# Bridgend Local Development Plan
# Examination

## Session 12 – Energy

**Countryside Council For Wales (CCW): Representor 54**

**2. Renewable Energy**
*Q 2d. Have the CCW concerns in relation to the Penybont site been superseded by events and is it necessary to retain the safeguarding (or allocation) of this site?*
CCW understand that it is likely that the current scheme at the Penybont site will be replaced by a more modern scheme during the Plan period. We therefore consider that if the allocation is retained in the Plan reference should be made to the requirement for sufficient information to be submitted in support of the application to enable a HRA screening to be undertaken.

**Policy ENV18 Renewable Energy Developments**
*Q 2h. Are amendments needed to clarify the apparent conflict between ENV18 and its supporting text?*
Yes, further clarification is required to explain the conflict between the policy and its supporting text, and to provide greater clarification with regard to the sequential approach that is proposed.

*Q2i Does CCW dispute the Council's response?*
CCW is satisfied that landscape protection is addressed by Policies SP4 and ENV3, and does not dispute the Council's response.

**3. Coal Bed Methane Extraction (CBM)**
*Q3a. Having regard to the Council's response, what specific wording changes do OVR and CCW seek?*
CCW suggest that paragraph 4.6.13 is amended to read:

*4.6.13 Although the extraction of CBM as a source of energy can have adverse environmental impacts, they are generally entirely different in scale and kind from the impacts arising from opencast or deep coal mining operations.*

*4.6.14 To avoid or minimise impacts the location and siting of well sites will therefore need to be carefully chosen. This involves a sieving ……../*

*Q3b. As Coal Bed Methane extraction is a form of mineral development and not an issue of energy generation, efficiency or conservation, should the related text at paragraphs 4.6.13 – 4.6.18 be moved to follow Policy ENV11.*
Yes, paragraphs 4.6.13-.4.6.18 should be moved to follow Policy ENV11.

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