

Hearing Session 16

Monitoring and Implementation, and Miscellaneous Matters

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**Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local
Development Plan**



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This Statement has been produced by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council to set out their response to the matters and issues raised by the Inspector for the Hearing relating to Monitoring and Implementation, and Miscellaneous Matters in the submitted Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan.

This Statement relates to the elements of the Plan that have been raised by the Inspector as matters to be discussed. Where appropriate the Statement draws on and cross-refers to the main sources of information used in the preparation of the Plan such as the outcomes of public consultation, the Sustainability Appraisal, the Background Documents and the supporting Topic Papers. Document reference numbers are given where appropriate.

For the purpose of clarity within this statement any Matters Arising Changes suggested to the Deposit Plan and/or a Focussed Change to the Plan, is shown in bold **Red** and underlined. Any Focussed Change text to the Deposit Plan is shown in **Bold** underlined text.

Matters & Issues Agenda

1 Introduction

2 Procedural Matters

3 Does the Monitoring Framework ensure that the Plan is sufficiently flexible to enable it to adapt to changing circumstances and does it provide sufficient guidance on implementation, milestones and triggers for review?

- 3.1 **Response** - In broad terms the Councils are satisfied that the Monitoring Framework (which was subject to Focus Changes and amendments in response to the Inspector's preliminary note to the Councils in May 2016 (DA.002 & DA.010c)), inclusive of the identified indicators, targets and triggers for further action in relation to each objective, forms an adequate basis on which to assess the effectiveness of the Plan's strategy and policies. A framework for monitoring has been incorporated within the Chapter 8 of the Plan which does allow for the measurement and assessment of the effectiveness of the Plan. The structure of the framework takes the Plan's objectives as a lead. Triggers are included at which actions would be considered necessary. The Councils consider that the trigger points are well-timed and allow for an effective response.
- 3.2 The Councils consider that the monitoring framework provides sufficient clarity and transparency to allow the outcomes to be communicated effectively through the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).
- 3.3 The Councils consider that the structure of the framework, based as it is around the objectives, represents a simple but effective approach. Similarly, the framework is clear about the relevant policies, the targets that have been established to ensure the aims are met, and the relevant indicators that will be employed to measure progress towards these targets.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding these points, the Councils have acknowledged in each Statement that revisions can be made to further enhance and strengthen the framework and in this respect the Councils are prepared to work with the Inspectors and the Welsh Government to achieve a more robust monitoring structure if deemed required.

4 Matters arising from previous hearing sessions or from the Inspectors' reading of the Plan, evidence base or submitted representations

5 Any outstanding work to be submitted by Councils or other administrative arrangements

6 Any other matters