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- Provide information based upon retail floorspace at the City Centre, Newport Retail Park District Centre (LDP) and the wider Newport Retail Park area at 2010 and 2014 to aid consideration of changes over this period.
- Provide net increase retail floorspace figures for New Look and Iceland store changes in the city centre.
- Delete Policy R7– Newport Retail Park District Centre and supporting text, and include Newport Retail Park District Centre in Policy R6 – District Centres and amend supporting text as necessary to reflect this.  (NB: The Inspector notes the Council’s position that it would wish to amend the wording of Policy R6 so as to restrict its application to proposals within (ie not “within and adjacent to”) the designated boundary of Newport Retail Park District Centre, and that the district centre boundary remains as proposed. However, the Inspector has not yet reached a final conclusion on these matters, and will continue to consider both points in the light of the evidence base and the representations made by others)
- Add the wording “will be permitted only where” to policy R10 – Change of Use to Non-Retail Uses Inside Local Centres. Add Local Centres (policy R10) to the Proposals Map.
- Amend the wording of Policy R12 as set out in Council submission Appendix 2, subject to the following additional changes: change “including” to “involving” (line 5) and change “and” to “and/or” (line 6). Improve the clarity of criterion iv) (insert “land” before “area”?).
- Add “where planning permission is required” to paragraph 8.13 relating to the insertion of mezzanine floors.
- Improve clarity of wording of policy R2 criterion vi) by changing “or other sui generis uses as may be acceptable” to “or comprise a sui generis use appropriate to the primary shopping area” (or equivalent wording).