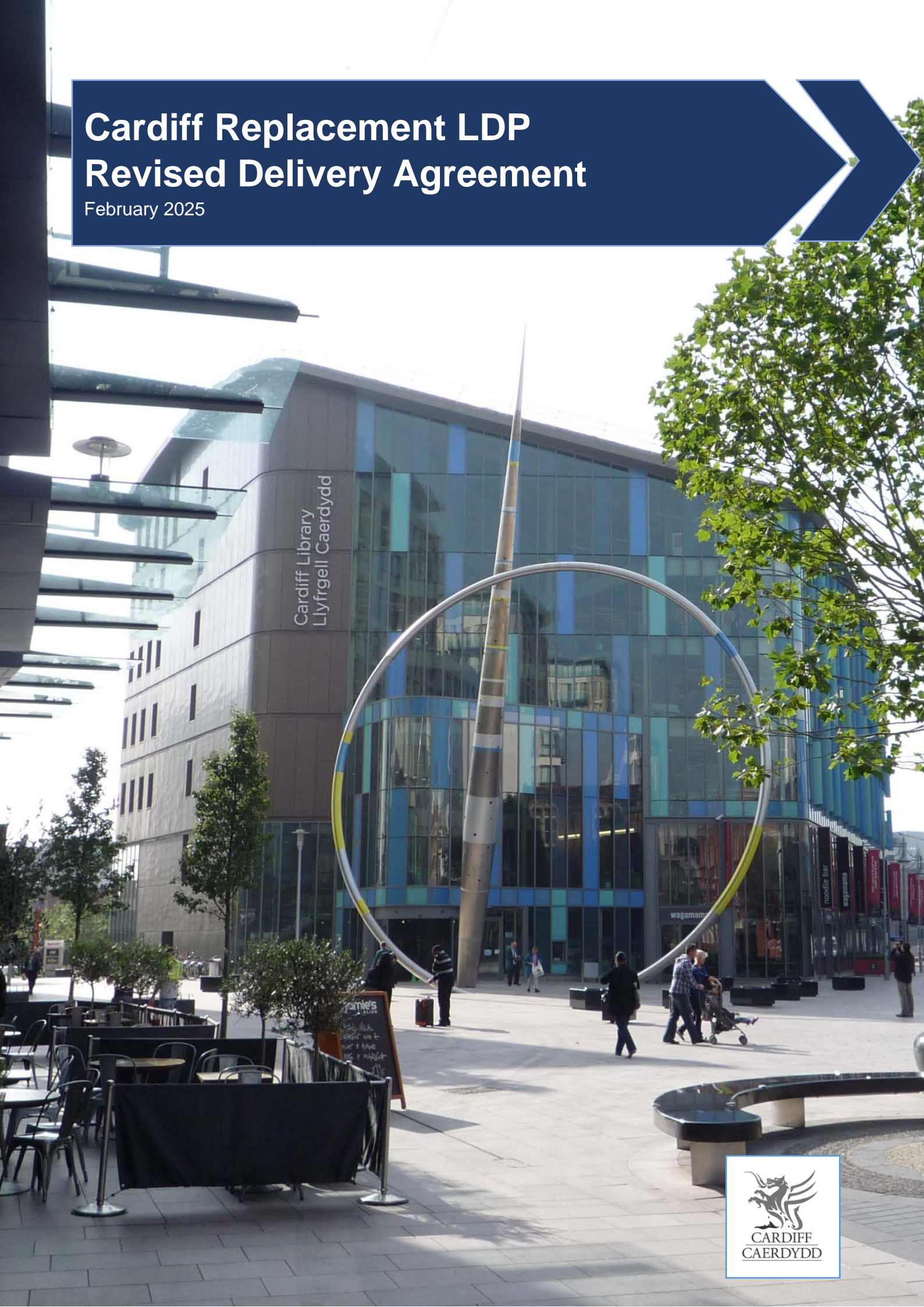


Cardiff Replacement LDP Revised Delivery Agreement

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Part 1: Introduction

The purpose of this Delivery Agreement

- 1.1 The Cardiff Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted by the Council on the 28th January 2016. An up to date LDP is an essential part of the plan-led planning system in Wales. In this respect the Council is required to undertake a full review of the adopted LDP every four years from the date of adoption.
- 1.2 A full review of the Cardiff Local Development Plan 2006-2026 has been undertaken, the findings of which are set out in the Review Report which was approved by Council in March 2021. The revised LDP covers the period 2021 to 2036. The preparation and maintenance of a Delivery Agreement is a key requirement in the preparation of a revised LDP. The Delivery Agreement must include:
 - A **Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)** - indicating how the Council will involve consultation bodies and the public in Replacement LDP preparation; and
 - A **Timetable** for preparing and adopting the Replacement LDP, and for preparing and publishing the sustainability report, the Annual Monitoring Report and supplementary planning guidance (SPG).
- 1.3 The Delivery Agreement is an important part of the Replacement LDP preparation process. It indicates how and when the Council will provide opportunities for consultees and the local community to be involved in the process, as set out in relevant legislation, regulations and Welsh Government guidance. Delivery of the Replacement LDP in accordance with the Agreement will be one of the tests of the plan's soundness examined by the Planning Inspectorate (see paragraph 1.23). If there is slippage in the agreed timetable it must be revised in accordance with the LDP Regulations.
- 1.4. This Agreement has been prepared in accordance with Welsh Government regulations and guidance, including;
 - The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2015; and
 - The Local Development Plan Manual (Edition 3, 2020).
- 1.5. The Delivery Agreement was originally approved by Council on 18th March 2020 and agreed by the Welsh Government (WG) on 30th March 2021. However, due to the need to undertake further evidence base work to inform the preparation of the Replacement LDP the Preferred Strategy a revised Delivery Agreement was agreed by Welsh Government on 6th July 2023. Due to the ongoing need to undertake further evidence base work it is necessary again to revise the timetable for preparation of future stages of the plan. Part 3 of this document contains details of the proposed revised Replacement LDP preparation timetable and Appendix B contains a flow chart summarising the main stages of preparation. When agreed the revised Agreement will be available on the

Council's website and for public inspection at County Hall. It will be kept under continual review and, if necessary, further amended in line with the LDP Regulations (see Part 4). Copies of the Agreement will also be available - full contact details are available on page 12.

Preparation of the Replacement LDP

1.6. The 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended by the 2015 Planning (Wales) Act) requires the Council to prepare a replacement LDP setting out its objectives for the development and use of land in Cardiff over the Replacement Plan period (2021 to 2036) and its policies to implement them. This period allows ~~12~~ 10 years to implement the Replacement Plan following proposed adoption in ~~2025~~ 2026, thereby according with Welsh Government guidance on the duration of the Replacement Plan. The aims of the Replacement Plan are to:

- Deliver sustainable development;
- Reflect local aspirations for the City, based on a vision agreed by the local community and other stakeholders;
- Provide a basis for rational and consistent development management decisions;
- Guide growth and change, which positively impacts health and wellbeing while protecting local diversity, character and sensitive environments; and
- Show how and where change will occur over the Replacement Plan period.

1.7. In preparing the replacement LDP, the Council must also take account of:

- A wide range of legislation, policies and other initiatives, at European, national and local levels of government. Under the Withdrawal Act, EU-derived domestic legislation such as existing environmental regulations that implement EU Directives which were in force immediately prior to the end of the transition period will continue to form part of UK domestic law after 31 December 2020 until amended by new legislation. Given this they remain relevant to the LDP preparation process; and
- Relevant social, economic and environmental considerations.

1.8. The 2004 Act (as amended by 2015 Act requires the Council), in preparing the Replacement LDP, to have regard to:

- Current national policies:
- Strategic Development Plan for the area
- The National Development Framework for Wales; and
- The resources likely to be available for implementing Replacement Plan.

1.9. The principal sources of national planning policy and guidance issued by the Welsh Government are:

- Future Wales: The National Plan 2040 (February 2021)
- Planning Policy Wales (Edition 11 12 (February 2021 2024);
- Technical Advice Notes (Wales) (TANs) (various dates);
- Minerals Technical Advice Note (Wales) 1: MTANS (various dates);
- Local Development Plan Manual (WG, Edition 3, 2020).

Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) and other related assessments

1.10. The Replacement LDP must be subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as required European Union Directive 2001/42/EC & Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the by 2015 Act). The SA/SEA will be an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) will also include an assessment of health and equality impacts.

1.11. These are tools to ensure that policies in the Replacement LDP reflect sustainable development principles and take into account the significant effects of the Replacement Plan on the environment. The Council will adopt an integrated approach to the appraisal and assessment in which economic and social issues are considered alongside environmental elements.

1.12. Guidance on how SA/SEA should be undertaken is provided in:

- The Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations 2004 (“the SEA Regulations”);
- A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (September 2005);
- Local Development Plan Manual (Edition 3, 2020).

1.13. SA/SEA is an iterative process that will be undertaken throughout plan preparation. There will be six key stages:

- Establish policy context, identify and document evidence base, identify sustainability issues and develop ISA/SEA objectives and indicators;
- Consult Specific consultees on ISA Scoping Report;
- Publish ISA Report of Strategic options and Preferred Strategy;
- Publish Deposit ISA Report including Environmental Report (with Replacement LDP);
- Publish the final ISA report following the Inspectors Report and adoption;
- Monitoring and implementation of the ISA.

1.14. At the outset of the ISA/SEA process, there will be an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the ISA Scoping Report that sets out how the ISA/SEA process will be undertaken. The findings of the ISA/SEA work will be evidenced at key stages in the Replacement LDP preparation process;

Reports will be prepared, and subject to consultation with stakeholders, in parallel with the Preferred Strategy consultation and Deposit Replacement LDP consultation. A Final ISA Report will be submitted along with all other Replacement LDP documentation when submitted to Welsh Government for examination. The statutory Environment Bodies will be consulted at all the stages referred to above and there will be wider on-going dialogue with these bodies as the process proceeds.

1.15. In addition to the ISA/SEA processes, the Council will also undertake a Habitat Regulation Appraisal (HRA) of the Replacement LDP as it is being prepared.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

1.16. The requirement for Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) comes from the Habitats Directive, specifically Article 6(3), which requires that land use plans, including LDPs, are subject to a HRA Screening to determine whether any plan [or project] is likely to have a significant effect upon a European site, either alone, or in combination with other projects. In Wales, requirements for HRA, including for proposed modifications to existing plans, are set out within Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and Part 2 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

1.17. The HRA process follows a series of Stages; these will be undertaken for the LDP Review, as necessary, to meet with the requirements of the Regulations:

- **Stage 1 - HRA Screening:** to determine whether the LDP Review is likely to have significant effects on European Sites;
- **Stage 2 – Appropriate Assessment:** If the HRA Screening indicates that the LDP Review is likely to have significant effects, a further level of assessment is needed to consider whether the LDP Review could adversely affect the integrity of one or more European site(s), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of their established conservation objectives and conservation status. If the potential for adverse effects on site integrity are identified, the Appropriate Assessment should also consider mitigation measures to control the identified impacts, to avoid adverse effects on site integrity; and
- **Stage 3 and 4 – Consideration of Alternatives and Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest:** Only where significant effects remain at the end of Stage 2 in the HRA process is there a need to consider alternatives and Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest.

1.18. The HRA process will be undertaken in conjunction with the ISA (incorporating SEA) to ensure an integrated approach to assessment. It is intended that the process will run concurrently with the Replacement Plan making process and form an iterative part of the LDP Review, involving the consideration of all

emerging policy and site options. Natural Resources Wales will be consulted throughout the HRA process.

Evidence Base Assessments

1.19. To inform the review of the Replacement LDP there will be a need to update various elements of the evidence base that informed the current Local Development Plan which is out-of-date and needs to be updated and/or replaced in order to fully understand the land use requirements of the City up to 2036 as well as taking into account any contextual or policy changes that have occurred since adoption of the existing plan. Stakeholders should be aware that this information will help inform the strategic options stage, which will be consulted on in autumn 2021. A sample of potential evidence base studies which may be required to inform the Replacement LDP include:

1. **Population and household forecasts** – to inform the Replacement LDP’s dwelling requirement up to 2036.
2. **Local Housing Needs Assessment** – to inform the housing requirement tenure type and size of dwelling to match future household type and age profile of the population.
3. **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment** - to identify the need for permanent and transit pitches up to 2036.
4. **Transport Assessment** – to assess the impact of the scale and distribution of development detailed in the emerging Replacement LDP.
5. **Employment Land Review Update** – to assess the future need of employment land suitable for all employment sectors and regional employment aspirations.
6. **Retail Needs Assessment** – to identify if there is a requirement for additional floorspace to help inform the Council’s approach to manage the vitality and viability of our city, district and local centres.
7. **Urban Capacity Study** – to quantify the amount of brownfield land which could contribute to the housing need in the city up to 2036.
8. **Settlement Boundary Review** – to define, clear, defensible boundaries around settlements in the form settlement boundaries.
9. **Affordable Housing Viability Assessment** – to provide advice on achievable and viable targets and thresholds for affordable housing.
10. **Infrastructure Requirements over the plan period** – to build upon existing Cardiff Infrastructure Plan and extend to cover proposed Replacement Plan period.
11. **Renewable Energy Assessment** – evidence to support carbon reduction targets and mitigate the effect of climate change.
12. **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** – to identify areas at risk of flooding.
13. **Green Infrastructure Assessment** – to identify relevant data regarding Cardiff’s natural environment.
14. **2nd Review of South Wales Regional Technical Statement for Aggregates** – identifies aggregates needs up to 2036

1.20. The above is not a definitive list and additional evidence base update requirements may emerge as plan revision progresses. Ongoing dialogue with other Local Authorities will help maximise efficiencies and consistency with regard to gathering/sharing evidence and agreeing methodologies where possible.

Well-being of Future Generations Act

1.21. The Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WBFG) gained Royal Assent in April 2015. The Act aims to make a difference to lives of people in Wales in relation to seven well-being goals and also sets out five ways of working. The seven well-being goals relate to:

- a prosperous Wales;
- a resilient Wales;
- a healthier Wales;
- a more equal Wales;
- a Wales of cohesive communities;
- a Wales of vibrant culture and Welsh language; and
- a globally responsible Wales.

1.22. The five ways of working are long-term, integration, involvement, collaboration and prevention. Given that sustainable development is the core underlying principle of the Replacement LDP (and SEA); there are clear associations between both the Replacement LDP and the WBFG Act. As a requirement of the Act a Local Well-being Plan (LWBP) must be produced. This plan looks at the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the county and will have clear links with the Replacement LDP. Both the WBFG Act and the LWBP will be considered fully throughout the preparation of the Replacement LDP, which will follow the five ways of working.

Independent examination of soundness

1.23. When the Council has finalised its Replacement Plan, it must place it on deposit for public inspection and the submission of representations, and then submit it to the Welsh Government for examination by an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Government. The examination of the Replacement LDP is an independent process for determining whether the plan is fundamentally sound. Having regard to the evidence submitted with the plan and the representations received at deposit, the inspector must determine whether the plan meets the following 3 tests of soundness set out in guidance issued by the Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate:

- Test 1 – Does the plan fit? (i.e. is it clear that the Replacement LDP is consistent with other plans?);
- Test 2 – Is the plan appropriate? (i.e. is the plan appropriate for the area in the light of the evidence?);
- Test 3 – Will the plan deliver? (i.e. is it likely to be effective?).

1.24. Following the examination the Inspector will produce a report recommending required changes to the Replacement LDP together with reasons for the changes. The report will focus on the issue of whether the Replacement LDP is sound and if an Inspector considers the plan is fundamentally unsound the Plan will not be recommended for adoption. The conclusions reached by the Inspector will be binding and unless the Welsh Government intervenes, the Council must accept the changes required by the Inspector and adopt the Replacement LDP as amended.

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)

1.25. The replacement LDP will contain sufficient policies to provide the basis for determining planning applications. However, SPG has an important supporting role in providing more detailed or site specific guidance on the way in which Replacement LDP policies will be applied. These are non-statutory documents intended to expand upon the policies and proposals in the Replacement LDP. They cannot introduce new policy and are not the subject of independent examination but will undergo public consultation.

1.26. The need for any new or revised SPG (related to existing Local Development Plan policies) as the Replacement LDP is being prepared will be considered on its merits having regard to the need for new guidance together with the adequacy of the existing policy framework as set out in the Local Development Plan and contained in national guidance. In such cases, the SPG will be subject to its own consultation process.

1.27. Consultation with stakeholders as the Replacement LDP is prepared may reveal the need for new SPG to be produced that directly relates to the Replacement LDP. In such cases, it is intended that public consultation on the SPG would be undertaken in parallel with wider Replacement LDP engagement. Stakeholders will be kept informed of any such consultations.

1.28. SPG relating to proposed policies contained in the Replacement LDP cannot be formally adopted until after the Inspector's binding report has been received on the Replacement LDP and it is clear that there is no change to the policy approach.

Monitoring and Review

1.29. The Council will monitor and regularly review progress of the Replacement LDP against the requirements of the Delivery Agreement to ensure the timetable is being kept to and the public engagement as set out in the CIS is being met. Any amendments to the DA will require approval by the Council prior to Welsh Government agreement. The DA may need to be amended if the following circumstances, which are beyond the LPA's control, occur during the preparation of the Replacement LDP:

- Significant change to the resources available to undertake preparation of the Replacement LDP.

- Preparation of the Replacement LDP falls behind schedule i.e. more than 3 months.
- Significant changes to European, UK or Welsh legislation directly affecting the Replacement LDP preparation process.
- Any other change in circumstances that will materially affect the delivery of the Replacement LDP in accordance with the DA.
- Significant changes to the Community Involvement Scheme.

1.30. An updated timetable will be submitted to the Welsh Government following the Deposit stage. This will provide certainty of the timescales for the remaining stages (i.e. replacing indicative stages with definitive stages). The indicative timetable will be redefined within 3 months of the close of the formal Deposit period and submitted to the Welsh Government for agreement.

Part 2: The Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

Aims of the scheme

- 2.1. The LDP Regulations require the Council to work in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders in preparing the Replacement LDP, including specific and general consultation bodies (see Appendix A) and the general public.
- 2.2. This CIS indicates how and when the Council will provide opportunities for everyone with an interest in the Cardiff Replacement LDP to be involved in its preparation. In so doing, the aim is to build as much consensus as possible concerning the overall strategy of the plan.

Principles and methods of community engagement

- 2.3. The following consultation principles will guide the Council's approach to involving the local community and other stakeholders in preparation of the Replacement LDP:
 - **Commitment** – The Council will seek to provide opportunities for the whole community (different age groups, local community groups, hard to reach groups and protected characteristic groups) including businesses, to engage at appropriate stages in the process including 'child-friendly non-technical format' material as part of the process to encourage wider engagement.
 - **Inclusiveness** – The Council will encourage the active participation of everyone who has an interest in, or who may be affected by, the Replacement LDP including producing user friendly documents and using user friendly consultation techniques to encourage wider engagement with the community, including with children and young people.
 - **Appropriateness** – The Council will seek to engage the community through the most appropriate methods as determined through consultation on this document.
 - **Transparency and accessibility** – The Council will make all relevant information available on-line and undertake engagement in a transparent and open way and seek to maximise the use of new technology such as virtual consultation and social media.
 - **Accountability** – The Council will publish on-line the results of community engagement and seek to ensure that all stakeholders are informed of the outcome of their involvement.
 - **Productivity** – The Council will seek to use virtual consultation and community engagement to secure as much consensus as possible on the content of the Replacement LDP.
 - **Realism** – The Council will seek to ensure that all parties involved in the process understand and remain realistic about what can be achieved within the context of relevant legislation, Welsh Government guidance, and resources available.

- 2.4. The Council intends to build as much consensus as possible during the Replacement LDP preparation process and hopes that all parties will actively engage from the outset. Paragraphs 2.5 to 2.8, give a broad outline of some of the key methods that will be used whilst paragraphs 2.15 to 2.34 outline the main stages of the Replacement LDP preparation process together with a summary of opportunities for involvement at each stage. Appendix C contains a table that summarises how the Council intends to undertake community engagement and consultation up to the deposit stage. The Agreement will be reviewed within 3 months of deposit of the Replacement LDP and appropriate engagement from deposit to adoption will be included in that review.

Information will be regularly updated on the Council's website. It will be possible to make representations in an electronic format (the preferred format) and also in writing. Efforts will be made to make the consultation processes as clear and accessible as possible. Staff will be available on weekdays during normal office hours to deal with any queries and can be contacted as set out below:

LDP Team

Room 250, County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4UW Tel. 029 2087 2087
Email: LDP@cardiff.gov.uk
Website Address: www.cardiff.gov.uk

- 2.5. Whilst the Council is providing a wide range of opportunities to access information and become involved in the Replacement LDP process, there are clearly resource limitations to the extent of engagement that is possible. Additionally, it is important that all consultees are dealt with in a fair and equal manner. Taking account of both of these points, it is not proposed that Officers attend meetings organised by individual groups. However, it is stressed that Officers are available throughout the process, as outlined above, and consultees are strongly advised to use this facility should information or advice be required.
- 2.6. The following list provides a summary of the expectations of consultees during the Replacement LDP preparation process:
- A commitment to the process including consensus building
 - To raise legitimate land use issues
 - To engage in the debate with an open mind
 - All parties to submit the appropriate level of information as specified
 - Responses made within prescribed periods
 - To treat Officers with due respect
 - If in any doubt about the process, to contact the LDP Team for advice

Groups which will be involved in plan preparation

2.7. The Council will seek to involve the following groups in preparation of the Replacement LDP:

- **Members of the public, businesses, landowners, developers and agents** - the Council has a database which is maintained to include details of any parties who have requested to be kept informed of the Replacement LDP process. Efforts will be made to engage with communities, businesses, local organisations, landowners, and developers to ensure a broad range of feedback.
- **Community Councils** – they play a key role in disseminating information within their local area and will be a key link in effective involvement within their local areas. Community Councils will be consulted at every stage of the Replacement LDP process and they are encouraged to take this opportunity to raise awareness of this to their local communities.
- **Partnership groups** - Liaison with Cardiff's Public Service Board (PSB) will be of particular importance to ensure that the Replacement LDP process aligns with the Local Well-Being Plan. The PSB also represents a broad coverage of interested parties and their involvement in the process will aid the Replacement LDP process through the provision of data and evidence base as well as broadening the scope of engagement with parties that have had limited or no contact with the development plan process in the past, but with an interest in Cardiff.
- **Additional Consultation Bodies** - Appendix A provides a list of the specific and general consultation bodies These consultation bodies will be engaged throughout the Replacement LDP process at each of the formal stages and informally, as appropriate.
- **Hard to Reach Groups** - Hard to reach groups and those that are seldom heard are those groups who have not taken part traditionally in the plan preparation process. Additional effort will therefore be required to ensure these groups are engaged in the Replacement LDP process. Engagement with these groups may be achieved by using existing partnerships and groups wherever possible.

Methods of Involvement

2.8. The Council will seek to publicise the Replacement LDP process at every stage and reach as much of the community as possible, as set out in the section above, to inform people about the Replacement LDP process and how they can get involved. This will be done by:

- Direct contact (i.e. by letter or e-mail)
- Via Cardiff Council's Social Media Accounts
- Engagement with Members through specific workshops, Member drop-in sessions and in reports to appropriate Council meetings.
- Making use of existing Council Environmental/Community and Economic networks networks, Cardiff's Citizens Panel and Youth Council;

- All Replacement LDP information and documents will be made available on the Council's website.
- Public information exhibitions, engagement sessions and meetings will be undertaken face to face when possible when taking into account Welsh Government guidance on such matters. Virtual engagement and consultation via web based technological tools such as webinars will also be utilised.

Feedback

- 2.9. The Council will ensure that feedback is provided on-line as soon as possible on the outcome of engagement and consultation throughout the Replacement Plan preparation process.
- 2.10. Feedback from the Council relating to consultation exercises will take the following forms:
- Acknowledgement letter or e-mail providing contact details and detailing how the Council will deal with the representation
 - Details of the next steps in the Replacement Plan preparation process
- 2.11. Petitions received during consultation on the Replacement Plan will be acknowledged by letter or e-mail to the presenter of the petition only. This will include contact details and set out how the Council will deal with the issues raised in the petition. Specific guidance on the scope and procedures when using petitions will be established and made available prior to each formal stage of consultation.

Council decision-making process and local elected member involvement

- 2.12. Decisions on the Replacement Plan and its proposed content will be made by the full Council normally with recommendations from the Cabinet. The Cabinet and Council meet each month. The Council has established a Corporate Officer LDP Working Group to assist preparing the Replacement LDP in accordance with the timetable.
- 2.13. The Council will establish an on-going Scrutiny process that will evidence its findings to the Policy Review and Performance Committee. Training will be arranged for individual Members of Council and they will be consulted throughout the Replacement Plan preparation process and encouraged to raise awareness and support the engagement with their local communities.

Use of Welsh language

Welsh Language and Bilingual engagement

- 2.14. The Welsh Language Standards place a legal duty on Councils to make it easier for people to use services through the medium of Welsh. The Council has published a Welsh Language Strategy for 2017 – 2022, the requirements of both the corporate strategy and Welsh Language Standards will be maintained

at each stage of the Replacement LDP. Bilingual engagement will be carried out in the following ways:

1. We welcome correspondence in both Welsh and English. Where correspondence is received in Welsh and a reply is necessary, this will be sent in Welsh;
2. All consultation letters, comments forms, public notices (including site notices) and newsletters will be bilingual;
3. Any pages on the Replacement Local Development Plan website and social media posts published on twitter will be bilingual;
4. Any public meetings will be conducted bilingually where a request has been made ahead of time. Prior notification is required in order to provide a translation service; and
5. It can be ensured that draft documents are available in Welsh if requested. The new LDP after its adoption will be available in Welsh and English.

Key stages of Replacement Plan preparation and opportunities for involvement

2.15. The LDP Regulations set out the legal requirements for participation and public consultation in Replacement Plan preparation. This Section provides more details on how stakeholders can become involved in the different stages of preparing Cardiff's Replacement LDP. Information will be constantly updated on the Council's website and any events or consultations will be mailed out to all consultees including formal notices in the local press when required.

Stage 1: The Review Report and Delivery Agreement (Jan 2021 to March 2021) (Reg 9)

2.16. Summary: Determining the revision procedure to be followed in the Review Report and securing wider involvement in preparation of the Delivery Agreement. The Delivery Agreement that sets out the timetable for preparing the Replacement LDP and how stakeholders can become involved in the process. Opportunities for involvement include Consultation on the Draft Review Report and Delivery Agreement during January and February 2021.

Stage 2: Evidence base - (Dec 2020 – March 2024) (Reg 14)

2.17. Summary: Before the Council can develop the strategic objectives that will form the framework of the Replacement LDP it is essential for it to have a clear understanding of the dynamic social, environmental and economic characteristics and issues that exist within Cardiff. Therefore the Council will collect data to review and develop the evidence base. The overall Evidence Base will be an extensive collection of data from across all relevant topics. New studies will be commissioned and new data collected where necessary to ensure that the evidence database is as comprehensive as possible. The

evidence base will inform the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal. New evidence that comes to light at later stages of Replacement Plan preparation will be assessed and appropriate response made.

2.18. As part of the preparation of the evidence base the Council will invite developers and landowners to submit candidate development sites for potential inclusion in the Replacement Plan. This forms part of an information gathering exercise and should not be interpreted as a commitment that such sites will be taken forward in the Replacement LDP. When putting forward such sites developers and landowners will be required to include sufficient information to allow a robust assessment of the site to be made.

2.19. As part of the Council's duty to undertake a SA and SEA of the Replacement Plan a ISA Scoping Report will be prepared and consulted on setting out:

- The economic, social and environmental issues and objectives the Council proposes to address in helping to deliver sustainable development through the Replacement LDP; and
- The proposed framework by which the strategic options and detailed policies and proposals of the Replacement LDP will be appraised.

2.20. Opportunities for involvement (during 2021) include:

- Call for Candidate Site submissions for 12 weeks commencing May 2021
- Consultation on ISA Scoping Report for 8 weeks commencing May 2021

Stage 3: Preferred Strategy (Regs. 14/15)

Pre- Deposit participation (March 2021- June 2023) (Reg. 14)

2.21. Summary: In accordance with Regulation 14 the Council will engage with anyone with an interest including the Specific and General Consultation Bodies (listed in Appendix A) during the preparation of the Preferred Strategy. Opportunities for involvement (during 2021) include:

- Consultation on draft vision/issues/objectives for 8 weeks commencing end of May 2021
- Consultation on strategic options for 10 weeks commencing end of November 2021

2.22. This will provide an early opportunity for dialogue ahead of the Preferred Strategy being prepared.

Stage 4: Pre-Deposit consultation (July 2023 to September 2023) (Reg. 15)

2.23. Summary: This stage will include statutory consultation on the Preferred Strategy and strategic locations for new development and accompanying ISA Report (statutory 8 week period).

2.24. Opportunities for involvement:

- Consultation on Preferred Strategy
- Consultation on Initial ISA report

Stage 5: Replacement LDP Deposit of proposals (Oct 2023 to April 2025) (Reg. 17)

2.25. Summary: In formulating this document the Council will pay due regard to the foregoing consultation exercises and stakeholder engagements when drafting policies and identifying sites.

2.26. The Deposit Replacement Plan will be subject to statutory consultation for a period of 8 weeks to allow representations to be made by any stakeholder. Any representations received as a result of the consultation exercise will be made available for public inspection and on the Council's web site. The documents to be published at this time will comprise the Deposit Replacement LDP, the ISA Report (incorporating the SEA Environmental Report), a list of supporting documents and the initial consultation report (statutory 8 week period).

2.27. Opportunities for involvement:

- Consultation on Deposit Replacement LDP
- Consultation on Final ISA Report

Stage 6: Submission of Replacement LDP to Welsh Government (September 2025 (Indicative)) (Reg. 22)

2.28. Summary: At this stage the Council is required to submit the Deposit Replacement Plan, Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report, Community Involvement Scheme, copies of all representations received, key supporting evidence, the Consultation Report, the report on the LPA's suggested changes and a Statement of the main issues to the WG and the Planning Inspectorate. Following this submission an Inspector will be appointed to examine the Deposit Replacement Plan to determine whether it satisfies the preparation requirements of the 2004 Act and whether it is "sound" (section 64(5) of the 2004 Act refers). The examination will also consider representations including objections that have been made in accordance with the LDP Regulations.

2.29. Opportunities for involvement:

- Once submitted, the examination process will be undertaken by an Independent Inspector. A Programme Officer working for the Inspector will provide the first point of contact to stakeholders who made Deposit

Representations. Information will be made available on the forthcoming examination process.

Stage 7: Independent examination (September 2025 to March 2026 (Indicative)) (Reg 23)

2.30. Summary: The Council will enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Planning Inspectorate prior to the Submission of the Deposit Replacement LDP. The Planning Inspectorate has indicated that the Independent Examination and the production of the Inspector's Report should take no more than 12 months.

2.31. Opportunities for involvement:

- Arrangements for public participation in the examination process for those who made Deposit Representations will be advertised nearer the time (at least 6 weeks before the opening of the examination).

Stage 8: Inspector's report (March 2026 (Indicative)) (Reg. 24)

2.32. Summary: Once the Inspector is satisfied that no further information is necessary to inform their consideration of the Replacement Plan, he/she will publish a report outlining the examination's findings, together with any changes to the Deposit Replacement Plan and reasons for those recommendations. The Inspector's decisions will be binding upon the Council. The aim of the Independent Examination is to ensure that the Replacement Plan is at a stage where it is sound and can be safely adopted. It follows therefore that any changes made by the Inspector must themselves be demonstrably sound.

Stage 9: Adoption (April 2026 (Indicative)) (Reg. 25)

2.33. Summary: On receipt of the Inspector's Report, following a fact checking period, the Council is required to adopt the final Replacement LDP incorporating the Inspector's recommendations within 8 weeks, unless the Welsh Government intervenes. On or before the day on which the Replacement LDP is adopted, the Council will publish the Inspector's Report and make it available for inspection and to view on Council's web site (www.cardiff.gov.uk). The Replacement LDP will become operative on the date it is adopted, and final publication of the Replacement Plan should follow as soon as possible (after the expiry of the six-week legal challenge period).

Stage 10: Monitoring (October 2027 Indicative))

2.34. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires authorities to keep under review matters that may affect the planning and development of their areas. In this regard, the Council will establish monitoring procedures in accordance with guidance contained within the LDP Manual and will produce an Annual Monitoring Report for submission to the Welsh Government by the 31st October each year

Part 3: The Timetable

3.1 Table 1 outlines the Council's proposed revised timetable for achieving the key stages of Replacement LDP preparation required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the LDP Regulations.

Key Stage			
Definitive		From	To
1	Draft Review Report and Delivery Agreement consultation and submission of Final Review Report to Welsh Government	Jan 2021	March 2021
2	Evidence Base Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for candidate sites - 12 weeks • Consultation on ISA Scoping Report – 8 weeks 	Dec 2020 May 2021 May 2021	March 2024 August 2021 July 2021
3	Pre-Deposit Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on draft vision/issues/objectives - 8 weeks • Consultation on strategic options - 10 weeks 	March 2021 May 2021 Nov 2021	June 2023 July 2021 Feb 2022
4	Consultation on Preferred Strategy and ISA Initial Report – 8 weeks statutory consultation	July 2023	Sept 2023
5	Consultation on Deposit Plan and Final ISA Report – 8 weeks statutory consultation	Feb 2025	Apr 2025
Indicative		From	To
6	Submission	Sept 2025	

7	Examination	Sept 2025	March 2026
8	Inspectors Report	March 2025	
9	Adoption by Council	April 2026	
10	Monitoring and production of 1 st AMR	October 2027	

Definitive and Indicative Stages

- 3.2. Stages 1-5, leading up to and including deposit, are under the direct control of the Council, which will make every effort to adhere to this part of the timetable.
- 3.3. The Council has less control over the process at Stages 6 -9, which are dependent on a range of factors including the number of deposit representations and the requirements of the Independent Examination. The timetable for these stages is, therefore, at present indicative.
- 3.4. The LDP Regulations clarify that, within 3 months of the close of deposit, the timetable (i.e. the indicative stages) will need to be reviewed and resubmitted once the Council has entered into a Service Level Agreement with the Planning Inspectorate.

Achievability and risk management

- 3.5. The definitive part of the proposed timetable is considered to be realistic and achievable having regard to:
- The scope of work the Council understands to be involved in Replacement Plan preparation, having regard to the regulations and guidance published by the Welsh Government;
 - The resources (essentially staff and revenue) the Council is able to commit to Replacement Plan preparation;
 - The current structure of the Council, its decision making structures, meeting cycles and future elections.
- 3.6. While every effort will be made to avoid deviation from this timetable, Appendix D identifies a number of potential risks, together with the Council's proposed approach to managing them.

Resources

- 3.7. In terms of staff resources, there is a small team of officers in the Council's Strategic Planning Section dedicated to Replacement LDP preparation. In addition a range of other officers in that section as well as in other Service

Areas will also be involved in various aspects of Replacement Plan formulation including ISA and SEA.

- 3.8. If necessary, to supplement its own resources, the Council may employ consultants to undertake appropriate work and advise on the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Replacement Plan.

Part 4: Monitoring and Review

Delivery Agreement

- 4.1. The Council will monitor progress against the Delivery Agreement throughout preparation of the Replacement LDP, to ensure that the aims and principles of the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) are met in line with the target timetable. Where necessary reports will be made to the Council's Cabinet.
- 4.2. Circumstances in which the Agreement may need to be reviewed and amended include:
- If the process falls 3 months or more behind schedule;
 - If any significant changes are required to the CIS;
 - If there is significant change in the resources available to the Council;
 - If new UK or Welsh Government legislation, regulations or guidance should require new procedures or tasks to be undertaken; or
 - If any other change of circumstances should materially affect the delivery of the Replacement Plan in accordance with the Agreement.
- 4.3. Should the Agreement require review prior to or after the indicative stage review (outlined below) a revised Agreement will be sent to the Welsh Government for agreement. Once agreed this will be made available on the Council's website.

Replacement LDP Post-adoption

- 4.4. After it has been adopted the Council will monitor the Replacement Plan on an annual basis and report the findings in an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). Future reviews or amendments to the plan, will go through the same stages of preparation as the original Replacement plan and within 6 months of the decision to undertake a review the Council will publish a timetable for review of the plan. The Council will also apply the general principles outlined in the CIS when it reviews and carries out any amendments to the plan. A full review of the plan will be undertaken at least once every 4 years.

Appendix A: Consultation Bodies

The following is a list of specific and general consultation bodies to be consulted at the relevant stages outlined in the preparation of the Replacement LDP. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and other organisations and bodies who wish to be involved can be added and consulted where appropriate.

In addition to this list any individual or groups can register to be consulted.

Internal Consultees

To be consulted at all stages in the preparation of the Replacement LDP

- Cardiff County Councillors
- Cardiff Council Service Areas

External Consultees

Specific Consultation Bodies

The Council will consult the following specific consultation bodies at all stages in the preparation of the Replacement LDP:

- Welsh Government
- Natural Resources Wales
- Cadw
- Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Western & Wales) – Property)
- Secretary of State for Transport (in relation to previous Strategic Rail authority functions)
- Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board
- Velindre University Health Trust
- Cardiff Community Councils
 - Lisvane Community Council
 - Old St Mellons Community Council
 - Pentyrch Community Council
 - Radyr & Morganstown Community Council
 - St Fagans Community Council
 - Tongwynlais Community Council
- Adjoining Local Authorities and South East Wales Authorities
 - Bristol City Council
 - Caerphilly County Borough Council
 - Newport City Council
 - Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
 - Vale of Glamorgan Council
 - Bridgend County Borough Council
 - Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
 - Torfaen County Borough Council
 - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

- Monmouthshire County Council
- Adjoining Community Councils within other Counties
 - Caerphilly
 - Caerphilly Town Council
 - Rhondda Cynon Taf
 - Llantrisant Community Council
 - Llantwit Fardre Community Council
 - Pontyclun Community Council
 - Taffs Well Community Council
 - Newport
 - Graig Community Council
 - Marshfield Community Council
 - Michaelston-y-Fedw Community Council
 - Wentlooge Community Council
 - Vale of Glamorgan
 - Llandough Community Council
 - Michaelston le Pit and Leckwith Community Council
 - Penarth Town Council
 - Peterston Super Ely Community Council
 - St Georges and St Brides Super Ely
 - Wenvoe Community Council
- BT Group Plc
- EE
- Vodaphone
- Three UK
- O2 UK
- Virgin
- Talk Talk
- British Gas
- EDF Energy
- nPower
- EON UK
- Scottish Power
- SSE
- National Grid
- Western Power Distribution
- Wales & West Utilities
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
- Network Rail Infrastructure

General Consultation Bodies

- AMs/MPs for Cardiff West, Cardiff South and Penarth, Cardiff Central and Cardiff North / Four Regional / AMs for South Wales Central
- Aelwyd Housing Association

- Age Concern Cymru
- Age Connects
- Alternatives for Transport
- Arts Council of Wales
- Associated British Ports
- Association of Inland Navigation Authorities
- Black Environment Network
- British Aggregates Association
- British Wind Energy Association
- Business in the Community Cymru
- C3SC Cardiff Third Sector Council
- Cadwyn Housing Association
- Caldicot & Wentlooge Levels Drainage Board
- Campaign for Real Ale
- Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
- Carbon Trust
- Cardiff & Vale Parents Federation
- Cardiff and the Vale College
- Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health
- Cardiff Chamber of Commerce, Trade and Industry
- Cardiff Civic Society
- Cardiff Cycle City
- Cardiff Community Health Council
- Cardiff Community Housing Association
- Cardiff Cycling Campaign
- Cardiff Friends of the Earth
- Cardiff Heliport
- Cardiff International Airport Ltd
- Cardiff Met Students Union
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Cardiff Naturalists
- Cardiff University
- Cardiff University Students Union
- Cardiff Women's Business Club
- Cardiff Bus
- Cardiff YMCA
- Care Inspectorate Wales
- CBI Wales
- Children in Wales
- Children's Commissioner for Wales
- Church in Wales
- Chwarae Teg
- CILT (UK) Cymru Transport
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Civic Trust for Wales
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Coal Authority
- Coed Cadw (the Woodland Trust)
- Community Energy Wales
- Community Housing Cymru

- Community Land Advice Service
- Confederation of Passenger Transport
- Confederation Of British Industry
- Country Land and Business Association
- Crime Prevention Department
- Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg
- Danescourt Community Association
- Defence Estates
- Design Circle - RSAW South
- Design Commission for Wales
- Disability Arts Wales
- Disability Wales
- Diverse Cymru
- Energy Savings Trust Ltd
- Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Federation of Master Builders
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Fields In Trust
- First Group Plc
- Friends of the Earth Cymru
- Friends of Nantfawr Community Woodland
- Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
- Garden History Society
- Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust
- Gypsies Travellers Wales
- Health & Safety Executive
- Home Builders Federation
- Inland Waterways Association
- Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management
- Interfaith Council for Wales
- Keep Wales Tidy
- Llandaff Conservation Group
- Landscape Institute Wales
- Linc Cymru
- Lisvane Community Association
- Lisvane Graig Protection Society
- Living Streets Cardiff
- Llamau
- Llandaff Society
- Logistics UK
- Merched y Wawr
- Mineral Products Association
- Mobile Operators Association
- Mudiad Ysgol Meithrin
- National Car Parks Limited
- National Centre for Learning Welsh
- National Eisteddfod Wales
- National Express Ltd
- National Federation of Builders
- National Grid Property Portfolio

- National Museum Wales
- National Youth Arts
- NewyddHousing Association
- NFU Cymru
- Pantmawr Residents Association
- Planning Aid Wales
- Planning Inspectorate
- Pobl
- Radyr and Morganstown Community Association
- Radyr and Morganstown Partnership and Community Trust (PACT)
- Radyr Sidings Residents Association
- Ramblers Cymru
- Ramblers Cymru Cardiff Group
- Rhiwbina Civic Society
- Rhiwbina Garden Village Residents Association
- RICS Wales
- Road Haulage Association Ltd
- Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales
- Royal Mail Group plc
- Royal National Institute for the Blind
- RSPB Cymru
- Scope Cymru
- Social Farms & Gardens
- South East Wales Energy Agency
- South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
- South Wales Police
- Sport Wales
- Stonewall Cymru
- Sustrans Cymru
- Taff Housing Association
- The 20th Century Society
- The Georgian Group
- The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management
- Theatres Trust
- Transport for Wales
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Cardiff and Vale
- Victorian Society
- Wales & West Housing Association
- Wales Council for Voluntary Action
- Wales Millennium Centre
- Wales Women’s Aid
- Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
- Welsh Historic Gardens Trust
- Welsh Housing Partnership
- Welsh Language Commissioner
- Welsh Language Society
- Welsh Place-Name Society
- Welsh Tenants Federation
- Wildlife Trust for South and West Wales
- Women Connect First

Appendix C: Table Summarising Involvement in Replacement LDP Stages

Consultation Stage	Purpose	Timescale	Summary of Involvement	Reporting Mechanism
Delivery Agreement	Set out timetable for Replacement LDP preparation and process of involvement.	January 2021 to March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 week consultation on content of Delivery Agreement in Jan/Feb 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information available on website.
Evidence base	To have a clear understanding of the dynamic social, environmental and economic characteristics and issues that exist within Cardiff. As part of this information gathering the Council will invite developers and landowners to submit candidate development sites for potential inclusion in the Replacement LDP.	Dec 2020 to March 2024 (with necessary updates thereafter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 week consultation on ISA Scoping Report Invitation for Candidate Site submissions. Opportunity to engage as part of preparation of Preferred Strategy outlined below. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated information on both processes will be available on website.
Preferred Strategy	To develop the Replacement LDP draft vision and objectives for the area, based on an understanding of the relevant issues. From this base, strategic options will be identified and assessed leading to the identification of strategic sites to feed into the Preferred Strategy. In parallel, the ISA and other assessments will be undertaken.	May 2021 to September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual 'Launch Event' Involvement in development of the Preferred Strategy focussing engagement upon draft vision/objectives, evidence base/issues and strategic options. 8 week consultation on Preferred Strategy and Initial ISA report consultation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report will be prepared setting out the Council's response to all comments made on the Preferred Strategy and Initial ISA Report. All information available on website.

Consultation Stage	Purpose	Timescale	Summary of Involvement	Reporting Mechanism
Deposit	To pay due regard to the foregoing consultation exercises and stakeholder engagements and formulate and consult on a Deposit Replacement LDP.	February 2025 to April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 week consultation on Deposit Replacement LDP together and Final ISA Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final consultation report will be prepared setting out the Council's response to all comments made on the Deposit Replacement Plan and Final ISA Report. • All information available on website.
Submission of Replacement LDP to WG	To submit the Replacement Deposit Plan, Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report, Community Involvement Scheme, copies of all representations received, key supporting evidence, the Consultation Report, the report on the LPA's suggested changes and a Statement of the main issues to the WG and the Planning Inspectorate.	September 2025 (Indicative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once submitted, the examination process will be undertaken by an Independent Inspector. An independent Programme Officer employed by the Council will provide the first point of contact to stakeholders providing a link between the authority and the Inspector. Information will be made available on the forthcoming examination process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information available on examination website and library.

Consultation Stage	Purpose	Timescale	Summary of Involvement	Reporting Mechanism
Independent examination	Following this submission an Inspector will be appointed to examine the Replacement Deposit Plan to determine whether it satisfies the preparation requirements of the 2004 Act and whether it is "sound" The examination will also consider representations including objections that have been made in accordance with the LDP Regulations.	September 2025 to March 2026 (Indicative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who made Deposit Representations arrangements for public participation in the examination process will be advertised nearer the time (at least 6 weeks before the opening of the examination). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information available on examination website and library.
Inspectors Report	The Inspector will publish a report outlining the examination's findings, together with any changes to the Deposit Plan and reasons for those recommendations. The Inspector's decisions will be binding upon the Council.	March 2026 (indicative)		

Consultation Stage	Purpose	Timescale	Summary of Involvement	Reporting Mechanism
Adoption	The Council is required to adopt the final Replacement LDP incorporating the Inspector's recommendations within 8 weeks of receiving it, unless the Welsh Government intervenes.	April 2026 (indicative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or before the day on which the Replacement LDP is adopted, the Council will publish the Inspector's Report and make it available for inspection and to view on Council's web site. The Replacement LDP will become operative on the date it is adopted, and final publication of the Replacement Plan should follow as soon as possible (after the expiry of the six-week legal challenge period). 	

Appendix D: Risk Management

The proposed timetable for Replacement LDP preparation is considered to be realistic and achievable having regard to the scope of work the Council believes to be involved having regard to existing Welsh Government regulations and guidance, and the resources the Council is able to commit to Replacement LDP preparation. While every effort will be made to avoid deviations from the proposed timetable, the Council has identified a number of potential risks which are set out below, together with the Council's proposed approach to managing them. The timetable, together with the anticipated work programme and available resources will be kept under continual review to monitor possible slippage or other impacts resulting from the risks identified or other causes. Where necessary, progress reports will be made to the Council's Cabinet.

Risk	Potential Impact	Mitigation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional requirements arising from new legislation, national guidance and/or new evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional work required, causing programme slippage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor emerging legislation/guidance/evidence and respond early to changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme/timetable proves too ambitious for resources available due to greater than anticipated workload e.g. number of representations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme slippage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realistic timetable prepared with some flexibility Consider additional resources when required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient information to enable preparation of a sound Replacement Plan (e.g. up to date population projections) to undertake SEA of proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme slippage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify expectations of consultees in Delivery Agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays caused by Council delaying approval of documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme slippage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake Scrutiny process together with wider Member Briefing to raise awareness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay caused by scheduling of Cabinet Business, Planning or Scrutiny Committee meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme slippage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor progress against Delivery Agreement Book target meetings in Council's Forward Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant Objections from Statutory Consultation Bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement LDP cannot be submitted for examination without significant work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the views of statutory bodies are sought and considered as early as possible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Inspectorate unable to meet the timescale for examination and reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination and/or report is delayed Key milestone in programme not met 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close liaison with the Planning Inspectorate to ensure early warning of any problems (e.g. Consultation on Replacement LDP)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement LDP fails test of soundness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement LDP cannot be adopted without additional work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Replacement LDP is sound, founded on a robust evidence base with sustainability appraisal and well audited community and stakeholder engagement

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted Replacement LDP quashed • Significant slippage/ additional work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure procedures, Act, Regulations etc., are complied with and no undue risks taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid Restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays in consultation • Programme slippage • Resources (particularly staff and finance) being diverted should they be needed to tackle Coronavirus efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure effective use of on-line consultation methods, including virtual consultation technology, effective use of website, social media and wider opportunities to otherwise engage and communicate with the LDP Team. Monitor impacts of pandemic Replacement LDP process and respond early to changes.

Appendix H: Copy of Letter of Agreement to this document from the Welsh Government

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Cardiff Council LDP: Delivery Agreement 1st Revision

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)

Thank you for your email of 3 July requesting agreement to amend your Delivery Agreement (DA) in order to undertake additional evidence-based work in advance of the Preferred Strategy consultation.

The preparation of a Local Development Plan (LDP) is a statutory duty placed on all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. Having an up-to-date development plan in place underpins the very basis of the planning system in Wales and reinforces the Government's commitment to a plan-led approach to development.

The plan is a corporate tool and land-use expression of a LPAs priorities in dealing with national and local issues and the DA is a commitment by your authority to deliver on these key priorities. Your Council is proposing a formal extension to the currently agreed timetable, which results in a delay of 9 months with your Preferred Strategy consultation now scheduled in July 2023 and the Deposit plan consultation in July 2024. Submission of the plan for examination is programmed for May 2025 with adoption anticipated in November 2025 (Table 1). The delay in plan preparation has been for your authority to undertake additional evidence-based work in advance of the formal consultation stages. With this in mind, effective project management and a fully resourced team is essential to ensure the plan can be prepared in accordance with the timescales set out in Table 1 and Appendix B of the DA with a single additional slippage period of 3 months as referred to in paragraphs 1.29 and 4.2.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

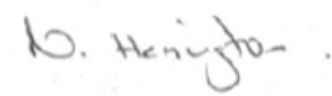
Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi

A test of 'soundness' against which the plan will be considered through the examination is whether it adheres to the agreed DA including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS). The plan will also need to demonstrate general conformity with Future Wales: The National Plan 2040.

After considering your DA submission, I can **confirm agreement** to the timetable set out in Table 1 and Appendix B as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

The published version of your DA should now be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Planner