
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Local Development Plan Examination Matters Arising Changes

Comments of the Countryside Council for Wales

MAC SO4: Policy SP10

CCW has concerns about the deletion of former point D which sought to protect features of ecological or geological interest. Although new point f addresses the requirement to produce a net gain in biodiversity, reference to the requirement to protect features of geological interest has been lost from the policy.

This could be amended by adding a new supporting sentence/paragraph to the policy to state that *'Features which make a significant contribution to the character, quality and amenity of the landscape including features of geological interest.'*

Or alternatively;

by amending *biodiversity* in new point f to **'nature conservation'**. This would be consistent with the definition of *'nature conservation'* in TAN5 *Nature Conservation and Planning* which includes the conservation of biodiversity and geodiversity.

MAC SO7: DM1 (2a)

CCW welcome the proposed amendment and considers it meets tests of soundness CE1 and CE2.

MAC S12: DM5

CCW welcome the proposed amendments and consider that they meet tests of soundness CE1 and C2.

MAC S21: DM14

CCW welcome the proposed amendments and consider that they meet test of soundness C2.

MAC S25:DM19

CCW consider the proposed amendments meet Test of Soundness C2

MAC CO2 Objective 7

CCW welcomes the improved clarity to the objective which helps ensure that the plan flows more logically and meets test of soundness CE1.

MAC CO3 Objective 12

CCW welcomes the improved clarity to the objective which helps ensure that the plan flows more logically and meets test of soundness CE1.

