

**BRIDGEND**  
**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2033)**  
**EXAMINATION**

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**Bridgend Replacement Local Development Plan Examination - Targeted policy changes to Planning Policy Wales on Net benefit for Biodiversity and Ecosystems Resilience (incorporating changes to strengthen policy on Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Trees and Woodlands and Green Infrastructure)**

I refer to the above.

As I am sure you are aware the above document was issued for public consultation by the Welsh Government between the 9 March and 31 May 2023.

The consultation document outlines a *“targeted update of policy in section 6.4 of Planning Policy Wales relating to net benefit for biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and to strengthen policy on designated sites, in particular Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and on trees and woodlands. This requires changes to section 6.2 on Green Infrastructure given its close alignment with securing the maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity”* and *“resilience of ecosystems and consequential changes to section 5.14 Minerals (paragraph 5.14.37) and Section 6.6 Water and Flood Risk (paragraphs 6.6.1, 6.6.5 and 6.6.6) and the introductory section of Chapter 6.”*

To assist the examination, I would be grateful if you could review the contents of the consultation document and present a paper assessing the implications of the proposed targeted policy changes for the Replacement Local Development Plan. As part of this paper, the Council should explain whether they consider any substantive changes to the Replacement Plan are necessary. If amendments are required these should be explained and identified for inclusion in the Schedule of Matters Arising Changes.

The Council should submit this further information as soon as it is available, and no later than **14 July 2023**.

If you have any questions about the content of this note, please contact me via the Programme Officer.

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INSPECTOR