

Archwiliad Cynllun Datblygu Lleol Newydd Sir Fynwy 2018-2033 Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033 Examination

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Dear Mr Jones

Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) – Initial questions

Further to the ongoing Examination, we request that the Council responds to the matters set out below by **27 May 2026**. If the information we seek has already been provided in the submitted documents, please signpost these.

- During the course of the upcoming hearing sessions, it may be necessary for the parties to discuss and agree changes to the structure and / or content of the RLDP. In order to ensure that this process is undertaken in an efficient and effective manner, we would be grateful if the Council could confirm that an officer, with delegated authority to make changes to the RLDP and agree the preparation of additional evidence, will be present at all hearing sessions.
- The Environment (Principles, Governance and Biodiversity Targets) (Wales) Act 2026 defines statutory 'environmental principles' to which regard must be had when carrying out functions in connection with the assessment of plans and programmes. We request that the Council provides an explanation of how these principles are taken account of in the RLDP and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal.

If the matters we have set out above are unclear, please contact the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

This letter will be published on the examination website. We are not inviting any comments or responses from interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

J de-Courcey and C MacFarlane

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