NEWPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION

Hearing Session 9: Minerals; Waste; Renewable Energy

10.00am Wednesday 30 April 2014

Committee Room 4, Civic Centre, Newport, South Wales NP20 4UR

Main discussion matters

Morning (10.00 am-1.00 pm approx)

1. Policy SP22 Minerals.
   - Does policy SP22 and its accompanying text adequately and sufficiently clearly set out how national and regional requirements concerning aggregates provision are met, so far as is reasonably possible, by the Plan? In particular, is the stance of the Plan in relation to maintaining land bank supplies during the Plan period adequately explained and justified? Does paragraph 2.81 sufficiently clearly explain the basis of the policy’s provisions?
   - Does the wording of SP22 need to make more direct reference to maintaining a land bank of aggregate supply?
   - What is the position concerning a new RTS? Are there likely to be significant implications for the policy approach proposed in the LDP?
   - Is additional text to policy SP22 (and to paragraphs 10.13 and 10.14) referring to other dock-related freight and to policy T1 necessary to make the Plan sound?

   - Is policy M1 Safeguarding of Mineral Resource sufficiently clear in articulating: i) the status of safeguarding areas identified on the proposals map; ii) the intended approach to development proposals within these areas; iii) the circumstances of overriding need where, exceptionally, development may be permitted?
   - Are the safeguarded mineral resource boundaries on the proposals map consistent with the most up to date relevant information available (including the BGS Mineral Resource and Aggregates Safeguarding Maps of Wales)? Is the proposals map annotation sufficiently clear and unambiguous?
   - Does policy M2 Mineral Development adequately reflect the RTS context of underlying unmet need – should it be permissively worded, subject to protection of amenity and environment?
   - Is policy M3 Oil and Gas necessary? What evidence demonstrates this? What practical or useful purpose does the policy serve?

Does policy CE11 adequately guide appropriate renewable and low carbon energy development by reflecting the evidence provided by the Council's Renewable Energy Assessment? Does it set out clear tests and the criteria against which proposals will be evaluated?

Is paragraph 4.55 (solar panels on non-domestic buildings) accurately worded, in that terms and exclusions apply?

Is additional wording to paragraph 2.66 (following policy SP18 Employment Sites, expressing support for energy and infrastructure projects within the docks area which contribute to the climate change strategy in Wales, needed to make the Plan sound?


Does the plan fully reflect the relevant waste policy framework within which it must operate - in particular, do policies W2, W3 and supporting text paragraphs 11.5-6 properly reflect the Collections, Infrastructure and Markets Sector Plan and the waste arising predictions based on tonnages rather than land take?

Is allocation W1 Docks Way Waste Disposal Site consistent with paragraph 11.12 concerning flood risk? What evidence demonstrates that the allocation has been fully assessed against the provisions of TAN 15 and that the views of Natural Resources Wales concerning flood risk and flood consequences have been sought and taken into account?

Does the Plan’s content remain consistent with national policy guidance following the publication of the new TAN 21 and edition 6 of PPW?

Attendees
Newport City Council
Welsh Government (244)
Mineral Products Association (196)
Associated British Ports (RPS Group) (2035)