MATTERS ARISING

Hearing Session 10: Environment and Heritage

held on 1 May 2014

Natural Heritage

• Add wording to paragraph 2.56 based on NRW draft wording to include reference to impacts on the SSSI. Add references to SSSI impacts to commentaries on employment allocations at East of Queensway Meadows (para 6.9) and Solutia (para 6.12).
• Add list of all proposals/designations and constraints shown on the Proposals and Constraints Maps as an appendix to the Plan, to aid clarity.
• Council to survey sites drawn to its attention as meriting SINC status and add to SINC register as appropriate.

Flood Risk

• Delete H1(28) (Church Street – 16 units) from existing commitments (planning permission has lapsed and land is now zone C2 on DAM).
• The Council to provide an updated position and additional detail on each site allocation assessed in the April 2014 SFCA (H1(5), H(15), H(16), H(21), H(23), H(32)). Include current planning position, site and development details, flood risk (based on 100 years lifetime of development and climate change allowance up to 2111 (Scenario 3 in the SFCA)), available mitigation measures / design solution and the resulting conclusion as to viability and deliverability of development.

Green Belt, green wedges.

• Delete proposed extension to designated Green Belt, in light of requirement for a more strategic approach to Green Belt review. Council to consider whether alternative allocation as green wedge would be appropriate and, if so, provide reasoned justification.
• Consider deleting policy CE1, as it repeats national policy; if so, cross-reference national policy concerning inappropriate development in the Green Belt and green wedges in policies SP6 and SP7. Alternatively, if policy CE1 is retained, review wording to ensure consistency with national definition of inappropriate development. Include 30% volumetric increase limitation in text of policy as well as explanatory paragraph 4.1. Delete “within or conspicuous from them” from policy wording.
• Council also to consider the justification for a limitation to a 30% increase in the size of dwellings in the wider countryside (policy H13), and whether an element of flexibility would be desirable in circumstances where the strict application of the volume limit may not be appropriate. Council also to consider whether such a limitation is intended and justified in relation to dwellings in small settlements without village boundaries; and, if not whether further refinement of the policy is needed to address this.
• The Council to consider the rationale for the north eastern boundary of the Rogerstone and Risca green wedge allocation. Consider whether the area east of Pontymason Lane is necessary, in light of the location of the corresponding
Caerphilly green wedge. Does the current boundary follow a logical and defensible boundary? In light of these matters consider how the allocation may require revision.

- Bettws, Malpas and Cwmbran green wedge: Amend the allocation to remove the area to the west of Craig-y-Ceillog Road in light of the urban form of Newport and the neighbouring areas in Cwmbran.

**Historic Environment**

- Policy CE5. Text in policy and supporting paragraph 4.23 relating to register of Historic Battlefields in Wales to be review to ensure that it will remain relevant following potential changes in the forthcoming Heritage Bill.
- Policy CE6. Reword paragraph 4.25 for clarity, in line with Council's suggested amended text.
- Policy CE8. Criterion i) to be reworded - delete “archaeological or historic” before “character” and insert “conservation” before “area”.