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Hearing Session 1

PLAN PREPARATION, VISION, OBJECTIVES & SPATIAL STRATEGY

9.30 am, Tuesday 6 September 2016

Matters & Issues Agenda

- 1 Introduction**
- 2 Procedural Matters**
- 3 Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the necessary procedural requirements?**
 - a. Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the Delivery Agreement, including the Community Involvement Scheme?
 - b. Has the Plan been subject to a robust Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment/Appropriate Assessment?
 - c. Has the Plan been informed by a robust consideration of reasonable alternatives?
- 4 Is the Plan's Vision sufficiently aspirational and locally specific to form the basis for planning to 2026?**
- 5 Are the Plan's objectives SMART and capable of delivering on the identified Vision?**
- 6 Is the spatial strategy consistent/compatible with:**
 - a. the Wales Spatial Plan?
 - b. regional plans and strategies?
 - c. the plans/strategies of neighbouring authorities?
 - d. Does the Plan reflect the strategies and proposals of infrastructure providers?
- 7 Is the approach to site selection sufficiently clear and transparent and is it founded on a robust evidence base?**

8 Does the Spatial Strategy, including the Settlement Hierarchy, represent an appropriate strategy for delivering growth over the Plan period?

- a. Does the Plan's Spatial Strategy represent a sustainable approach to planning, including in terms of transportation, over the Plan period? Would the Plan's Strategy deliver the identified Vision and Objectives?
- b. How has the Spatial Strategy been informed by the findings of local housing market assessments?
- c. Is the level of growth within the Minor Rural Settlements justified and is the rationale for not including settlement boundaries at such settlements soundly based?
- d. Does the Spatial Strategy effectively link employment and residential growth?
- e. Does the Strategy maximise the use of previously developed land and adopt the sequential approach to the release of land as set out in Planning Policy Wales?
- f. Is the Plan's Spatial Strategy and policy framework consistent with national policy relating to Flood Risk?
- g. Does the Plan's Spatial Strategy successfully translate national policy in relation to the best and most versatile agricultural Land to the local level?

9 Does the Plan's strategy adequately safeguard the interests of the Welsh language?

10 Is the Plan's Strategy deliverable?

- a. Have all infrastructure requirements been considered to ensure the timely deliverability of allocated sites, including in terms of sewerage capacity?
- b. Are the allocated sites based on robust site assessment methodology that takes into account potential constraints?
- c. Are policies PS2 and ISA1 based on a robust evidence base?

11 Is the Plan's Strategy sufficiently flexible to respond to changing circumstances?

- a. Can the Plan respond effectively to changes in the Wylfa Newydd project?

12 Does the Plan provide robust mechanisms for the Monitoring and Implementation of the Plan's Strategy?

13 Any other matters.