Cycle Way Project	 Amman Valley Cycle Way project to be delivered by 2014. Afan Valley Trail (Port Talbot to Afan Valley) to be delivered by 2013. 	

Indicator	Target	Trigger
2. The completion of the Afan Valley Trail (Port Talbot to the Afan Valley)		
Indicator 83: To deliver a Park and Share facility at Junction 38 (M4) Margam	To deliver the project by 2020.	The Park and Share Facility at Junction 38 (M4) is not delivered by 2020.

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- **A.1** In March 2020, Julie James, Minister for Housing and Local Government announced a number of revisions to National Policy, in particular the delivery and monitoring of housing.
- **A.1** The revisions to PPW focused on the introduction of housing trajectories to be used as the basis for monitoring the delivery of housing against a LDP's housing target. The revisions to paragraph 4.2.11 of PPW states, 'Planning authorities must use the housing trajectory in their adopted development plan as the basis for monitoring the delivery of their housing requirement. Accurate information on housing delivery assessed against the trajectory is necessary to form part of the evidence base for development plan AMRs and for subsequent plan review. Under delivery against the trajectory may require a specific early review of the development plan. The monitoring of housing delivery for AMRs must be undertaken by planning authorities in accordance with the guidance set out in the Development Plans Manual.'
- **A.2** The Development Plans Manual (Edition 3), published at the same time, introduced a requirement for AMR's to produce an up to date housing trajectory and compare the actual delivery of housing against the LDP's targets. The requirement to report and monitor housing delivery through the AMR replaced the former Joint Housing Land Availability Study, when TAN1 was revoked in March 2020. The Trajectory is included within indicator 39 of this report.
- **A.3** In producing a trajectory, tables 19 and 20 from the Manual need to be completed and included within the AMR, these are detailed below and show the projected future delivery rates on sites allocated within the LDP.

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Figure B.1 The Timing and Phasing of Sites without Planning Permission

Neath HIV2 Leiros Park Extension, Neath 200 Extensive pre-application undertaken undertaken 14 months 15 months	Spatial area	LDP	Allocated site name	Total site	Time lag to construction start in months				Phasing of development					
Neath HW2 Leiros Park Extension, Neath 200 Extensive pre-application undertaken undertaken 14		rererence			for pre- application discussions / PAC	submission of planning application and	from planning consent to the discharge of relevant conditions to enable site	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	(01/04/26-	begond Plan
Neath HIV2 Leiros Park Extension, Neath 200 Extensive pre-application undertaken undertaken 14 months 15 months	Neath	H1/1	Gorffwysfa Care Home	15	12 months	6 months	6 months	0	0	5	- 5	5	0	0
Neath HI/9	Neath	H1/2	Leiros Park Extension, Neath	200	application	12 months	9 months	0	0	30	30	30	20	90
Neath	Neath		Dwr Y Felin Lower School		6 months	6 months	9-12 months	0						
Neath HVLB/S Elagesbush, Melyncryddan 50 Consent recently lapsed 12 months 3-12 months 0 0 0 0 30 20 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Neath				Ongoing			0	0	30				
Neath	Neath													
Port Talbot	Neath	H1/LB/3	Elba Cresent	50		12 months	9-12 months	0	0	0	0	30	20	0
Port Talbot	Neath	HI/LB/6	Ealgesbush, Melyncryddan	50	permission P2021/0428	permission P2021/0428 awaiting	6 months	0	20	30	0	0	0	0
Port Talbot	Port Talbot	H1/12		141	12 months		9-12 months	0	0	0	50	50	41	0
Port Talbot	Port Talbot	H1/13	Hawthorn Close	100	12 months	12 months	9-12 months	0	0	0	10	20	20	50
Port Talbot	Port Talbot		Western Logs, Owmafan	130	12 months	12 months	9-12 months	0	0	0	10	20	20	80
Port Talbot	Port Talbot		(Margam Campus)							_	_	-		
Port Talbot	Port Talbot													201
Port Talbot	Port Talbot	H1/18		150	application	6 months	6 months	0	20	30	30	30	27	0
Port Talbot HI/LB/17 Varteg Fawr 17 6 months 6 months 12 months 3 3 3 3 3 2 0	Port Talbot	H1/20	Purcell Avenue	150	N/A	permission	9-12 months	0	10	35	35	35	35	0
Fort Talbot HI/LB/19 Forest Lodge Lane 6 6 months 6 months 12 months 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0														6
Dulais Valley														
Neath Valley														
Pontardawe														
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	Swansea Valley					Current planning permission								
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	reference	permission reference		site capacity (Gross)	@ 31/03/2021						·	(01/04/26 31/12/26)	
Neath	H1/7	P2018/0765	Neath Town Centre	50	0	12	12	0	0	14	24	0	0
Neath	H1/LB/4	P2006/0880 and P2019/0021	Area 1 Coed Darcy	178	82	42	20	40	36	0	0	0	0
Neath	H1/LB/5	P2005/0393	Coed Darcy Urban Village	4,000	291	0	0	0	0	40	140	105	3,424
Neath	N/A	P2019/5611	Melyn Close, Neath	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neath	N/A	P2020/0423	Former Skewen Snooker Club, Cae Nant Terrace, Skewen	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neath	N/A	P2019/5495	9 Windsor Road, Neath	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neath	N/A	P2018/0746	Land at Parc Newydd, Briton Ferry	31	0	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Talbot	N/A	P2020/0992	Land North Of Bevin Avenue, Sandfields	55	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0
Port Talbot	N/A	P2019/5330	Site Of Former Bryn Primary School, Neath Road, Bryn	12	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0
Dulais Valley	H1/LB/25	P2016/0090	Glyn Dulais Care Home	22	0	22	0	5	5	6	6	0	0
Neath Valley	H1/LB/27	P2003/1330	Heol Y Glyn	80	0	20	10	30	30	10	0	0	0
Neath Valley	H1/LB/28	P2011/0486	Welfare Hall, Glynneath	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Neath Valley	N/A	P2014/0083	Land at Chain Road, Glynneath	50	0	0	0	0	20	20	10	0	0
Neath Valley	N/A	P2018/0301	Clun Primary School, Lletty Dafydd, Clyne	26	0	0	0	20	6	0	0	0	0
Pontardawe	H1/27	P2019/5543	Waun Sterw/ Waun Penlan	115	0	0	0	35	10	35	35	0	0
Pontardawe	N/A	P2015/0851	33 Church Street, Pontardawe	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amman Valley	N/A	P2008/0798	Forge Washery	25	0	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	0
Total				4,704	373	157	125	205	117	140	215	105	3,424

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A.4 The Manual states that prior to the publication of the AMR, a Housing Stakeholder Group should be consulted on the revised trajectory and information on future delivery. A Housing Stakeholder Group workshop was held on 5th August 2021 to discuss assumptions regarding lead-in times, build out rates, windfall allowance, small sites allowance, non-delivery allowance, Plan period, AAR, timing and phasing of sites and anticipated annual delivery rates for allocated and landbank sites. Prior to the workshop a report was shared with invitees providing background information to the assumptions. Overall it was considered that the assumptions were appropriate at this time.

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