Monmouthshire County Council

Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033

EXAMINATION

Action Points Hearing Session 7- Climate Change, Green Infrastructure, Landscape and Nature Recovery

Tuesday 29th September 2026

Ref.	Action Point	Deadline	Council Response
AP7/1	Council to implement amendments set out in ED29 'Deposit RLDP Schedule of Proposed Changes (August 2026)' unless otherwise amended by specific Action Points		
AP7/2	Council to delete 'and' between Strategic Policy S4 points vii) and viii).		The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP7/3	Council to review Strategic Policy S4 policy wording/supporting text to clarify that all requirements will not be applicable to all developments.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend paragraph 9.1.3 to include the following text as the last sentence: '*Development proposals will be expected to satisfy the relevant criteria of Strategic Policy S4, as appropriate to the scale, type and location of the development.'* Paragraph 9.1.3 will read as follows: 'Policy S4 builds on a number of actions from the Climate and Nature Emergency Strategy and draws together specific sustainability issues in relation to energy use and generation, efficient resource use and flood risk and provides a framework for sustainable growth which seeks to enable development that both mitigates the causes of climate change and is able to adapt its likely effects. Such an approach is essential in ensuring that Monmouthshire meets its commitments contained within the Monmouthshire declaration on Climate Emergency (Nov 2021) and the economic, environmental and social objectives of the RLDP.

			Development proposals will be expected to satisfy the relevant criteria of Strategic Policy S4, as appropriate to the scale, type and location of the development.' The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP7/4	Council to provide revised wording of Policy NZ1 bullet point 3.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend the 3rd bullet point of Policy NZ1 to read as follows: *'EPC A or equivalent. Acceptable equivalents to EPC A would be recognised and certified building performance standards. These would include the AECB CarbonLite New Build Standard, Passivhaus Classic/ Premium/ Plus and the UK Net Zero Carbon Building Standard where supported by certification.'* The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP7/5	Council to delete 'and' between Strategic Policy S5 points v) and vi).		The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP7/6	Council to review Strategic Policy S5 policy wording/supporting text to clarify that all requirements will not be applicable to all developments.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend paragraph 10.1.9 to include the following text as the last sentence: '*Development proposals will be expected to satisfy the relevant criteria of Strategic Policy S5, as appropriate to the scale, type and location of the development.'* Paragraph 10.1.9 will read as follows: 'Policy S5 seeks to ensure that development proposals adopt this proactive placemaking approach set out in national policy, Area Statements and NRAPS and that all those participating in the planning process follow evidence based Green Infrastructure Assessments and the step wise approach outlined in PPW12 and The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 in order to deliver GI and landscape benefits and assist in nature recovery and ecosystem resilience. *Development proposals will be expected to satisfy the relevant criteria of Strategic Policy S5, as appropriate to the scale, type and location of the development.'* The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.

AP7/7	Council to amend RLDP page 82 heading ‘Locally Designated (Non-Statutory) Sites, Undesignated Sites and Protected Species’ to ‘Locally Designated (Non-Statutory) Sites, Undesignated Sites and Priority Species’.		The amendment is included in the Minor Editing Changes Schedule.