

# **WELSH NEWTON AND LLANROTHAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Submission Draft Version**

**Commencement of Examination Procedural Note  
Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Neighbourhood Plan  
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I am writing to confirm that I have commenced the examination of the Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Neighbourhood Plan. From my initial appraisal of the submitted documents I am satisfied that a hearing will not be necessary, provided that I receive satisfactory answers to any questions and matters for clarification. I therefore intend to proceed by way of written submissions alone. All contact will be through a named representative of the Local Planning Authority. They will be responsible for forwarding all correspondence (except for contractual matters) to the representative of the Qualifying Body. All correspondence between myself, the Local Planning Authority and the Qualifying Body (except for contractual matters) should be placed on the Local Authority's website to ensure that the examination is conducted in an open and transparent manner.

I have undertaken a detailed appraisal of the background documents to check that the legal requirements have been satisfied and that adequate consultation has taken place to meet the requirements of the Regulations. In the light of this appraisal, I would welcome the following information:

1. Would you confirm that consultation has been carried out with the statutory Environmental Bodies on the Revised Environment Report and HRA Screening dated October 2018.
2. Paragraph 2.1 of the Consultation Statement states that informal consultation was carried out on the emerging Draft Plan with local residents and businesses in November to December 2014. Would you provide me with evidence of how this was undertaken and the publicity given. Would you confirm whether this is in addition to the drop in event on 29 November?

I have noted that the recommendations for revisions to the wording of policies by the first examiner have, by and large, been incorporated into the revised submission draft. However from my initial reading of the Plan, it is evident that some of the general comments made by the first examiner, for example that some policies include text that should be placed in the justification, have not been resolved. There is also a degree of unnecessary repetition in some of the policies and a number of typographical errors. I am therefore proposing to undertake a full review of the Plan.

I will undertake a detailed appraisal of the Plan and the policies to ensure that they satisfy the Basic Conditions, taking account of any representations. I will write to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body to seek clarification on any matters or to request further information.

I will undertake a site visit to familiarise myself with the parish and any sites referred to in the Plan.

- I anticipate that I will present my Examination Questions and matters for clarification to the Local Planning Authority by 7 May. This will also seek agreement to any significant wording changes to policies.

- I will allow 14 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- Following receipt of responses to my questions and matters of clarification, I will prepare my draft Examination Report for fact checking.
- I will allow 7 days for a response by the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body.
- I anticipate that I will issue my final report to the Local Planning Authority and Qualifying Body by late May.

All dates are indicative at this stage and may be revised if necessary should significant issues or additional questions arise or extensions of time be requested by the Local Planning Authority and/or Qualifying Body.

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