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Dear Mr Sharp

Re: Correction concerning M4 safeguarding corridor shown on planning constraints map: implications for allocated sites in the LDP.

The Inspector thanks you for drawing this matter to his attention. Whilst the constraints map does not form part of the Plan (and so will not be the subject of examination) the implications of the correct safeguarding corridor for the deliverability of allocations EM1(i), EM1(ii), EM1(iv), EM2(ii), T1(c) Coedkernew railway station and any other changes needed to the LDP Proposals Map are plainly matters that need to be addressed.

In the circumstances the Inspector considers that the best course would be to advertise these changes to the LDP allocations and Proposals Map now, as proposed focussed changes to the Plan, so that publicity can be given to the proposed changes and time given for any response from interested persons before the hearing sessions on transport on employment land allocations on 10 April.

The Council should also establish a dialogue with site owners and relevant statutory bodies and other representors (eg: Natural Resources Wales, Gwent Wildlife Trust, RSPB), with a view to producing common ground statements where possible in relation to the proposed changes. The range of matters needing to be addressed will include the implications of these changes for the adequacy of employment land allocations within the Plan to deliver the economic strategy, and the implications of the changes for other environmental issues (eg: SSSI designations, development within flood risk areas) already raised by others in relation to these allocations.

The Council should also revisit its Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan in the light of the Plan changes.

The outcome of the above work can then be examined as part of the programmed hearing sessions dealing with these matters.

Yours sincerely

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