

2ND Replacement Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy

Quick Summary

The Council adopted the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021 (Adopted LDP) in November 2010. The Adopted LDP sets out the Local Planning Authority's proposals and policies for future development and use of land within Caerphilly County Borough.

Work has commenced on the 2nd Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan, 2020 up to 2035 (2RLDP) that will, when completed, replace the Adopted LDP.

The Council consulted on its first Pre-Deposit Plan for the 2RLDP in October and November 2022. Conformity Objections from Welsh Government resulted in work being suspended on the 2RLDP until the objections could be overcome.

The Council has now produced a revised Pre-Deposit Plan, and this is the subject of a 6-week consultation period that commenced on 15 January 2025 and will conclude on 26 February 2025. The Pre-Deposit Plan, along with its supporting documents and evidence can be inspected through the Council's website, where comments can be formally submitted to the Council.

The Preferred Strategy:

1. Indicates how much land will need to be allocated up to 2035 to meet the requirements of the county borough. Specifically, it highlights the need for:
 - a) Land to accommodate a minimum of 7,425 new dwellings, a proportion of which will need to be affordable;
 - b) 44.5 hectares of employment land meet the needs of business;
 - c) Land for new social infrastructure (schools, leisure, community facilities, health provision etc);
2. Identifies hierarchies for settlements, retail and commercial centres and roads;
3. Seeks to protect, conserve, enhance and manage the natural and built heritage.
4. Outlines the proposed approach to renewable energy provision (wind), waste management; and the safeguarding of minerals.

The Preferred Strategy sets out 2 pillars that will be used to direct development to appropriate areas in the County borough:

1. Town Centre First: that seeks to focus new development towards the principal and local settlements as far as is practical; and
2. Metro Investment Focus that seeks to focus development close to the main transport nodes to facilitate sustainable travel and modal shift.

An indication of the dispersal of growth from a settlement hierarchy and Masterplan Areas are set out below. It should be noted that this is just indicative at the moment as sites are not formalised and are not identified in the Preferred Strategy. As a result, the percentages shown may change in subsequent stages of the 2RLDP.

Growth by Settlement Hierarchy Tier

Settlement Hierarchy Tier	Percentage of Housing Growth	Percentage of all Employment Growth
Principal Settlements	36.4%	27.6%
Local Settlements	12.1%	18.0%
Residential Settlements Suitable for Growth	50.0%	54.4%
Residential Settlements Not Suitable for Growth	1.5%	0%
Rural Settlements	0.0%	0%

Growth by Masterplan Area

Masterplan Area	Percentage of Housing Growth	Percentage of all Employment Growth
Caerphilly Basin	25.4%	16.5%
Ystrad Mynach	20.4%	17.5%
Lower Ebbw and Sirhowy Valleys	10.4%	0%
Greater Blackwood	32.7%	54.4%
Heads of the Valleys	11.2%	11.6%

How to View the Plan and Make Comments

We would welcome your views on the Preferred Strategy.

For further information
and to make comment online,
please visit



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<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/pre-deposit-public-consultation>

Comments will need to be submitted in writing and be received by the Strategic Planning team by midnight on **Wednesday 26th February 2025**. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

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