Monmouthshire County Council

Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033

EXAMINATION

Action Points Hearing Session 8 - Infrastructure, Transport, Minerals & Waste

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Ref.	Action	Deadline	Council Response
AP8/1	Council to implement amendments set out in ED29 'Deposit RLDP Schedule of Proposed Changes (August 2026)' unless otherwise amended by specific Action Points		
AP8/2	Council to consider an alternative title for Policy ST1 to describe the policy intent.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend the title of Policy ST1 – Sustainable Transport Proposals to '*Sustainable Transport and New Development*', to more accurately reflect the purpose and scope of the policy. The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.

AP8/3	Policy ST1, Council to review wording of the reference to 'If a rural location is essential…'.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend the wording of the first sentence of the second paragraph of Policy ST1 to delete reference to '*If a rural location is essential for the proposed development' and replace* with '*Development proposals in rural areas should consider access to public transport and, where necessary, incorporate appropriate connections.'* The sentence will read as follows: '*Development proposals in rural areas should consider access to public transport and, where necessary, incorporate appropriate connections*.' The amendment is included in Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP8/4	Policy ST1, final paragraph, Council to review wording regarding 'significant additional road traffic' in light of the final sentence of RLDP paragraph 19.3.1.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend the wording in the final paragraph of Policy ST1 to delete reference to '*Developments that are likely to create significant additional road traffic growth…'* and replace with *'Development proposals that are likely to generate unacceptable additional traffic growth…'.* The sentence will read as follows: '*Development proposals that are likely to generate unacceptable additional traffic growth, or adversely affect the safe and efficient operation of the highway system will not be permitted*.' The amendment is included in Matters Arising Changes Schedule.

AP8/5	Policy ST3, Council to review wording of second paragraph, first sentence, 'will be favourably considered'; and 'subject to detailed planning considerations' for clarity.	16.10.2026	It is proposed to amend the first sentence of the first and second paragraphs of Policy ST3 – Freight by replacing '*will be favourably considered*' with '*will be supported*' for clarity. The reference to '*subject to detailed planning considerations*' is considered appropriate to make clear that proposals will be subject to assessment against all relevant planning considerations and development plan policies. Policy ST3 will read as follows: '*To reduce or prevent heavy road freight traffic, opportunities to develop freight transfer points between road, rail and last mile sustainable transport should be explored and will be supported, subject to detailed planning considerations.* *The development of facilities for the movement of freight by rail will be supported, subject to detailed planning considerations.* *Proposals which would prejudice the operation of, or cause the loss of, freight sites and facilities will not be permitted, unless the facility has closed or is closing and it can be shown that there is no realistic prospect of it resuming, having regard to its potential viability in the long term.*' The amendments are included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.

AP8/6	Council to provide an amended Proposals Map showing symbols representing the broad locations of transport schemes h) to p) in Policy ST5.	16.10.2026	Amended Proposals Map and Inset Map submitted to address AP8.6 – documents AP8.6 & AP10.9 Proposals Map and AP8.6 & AP10.9 Inset Maps refer. Please note the amended maps show the changes for both AP8.6 and AP10.9 for completeness. The amendments are included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP8/7	Council to provide copy of January 2026 monitoring report from the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party.	16.10.2026	Document AP8.7 South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party Annual Report (2024 published January 2026) has been submitted for information.
AP8/8	Policy S16, 2nd Monitoring Indicator 'safeguarded sites' to be replaced by 'Mineral Safeguarding Areas'.		The second indicator associated with Strategic Policy S16 – Sustainable Minerals Management has been amended to read as follows: *'Local Indicator: Number of permitted permanent sterilising non-mineral developments within Mineral Safeguarding Areas not in accordance with Policy M2.'* The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP8/9	Policy S16, 2nd Monitoring Indicator ', Council to review target wording for clarity and consistency with Policy M2.	16.10.2026	The target associated with the second indicator relating to Strategic Policy S16 – Sustainable Minerals Management has been amended to read as follows: *'Target: All applications are in accordance with the requirements of Policy M2 – Minerals Safeguarding Areas.'* The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.

AP8/10	Paragraph 22.2.1, final sentence, omit the words 'or use of heavy vehicles'.		The final sentence of paragraph 22.2.1 has been amended to omit the words '*or use of heavy vehicles.'* The sentence will read as follows: *'Policy M1 enables this to take place, although care will be needed to ensure that proposals are small-scale, do not have a harmful impact on the countryside and do not involve the use of extensive blasting.'* The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.
AP8/11	Council to review Policy M2, criterion a) i) in respect of 'it would cause unacceptable harm to ecological or other interests' for clarity.	16.10.2026	Criterion a) i) of Policy M2 – Minerals Safeguarding Areas, has been amended to omit the words '*or that it would cause unacceptable harm to ecological or other interest'.* Criterion a) i) will read as follows: *'a) Proposals for permanent development uses within identified mineral safeguarding areas will not be approved unless:* i) *The potential of the area for mineral extraction has been investigated and it has been shown that such extraction would not be commercially viable now or in the future; or'* The amendment is included in the Matters Arising Changes Schedule.