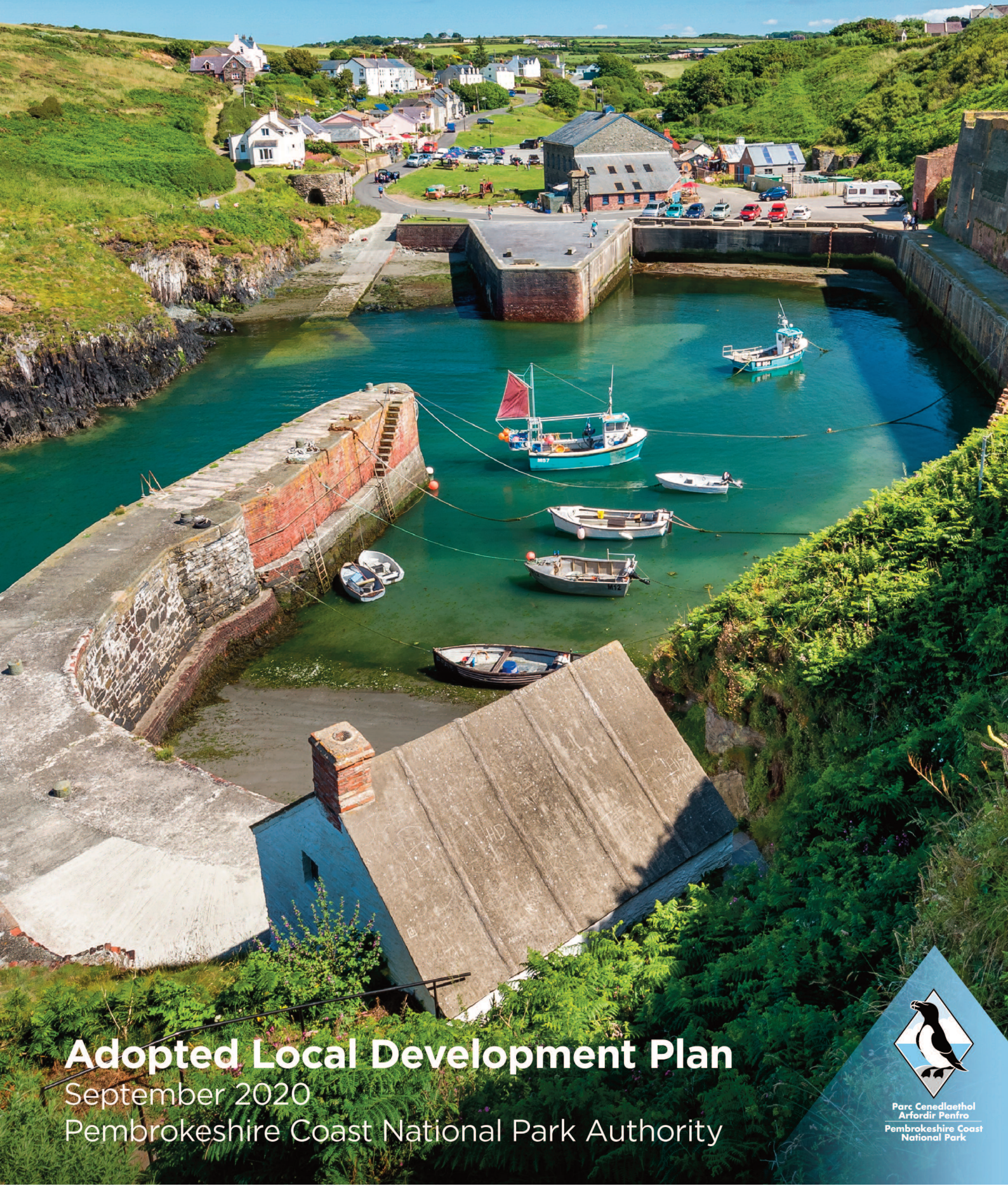


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Policy 3	Newport Local Centre (Tier 2) (Strategy Policy)
Policy 4	Saundersfoot Local Centre (Tier 2) (Strategy Policy)
Policy 5	St Davids Local Centre (Tier 2) (Strategy Policy)
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Policy 23	Borrow Pits
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Policy 33	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Energy
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Policy 36	Relocation of existing permanent dwellings affected by coastal change
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Policy Number	Policy Title
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# **1. Introduction**

## **What is a Local Development Plan?**

- 1.1 The Plan includes the long term vision for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and the objectives and land use policies needed to deliver that vision. It includes a key diagram, area wide and area specific policies and allocations (sites for development and restraint). The Plan also includes a Proposals Map illustrating each of the Plan's policies and proposals with a spatial component.
- 1.2 This document outlines:
  - a) Where we are now
  - b) Where we want to be by 2031
  - c) How we can get there
- 1.3 Details of all stages of Local Development Plan preparation can be found in the Authority's Delivery Agreement.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.4 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 provides the framework for Local Development Plans in Wales.
- 1.5 The Plan should be seen and read as a whole. Often there will be more than one policy relevant to a proposed development, and all policies will be taken into consideration. In order to make the Plan simple to follow and easily understood policies have been expressed as directly as possible. Issues such as landscape, amenity, access, and design will arise with practically all applications for development, and separate policies are included on each of these aspects.

## **National Planning Policy**

- 1.6 In producing the replacement Local Development Plan the National Park Authority has had regard to national planning policies.<sup>2</sup> In accordance with guidance contained in national planning policy Local Development Plan's should have regard to national planning policies but not repeat them. The Local Development Plan should therefore be considered in conjunction with the Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 which identifies those areas where clear statements of national development control policy should not need to be repeated in Local Development Plans. It should be

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<sup>1</sup> Pembrokeshire Coast National Park - Delivery Agreement Local Development Plan 2

<sup>2</sup> Includes Planning Policy Wales, Circulars and Technical Advice Notes.



noted therefore that the Local Development Plan only provides the policy framework for issues of a locally distinct nature. Development proposals that do not present specific locally distinct issues will be assessed in accordance with the requirements of national planning policy.

## **Wales Spatial Plan**

- 1.7 This splits Wales into six sub-regions with the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park located within the Pembrokeshire – The Haven area. Its vision for the Pembrokeshire – The Haven area, ‘A network of strong communities supported by a robust, sustainable, diverse high value-adding economy underpinned by the Area’s unique environment, maritime access and internationally important energy and tourism opportunities.’
- 1.8 The Spatial Plan outlines a number of key priorities for the Pembrokeshire The Haven including, in summary, the needs to:
- overcome the Area’s peripherality by improving strategic transport links and economic infrastructure;
  - develop a more diverse, entrepreneurial knowledge-based economy; increase higher value-adding economic activities, particularly in the rural economy, by developing an all year, high quality tourism and leisure sector;
  - develop the Area’s three strategic hubs (Haverfordwest, Milford Haven and Neyland and Pembroke and Pembroke Dock) which are seen as critical to the renewal of town centres, the development of complementary settlement roles within and between hubs, strengthening community, economic and social outreach and spreading benefit and growth to the wider hinterlands and smaller rural communities;
  - raise skill levels through effective partnership working and tailoring learning;
  - sustain and strengthening communities by taking focused action to address both rural and urban deprivation and economic inactivity and to ensure housing provision appropriate to all; and
  - protect and enhance the Area’s important environmental assets, maximising their potential through exemplary sustainable development.
- 1.9 In terms of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, the Spatial Plan sees the designation as a key asset, not only in terms of tourism, but more generally as a key element in its attractiveness as a place in which people will choose to live and work. But recognises that the impacts of tourism and Key issues such as meeting demand for affordable housing, the need to protect environmental assets from damage and the demand placed on local services by tourist numbers in the high season need to be addressed.

## **The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Management Plan<sup>3</sup>**

- 1.10 The land use planning dimension of the National Park Management Plan is put into effect through the statutory Local Development Plan for each National Park. The National Park Management Plan is of national importance. National Park Management Plan objectives and policies therefore prevail over regional and local policy as it is delivered in the National Parks. The Guidance adds: “Indeed the imperatives of the National Park purposes should be reflected in these other Plans, including the Local Development Plan”.<sup>4</sup>

## **Evidence Gathering<sup>5</sup>**

- 1.11 The wider policy context has been reviewed, for example national policy. Regional work as far as it has been developed was also considered. Primary research has also been reviewed and updated, for example, affordable housing viability, the original retail study and the original survey of towns and villages for facilities available. The Sustainability Appraisal has also been a significant contributor to the baseline information.

## **Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015**

- 1.12 The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 concerns the embedding of the principle of sustainable development into all of the work carried out by public bodies and places a requirement on all public bodies to set out how they will progress the 7 well-being goals set out in the Act. As overarching sustainable development framework for Wales it is essential that sustainability appraisal of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority’s replacement Local Development Plan has full regard for the Act and its goals. The Local Development Plan Manual Edition 2 also considers that a sound Local Development Plan must have regard for the Well-being goals of the Act. This is done through the Sustainability Appraisal of the replacement Local Development Plan and the Equalities Impact Assessment.
- 1.13 The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report has examined the compatibility and coverage between the Sustainability Appraisal Objectives and the 7 well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. The Sustainability Appraisal Objectives are largely compatible with the Well-being goals, with the majority of the goals being contributed to by at least seven of the Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

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<sup>3</sup> Pembrokeshire Coast National Park - National Park Management Plan 2015 to 2019

<sup>4</sup> National Park Management Plans Guidance, 2007 Countryside Council for Wales & Welsh Assembly Government paragraph 4.45, page 26.

<sup>5</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

The exception is “A more equal Wales”, which has very minimal coverage within the Sustainability Appraisal criteria. The Plan’s Equalities Impact Assessment will ensure that this well-being goal is more effectively considered during the Local Development Plan revision (see below).

- 1.14 The Vision and Objectives Background Paper gives an appraisal of the Local Development Plan vision and objectives against the Well-being goals. Overall, they show a positive complementarity across all the goals. The Local Development Plan objectives particularly support ‘A prosperous Wales’, ‘A resilient Wales’, ‘A Wales of vibrant communities’ and ‘A globally-responsible Wales’.
- 1.15 Local Development Plan 2 has been tested in the Vision and Objectives Background Paper to ensure that the Plan fits with the Pembrokeshire Wellbeing Plan.

## **Engagement**

- 1.16 Local Development Plan 2 has been developed since June 2016 when the Authority’s Review Report, Delivery Agreement and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report were completed. Liaison included the Authority’s Members and external key stakeholders including Town and Community Councils. The Authority’s Delivery Agreement sets out the approach taken to engagement. A variety of means were used to help with the development of the strategy. Representatives of neighbouring planning authorities have also been met or contacted to discuss the emerging Strategy.

## **Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment**

- 1.17 Sustainability Appraisal has been used to help select the most sustainable policy option from the alternatives examined. This involved assessing the likely performance of policy options against a framework of environmental, social and economic sustainability objectives. These sustainability objectives were arrived at through identifying sustainability issues for the National Park as indicated by national policy and guidance, current knowledge and statistics, and the views of government and non-governmental agencies working in the National Park. The development of these objectives was subject to a public consultation as part of the scoping stage of the Sustainability Appraisal.
- 1.18 The Sustainability Appraisal incorporates a Strategic Environmental Assessment.<sup>6</sup> A shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment has been prepared.

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<sup>6</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

- 1.19 Please note that in limited instances the most sustainable policy option was not the preferred option selected. This happened where the soundness tests showed that a less sustainable policy option was necessary to meet the soundness tests.<sup>7</sup>

## **Equalities Impact Assessment**

- 1.20 In the formative stages of our policies, procedure, practice or guidelines, the Authority needs to take into account what impact its decisions will have on people who are protected under the Equality Act 2010 (people who share a protected characteristic of age, disability, gender (sex), gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation). This work is being taken forward as part of the Sustainability Appraisal on the Local Development Plan and by preparing an Equalities Impact Assessment.

## **Tests of Soundness**

- 1.21 In order to be adopted, a Local Development Plan must be determined 'sound' by the examination Inspector (S64 of the 2004 Act). Tests of soundness tests and checks are identified in the Local Development Plan Manual Edition 2 August 2015 (ch8). Background Paper Alternative Options & Appraisal provides a commentary on the tests of soundness (and the sustainability appraisal summary) for each policy of the Plan.

## **Candidate Sites**

- 1.22 Externally, developers and agents and organisations submitted sites for consideration. These were assessed as to their suitability for development using the Candidate Site Assessment Methodology Background Paper. Those considered to accord with the Preferred Strategy and those which did not were listed in the Register. The Preferred Strategy consultation and the Deposit Plan consultation provided additional opportunities to consider sites.

## **Key Diagram, Proposals Map & Constraints Map**

- 1.23 The Key Diagram is included to illustrate the Plan's spatial strategy.
- 1.24 The Proposals Map is on an Ordnance Survey base: illustrating each of the Plan's policies and proposals with a spatial component; showing allocated sites, Centre boundaries and safeguarding areas, etc.; defining areas to which specified development management policies will be applied. Where spatial delineations are determined by other mechanisms they are not shown on the Proposals Map - a Constraints Map is used to show these delineations.
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<sup>7</sup> Please see Background Paper 'Alternative Options & Appraisal'



1.25 The Constraints Map shows, for example, spatial delineations determined by mechanisms other than the Local Development Plan (e.g. by TAN15 Development Advice Maps); this is considered beneficial in that the map can be amended readily to take account of changes that are not determined by the Local Development Plan. A Constraints Map, unlike the Proposals Map, is not a statutory requirement and is not part of the Local Development Plan.<sup>8</sup>

1.26 The designations which are shown on the Constraints Map are:

<b>Table 1 Designations on the Constraints Map</b>	
a)	Scheduled Monuments
b)	Historic Landscape Areas
c)	Historic Parks and Gardens
d)	Conservation Areas
e)	Special Areas of Conservation
f)	Special Protection Areas
g)	Sites of Special Scientific Interest
h)	National Nature Reserves
i)	Marine Conservation Zones
j)	Coal High Risk Areas
k)	Technical Advice Note 15 Flood Extents
l)	Hazard Zones

1.27 The designations that are shown on the Proposals Map are:

<b>Table 2 Designations on the Proposals Map</b>	
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Paragraph 4.88	Neighbouring Planning Authority
Appendix 1	Land with planning permission as at April 2017 (threshold applied)
Policy 12	Local Nature Reserve
Policy 13	Welsh Language Sensitive Area
Policy 15	Open Space
Policy 16	Green Wedge
Policy 18	Harbour Areas
Policy 21	Minerals Safeguarding Zones
Policy 22	Mineral Buffer Zones
Policy 26	Inactive Minerals Site
Policy 35 Policy 36 Policy 37	Coastal Change Management Areas
Policy 47	Housing Allocations
Policy 56 and Policy 57	Retail Centre
Policy 57	Primary Frontage

<sup>8</sup> See Review Report June 2016 paragraph 100.

## **2. Where we are now - National Park Portrait**

- 2.1 A review has been carried out for the first Local Development Plan. This has been updated with regard to:
- a) identifying the Park's key attributes
  - b) identifying key messages in relevant Acts, Plans and Strategies for the National Park
  - c) showing what is going well for the National Park Local Development Plan adopted in 2010 and what key matters need addressing<sup>9</sup>
  - d) showing what matters the Authority as well as various stakeholders consider to be of significance
  - e) explaining the Park's role in the wider regional and national context.
- 2.2 The preparatory work can be found on the Authority's website.
- 2.3 What have been retained through the above analysis are six key priority issues that need to be addressed by this Local Development Plan. These issues must be addressed within a context of needing to achieve National Park purposes which are:
- a) 'to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the National Parks.'<sup>10 11</sup>
  - b) 'to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities [of the Parks] by the public.'<sup>12</sup>
- 2.4 These are underpinned by the Sandford Principle which asserts the primacy of the first purpose over the second in cases of irreconcilable conflict.<sup>13</sup> Reflecting that National Parks are living landscapes with a resident population, the Authority also has a duty in taking forward the Park purposes to: 'foster the economic and social well-being of local communities, within the National Park....' This duty should be fulfilled in the pursuit of National Park purposes.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> See Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Local Development Plan Review Report Adopted June 2016

<sup>10</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>11</sup> Section 61 of the Environment Act 1995

<sup>12</sup> Section 61 of the Environment Act 1995

<sup>13</sup> Section 62 of the Environment Act 1995

<sup>14</sup> Section 62 of the Environment Act 1995

## **Key issues to address**

### **National Park Purposes**

- Ensuring that government planning policy which is unique to National Parks is appropriately applied.

### **A. Special qualities**

- How can the National Park's special qualities be protected for future generations? Can opportunities be taken to enhance those special qualities with new development?

### **B. Major development, the potential for growth**

- In trying to meet the needs of local communities, how to make rational choices or decide on priorities where the need for land for development is greater than supply of suitable land. The Park is unable to accommodate all demands.<sup>15</sup>
- Given the shape and nature of the National Park it is important to recognise that it is highly dependent on the strategies of Pembrokeshire and of the wider West Wales area, in particular spatial strategies.

### **C. Climate change, sustainable design, renewable energy, flooding**

- More has to be done to address factors contributing to climate change, and to manage and adapt to the effects of climate change.

### **D. Visitor economy, employment and rural diversification**

- How to find an approach to development in the countryside which helps sustain and diversify rural communities yet guards against unsustainable development in countryside locations.
- How in land use planning terms can the National Park tackle seasonality in the visitor economy?
- The visitor economy does over-dominate in certain locations in the Park and this needs proactive management.
- How to maintain and enhance the visitor economy.

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<sup>15</sup> The ability of the National Park landscape to absorb development for this Plan period is tested using the methodology set out in the Candidate Site Methodology Background Paper.

## **E. Affordable housing and housing growth<sup>16</sup>**

- How to tackle affordable housing need in the Park<sup>17</sup>.

## **F. Community facilities**

- How to continue to protect and enhance our range of community facilities in the National Park which are highly valued and needed facilities many of which are in locations remote from larger centres.
- How to ensure the existing town, district and smaller shopping centres of the Park which serve local need and the needs of visitors remain attractive, diverse and viable.
- How to improve accessibility to and within the National Park whilst recognising the need to reduce the impact of motorised traffic and travel on the environment<sup>18</sup>.

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<sup>16</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>17</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>18</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms



### **3. Where we want to be – Vision and Objectives**

#### **Vision**

3.1 The vision for the National Park below describes the land use elements of the National Park Management Plan Vision<sup>19</sup>. It:

- has a 15 year horizon
- is particular to this National Park
- takes account of the Welsh Government's agenda and policy and regional, partner and neighbouring authorities' strategies and plans.
- reflects national and international trends
- captures the essence of what people have told us in surveys <sup>20</sup>

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- 3.2 Development continues to respect and where possible enhance the special qualities. This means that the Park's population will not be able to increase significantly. The limited opportunities for development that can be made available are wherever possible made available for development that contributes most to sustaining local communities where compatible with the statutory National Park purposes.
- 3.3 Tenby, Newport, Saundersfoot, St Davids and many of the National Park's more rural communities have accommodated additional growth in housing in order to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing for the communities of the National Park. Employment development has been focussed at the Plan's centres. The National Park countryside continues to be the setting for many diverse interests and activities including farm diversification schemes and the conversion of buildings to various uses along with some limited housing opportunities.

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<sup>19</sup>National Park Management Plans are of national importance. National Park Management Plan objectives and policies therefore prevail over regional and local policy as it is delivered in National Parks. Indeed the imperatives of National Park purposes should be reflected in these other Plans, including the Local Development Plan – paragraph 4.45, page 26, National Park Management Plans Guidance 2007, Welsh Assembly Government and the Countryside Council for Wales, 2007.

<sup>20</sup> See Background Paper 'Vision and Objectives' and the Community Consultation Background Paper.

- 3.4 New development has been predominantly directed to communities with sufficient services and amenities and linked by a convenient, low-impact and affordable public transport network. Significantly improved cycle, footway and public rights of way networks provide a clean and easily accessible means of transport for our communities as well as support for increased recreational activity.
- 3.5 In common with the rest of the United Kingdom, the Park has been adapting to the changing climate. Development is more sustainable in design. There is, in new development, a distinctive but subtle vernacular building style that combines the best of the old with the best of the new. Renewable energy generation schemes are more popular. Development has been directed away from areas that are or will be prone to inundate or flood.
- 3.6 The Park benefits from being an unbeatable socially inclusive year-round visitor destination concentrating on its strengths: low impact marine and coastal recreation, access to wildlife-rich countryside, and peace and quiet.

## **Objectives**

- 3.7 The objectives below set out how the Vision will be achieved to tackle the priority issues identified in Chapter 2. They derive from the National Park Management Plan and are refined to relate to land use planning matters and to identify what will be the key outcomes the Authority anticipates will be achieved during the life of the Local Development Plan. The strategy and policies of the Plan and the Monitoring section of the Local Development Plan provide more information on what is expected.
- 3.8 These objectives are set within a context of needing to achieve National Park purposes (see paragraph 2.3 and 2.4).

## **A. Special Qualities**

### Historic Environment<sup>21</sup>

- To conserve, enhance and promote the historic environment of the National Park, its archaeological resource, historic buildings and landscapes, parks and gardens (Policy 8).

### Biodiversity and Geodiversity

- To conserve and enhance appropriate habitats and species within the National Park and where appropriate to protect and promote the geological resource (Policy 8, Policy 10, Policy 11, Policy 12).

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<sup>21</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

## Landscape and Seascape

- To conserve and enhance the special landscape and seascape character of the National Park (Policy 8 and Policy 14).

## Welsh Language and Culture

- To conserve and enhance the cultural richness of the National Park (Policy 8 and Policy 13).

## Key outcomes

- (1) The special qualities of the National Park have been conserved and enhanced.

## **B. Major development, the potential for growth**

### Scale and Location of Growth

- To promote a spatial strategy that minimises the need to travel. (Policy 2, Policy 3, Policy 4, Policy 5, Policy 6, Policy 7) When releasing the scarce land supply or considering the reuse of buildings in the National Park prioritise their use or reuse for development which contributes most to sustaining local communities (Policy 38, Policy 43, Policy 46, Policy 48 and Policy 54).

### Minerals

- No new mineral workings or extensions to existing mineral workings will be allowed within the National Park other than in exceptional circumstances (Policy 21 to Policy 25)<sup>22</sup>.

### Waste

- To provide local waste facilities for National Park waste or secure facilities outside the National Park to deal with this waste (Policy 27 and Policy 28).

### Ministry of Defence

- No intensification of use or extension of Ministry of Defence sites will be allowed save in exceptional circumstances.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.14.35

## Key outcomes

- (2) Development takes place in accord with the strategy of the Local Development Plan.
- (3) Development permitted helps to sustain local communities
- (4) No new major development in the National Park unless there are exceptional circumstances.<sup>24</sup>
- (5) The provision of waste facilities which predominantly serve the National Park area<sup>25</sup>

### **C. Climate change, sustainable design, renewable energy, flooding**

#### Pollution, Unstable Land and Contamination

- To minimise the creation of new sources of pollution and contamination and to address issues relating to the instability of land within the National Park. (Policy 8 and Policy 9)<sup>26</sup>

#### Renewable Energy

- To improve energy conservation and efficiency and to contribute to national targets for renewable energy. (Policy 33)

#### Soil, Air and Water Quality

- To safeguard and enhance the soil, air and water quality of the National Park.(Policy 8)<sup>27 28</sup>

#### Sustainable Design

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<sup>23</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10 , Welsh Government, December 2018 paragraph 6.3.10

<sup>24</sup> See Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10 December 2018, paragraph 6.3.10 and 5.14. 35; Minerals Technical Advice Note 1: Aggregates 2004, paragraph 52; Mineral Technical Advice Note (MTAN) Wales 2: Coal, paragraphs 74 to 79, page 159,

<sup>25</sup> Technical Advice Note 21: Waste - Areas of Search Maps for sub regional waste facilities excludes National Parks

<sup>26</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, Welsh Government, Chapter 6.

<sup>27</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, Welsh Government, Chapter 6.

<sup>28</sup> Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC).



- The design of all development in the National Park reflects its special landscape and townscape qualities and local distinctiveness, meets the highest standards for resource use including minimising waste, and takes account of the impact of a changing climate (Policy 9, Policy 29, Policy 30, Policy 31, and Policy 32).

#### Coastal Management

- To avoid development of undeveloped stretches of the coast at risk from flooding and/or erosion and to allow for any necessary adaptation by taking account of known and predicted climate change impacts on the coast (Policy 8, Policy 17, Policy 18, Policy 33, Policy 34, Policy 35, Policy 36 and Policy 37).

#### Flooding

- To ensure vulnerable development does not take place in locations where it may be at risk from flooding or where it would increase the risk of flooding in another location. (Policy 34)

### Key outcomes

- (6) Development achieving high standards in terms of sustainable design with all new dwellings meeting the standards set out in national planning policy.
- (7) The National Park contributing to renewable energy generation.<sup>29</sup>
- (8) No highly vulnerable development in areas at risk of flooding both now and in the long term and with no negative impacts elsewhere<sup>30</sup>.

### **D. Visitor economy, employment and rural diversification**

#### Employment

- Help to create and maintain a diverse, viable and sustainable local economy benefiting all sections of the community. (Policy 43, Policy 44 and Policy 45)

#### Enjoyment

- To attract a sustainable number of people at all times of the year to enjoy the special qualities of the National Park. (Policy 38)

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<sup>29</sup> Please see Chapter '5. Monitoring'. Likely contributions are taken from the Renewable Energy Assessment (January 2016) Background Paper

<sup>30</sup> 'Vulnerable developments' are defined in the Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood Risk on flooding, please see Figure 2 page 7

## Key outcomes

- (9) The National Park contributes to the provision of new employment and existing sites are safeguarded.
- (10) A range of holiday accommodation is available to meet the varying needs of visitors
- (11) Recreational and visitor activities do not damage the special qualities of the National Park

## **E. Affordable housing and housing growth**

### Housing

- To provide for housing to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing needs without compromising National Park purposes (Policy 46, Policy 47, Policy 48, Policy 51 and Policy 52).

## Key outcomes

- (12) An estimated 960 new dwellings are delivered of which an estimated 362 are affordable.
- (13) A higher density of development is achieved – a minimum of 30 dwellings to the hectare.

## **F. Community facilities**

### Community Facilities

- To encourage the retention and provision of a network of community facilities which reflect the needs of both National Park residents and visitors (Policy 54).

### Retail

- To maintain a vital and viable retail sector at an appropriate scale and at appropriate locations throughout the National Park (Policy 56 and Policy 57).

### Transport

- To improve and promote accessibility by appropriate means and at appropriate times for the people who live, work, rest and play in the National Park whilst reducing the need to travel by private car (Policy 2, Policy 3, Policy 4, Policy 5, Policy 6, Policy 7, Policy 59, Policy 60 and Policy 61)<sup>31</sup>.

### Utilities

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<sup>31</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

- To ensure adequate provision of utilities for local communities and that this provision is compatible with the National Park designation and protection of its resources<sup>32</sup>. (Policy 54, Policy 62 and Policy 63)

## Key outcomes

- (14) Existing community facilities are safeguarded and provision enhanced.
- (15) The National Park retail centres are vibrant and diverse.
- (16) Proposals that could have potentially caused significant concerns regarding traffic have been successfully discouraged through pre-application discussions.

A background paper entitled 'Vision and Objectives' sets out how the objectives above relate to the vision.

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<sup>32</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

## 4. How we get there – Local Development Plan strategy and policies

### Translating the vision and objectives into a Local Development Plan strategy and policies

- 4.1 The previous chapter set out a vision of ‘where we want to be’ and suggested some of the key outcomes which we will be looking to achieve in the Local Development Plan Period – by 2031. The purpose of this chapter is to address the question ‘how do we get there’ by setting out the spatial strategy and policies needed to realise the Local Development Plan’s vision and objectives.
- 4.2 The over-arching strategy of the Plan seeks to address the six priority issues identified in Chapter 2 and set out a policy framework to achieve the land use aspects of the vision and the objectives for the area as set out in Chapter 3. Outlined below is a list of the six priority areas and the strategy and policy responses that are necessary to address these issues.

<b>Table 3 Priority Areas and Strategy and Policy Response</b>
<b>Priority A - Special qualities</b>
<p>The strategy and key policies will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that the special qualities of the Plan are conserved and enhanced. (Coastal splendour; Richness of habitats and biodiversity; Diverse geology; Islands; Diversity of landscape; Accessibility; Distinctive settlement character; Space to breathe Rich historic environment; Remoteness, tranquillity and wildness; Cultural heritage; The diversity of experiences and combination of individual qualities)</li> <li>provide a framework for protecting those characteristics and features of the National Park which individually or in combination contribute to make this National Park unique.</li> </ul>
<b>Priority B - Major development, the potential for growth</b>
<p>The strategy and key policies will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only allow major development, as defined in national planning policy, including minerals development in exceptional circumstances.</li> <li>allow Waste facilities where they, predominantly, serve the National Park area.</li> <li>other policy areas such as housing and employment are addressed elsewhere in this table.</li> </ul>
<b>Priority C - Climate change, sustainable design, renewable energy, flooding</b>
<p>The strategy and key policies will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that at the end of the Local Development Plan period new development will be more sustainable in design.</li> <li>support the provision of individual and community based renewable energy projects</li> <li>in planning for the future changes in climate, ensure no new development takes place in locations where there is a long-term strategy to allow the sea or river to inundate or flood.</li> <li>recognise the need to adapt to climate change and to deal with the</li> </ul>

<p>consequences of climate change in a more forward-thinking way, not for just the immediate Local Development Plan period. This is particularly important for this coastal National Park under direct threat from sea level rise and climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ acknowledges the life-span of buildings beyond multiple generations of people and seeks to reduce overall risk to individuals, communities, business and the environment.</li> <li>▪ Promote development in locations which supports sustainable transport.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority D: Visitor economy, employment and rural diversification</b></p> <p>The strategy and key policies will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seek to attract an optimal number, origin, type, duration of stay and spend of visitors all year round while ensuring that National Park environment continues to hold its attraction as a landscape of national and international importance. This is best achieved in land use terms by not adding substantively to the overall provision of visitor accommodation, as this could encourage further 'peaking' and cause damage to the National Park landscape and special qualities, both in terms of the impacts of the additional development and increased activity in some 'hot spot' locations.</li> <li>▪ ensure that by the end of the Plan period, a range of quality holiday accommodation, similar to the level and distribution of provision at the beginning of the Local Development Plan period, is retained to suit a range of incomes.</li> <li>▪ permit some additional caravan and camping and visitor attractions.</li> <li>▪ allow small scale provision in the Park to enhance the socio-economic well-being of Park communities and also to help tackle seasonality issues with employment in the area. Large scale proposals are not considered compatible with the National Park designation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority E: Affordable housing and housing growth: How to tackle affordable housing need in the Park.</b></p> <p>The strategy and key policies will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ provide for market housing to help deliver affordable housing. There is a significant need for affordable housing in the National Park and affordable housing need exceeds that which the market housing can provide.</li> <li>▪ Provide a framework for market housing to cross subsidise the provision of affordable housing which will assist in meeting the need. The key determinants for what can be provided have been the: distribution of housing development in accordance of with the Plan's spatial strategy; the deliverability of sites; and the National Park's landscape capacity to absorb additional housing development.</li> <li>▪ prioritise the delivery of affordable housing over other land uses in certain instances.</li> <li>▪ support the development of affordable housing on rural exceptions site.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority F: Community Facilities &amp; Retail</b></p> <p>The strategy and key policies will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ensure that Tenby, Saundersfoot, St Davids and Newport maintain their position in the retail hierarchy relative to one another and larger centres outside the area. Despite leaking spend to centres outside the Park area they are performing well with the support of resident and visitor spend.</li> <li>▪ encourage the sympathetic regeneration of these Centres so that they can continue to remain attractive places to live and visit; provide a valuable role in meeting the needs of local communities and visitors; and attract niche retail opportunities.</li> <li>▪ ensure that new development does not reduce the existing level and range of</li> </ul>



provision of community facilities available to Park residents and visitors, unless the facility is no longer required or is not commercially viable, and that, additional infrastructure or services required by a proposal are put in place at the appropriate time. With new and extended facilities, they will be encouraged where they are well located to meet the community's needs and convenient to public transport, shops and other services.

- 4.3 The policy framework provided in the remainder of the Plan is grouped under the National Park's six priority issues. Strategy policies are identified by the suffix 'Strategy Policy' and coloured with a yellow background. Supporting policies are coloured with a blue background.

# **National Park Purposes and Duty and the Spatial Strategy**

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## National Park Purposes and Duty

- 4.4 There is one overarching policy in the Plan which deals with National Park purposes and duty.
- 4.5 National Park purposes are set out in the 1995 Environment Act. It could be suggested that inserting a policy is merely restating legislation but the two purposes coupled with the duty are so fundamental to the work of the Park Authority it is important to place them at the centre of the Local Development Plan.
- 4.6 Whilst the National Park is a landscape designation there are instances where strict application of the boundary in making decisions would not be appropriate. Cross boundary issues include wind energy development, seaward developments and transport infrastructure. The Authority will use this policy in considering proposals within its planning jurisdiction and in commenting on proposals outside of the National Park.

<b>Policy 1</b>	<b>National Park Purposes and Duty (Strategy Policy)</b>
	<b>Development within the National Park must be compatible with:</b>
	<b>a) the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Park, and</b>
	<b>b) the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities.<sup>33</sup></b>
	<b>In determining proposals, due regard will be paid to the need to foster the economic and social well-being of the local communities within the Park provided this is compatible with the statutory National Park purposes embodied in the foregoing considerations.</b>

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<sup>33</sup> These purposes are underpinned by the Sandford Principle which asserts the primacy of the first purpose over the second in cases of obvious conflict.

## **The Plan's Strategy**

- 4.7 The strategy for Local Development Plan 2 builds on the strategy for the previous Local Development Plan which provided a 'rural strategy' which sought to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park whilst having regard to the need to foster the economic and social wellbeing of the communities. The Local Development Plan 2 strategy is supported by the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal; and is compatible with the Wales Spatial Plan and neighbouring plans. Whilst the Wales Spatial Strategy remains an important consideration, it is clear that the needs/requirements of the National Park have evolved and, as a consequence, the strategy in Local Development Plan 2 has evolved and needs to explain how these changes will be addressed over the new plan period. The over-arching strategy of the replacement Plan will therefore combine the need for environmental protection with a balanced and sustainable approach to the delivery and distribution of new development.
- 4.8 An essential element of the strategy is to ensure that the special qualities of the Plan area are conserved and enhanced. This relates particularly to the Park's: coastal splendour; richness of habitats and biodiversity; diverse geology; Islands; diversity of landscape; accessibility; distinctive settlement character; space to breathe; the rich historic environment; remoteness, tranquillity and wildness; cultural heritage; diversity of experiences; and the combination of individual qualities. The combination of Policies 1 and 8, along with the supporting policies, provides the framework for protecting those characteristics and features of the Park which individually or in combination contribute to make this National Park unique. In addition, the Plan's strategy recognises the importance of seeking to manage and mitigate the effects of climate change in the National Park through: promoting sustainable design; reducing the need to travel Policy; supporting individual and community based renewable and low carbon energy projects; restricting new development in locations where there is a long-term strategy to allow the sea or river to inundate or flood.
- 4.9 The growth element of the Plan's Strategy is based on an assessment of a number of factors including: evidence of need, key issues and considerations, the national, regional and local policy context. The evidence on needs within the Park informs a strategy that will, in order to enable the delivery of affordable housing, be market housing led. The Plan will provide for dwelling requirement figure of 960 which, subject to viability, would result in the provision of 362 new affordable homes. The provision of affordable housing will be supported by policies which prioritised provision in the reuse of redundant community / employment buildings and agricultural buildings and through the development of rural exceptions sites.
- 4.10 To enhance the economic well-being of the National Park the strategy will provide a policy framework which supports the visitor economy and the employment sector. The policy approach for the visitor economy will be to attract an optimal number of tourists all year round while ensuring that National Park environment continues to hold its attraction as a landscape of national and international importance. This will be achieved by carefully managing the provision of new and existing tourism accommodation and

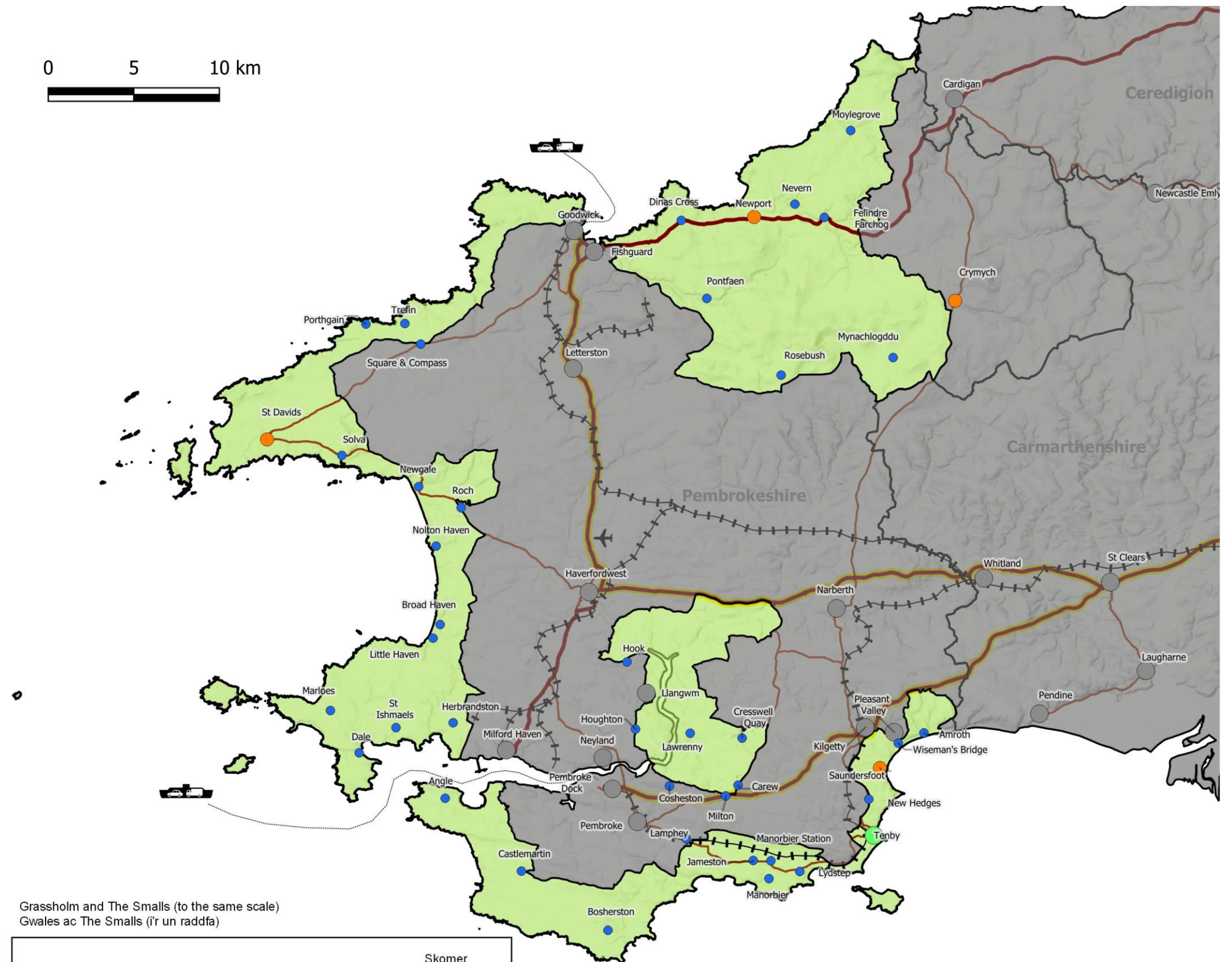
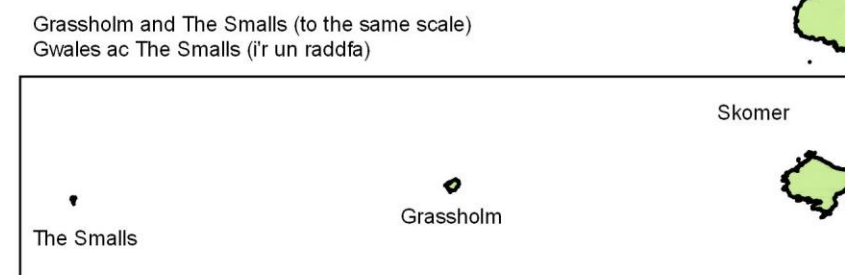
facilities in the Park. In terms of employment, the Plan makes no specific allocation for the provision of new land for class B1, B2 or B8 use but provides a framework which seeks to manage existing employment uses and allows for the provision of new small-scale provision. This approach will assist in meeting need and enhance the socio-economic well-being of Park communities.

- 4.11 The growth strategy will seek to ensure that Tenby, Saundersfoot, St Davids and Newport maintain their position, relative to one another and larger centres outside the area. To achieve this provision will be made for 1270 sq. metres of new retail floorspace which will be delivered through the reuse of existing retail units and support given for the sympathetic regeneration of these Centres so that they can continue to remain attractive places to live and visit, provide a valuable role in meeting the needs of local communities and visitors and attract niche retail opportunities.
- 4.12 Major development such as minerals extraction and waste facilities will only be permitted in the Park in exceptional circumstances or, in the case of waste management, where it can be demonstrated that they will, predominantly serve the needs of the National Park's communities.
- 4.13 Having identified the main development needs of the area over the Plan period, the will, through the spatial element of the strategy, guide and distribute development to sustainable locations whilst conserving and enhancing the special qualities of the National Park. The settlement hierarchy is based on that contained in the Wales Spatial Plan and has been adjusted to take account of local circumstances:
- 4.14 The Plan's settlement hierarchy comprises:
- Tier 1 –Service and Tourism Centres, which provides services to the wider hinterland and services an employment and tourism function;
  - Tier 2 – Local Centres, are principally local centres with some being significant tourism centres;
  - Tier 3 – Rural Centres, include many of the smaller settlements in the plan area and offer only limited opportunities for growth and
  - Tier 4 – The Countryside, where development will be strictly controlled.
- 4.15 New housing provision is focussed in the higher tiers particularly in terms of allocations. Centre boundaries are used to define the extent of the developable area of settlements, the exception to this is where policies specify where edge of Centre sites are acceptable in principle and where the dispersed pattern of identified Centres has rendered it impractical to define a boundary.
- 4.16 The key diagram illustrates the Local Development Plan strategy and shows the spatial relationship between Tier 1, 2 and 3 Centres, the main transportation network and authorities adjoining the National Park.



### Key Diagram / Diagram Allweddol

-  Settlements outside the National Park/  
Aneddiadau y tu allan i'r Parc Cenedlaethol
-  Service & Tourism Centre/  
Canolfan Wasanaeth a Thwristiaeth
-  Local Centre/  
Canolfan Leol
-  Rural Centre/ Canolfan Gwledig
-  A Road / Ffyrdd 'A'
-  Trunk Road / Rhydwaith o Brif Ffyrdd
-  Trans-European Road Network /  
Rhydwaith o Ffyrdd Traws-Ewropeaidd
-  Railway / Rheilffordd
-  Airfield / Maes Awyr
-  Ferry (Rosslare, Ireland) /  
Fferi (Rosslare, Iwerddon)
-  Neighbouring Planning Authority Area /  
Ardal Awdurdod Cynllunio Cyfagos
-  Pembrokeshire Coast National Park /  
Parc Cenedlaethol Arfordir Penfro







## Tenby Service and Tourism Centre

- 4.17     **Background:** Tenby is identified as a service and tourism centre.
- 4.18     Tenby is superbly located on a peninsula of the south Pembrokeshire coast. Tenby has an estimated resident population of 4,517.<sup>34</sup> Tenby has a special identity in the Park as the only historic walled town and resort, with stunning cliff-top views over fine popular beaches. Tenby's special character includes important medieval, Georgian and Victorian architecture, the almost complete Town walls, a Conservation Area and 350 listed buildings. It has a picturesque working harbour with a constant bustle which visitors often spend time just watching the life of the harbour. Tenby's crescent harbour is an iconic Welsh image much used to popularise Wales and its coast. It hosts a wide variety of community facilities catering for all ages and tastes and it has a good bus service, a railway station and is located on the National Cycle Network. Tenby town centre is the leading retail centre of the Park but a lower order retail centre relative to other retail centres within the region including Carmarthen and Haverfordwest. Tenby serves residents, visitors and businesses and a rural hinterland which includes areas outside of the National Park. Tenby's visitor experience has been improved with peak season pedestrianisation of the Walled Town and Tenby has become an international centre for major triathlon-style sporting events.
- 4.19     **Issues for Tenby:** Tenby has suffered some decline in tourism and with a historically buoyant property market this has led to the loss of hotel accommodation. Since the introduction of a policy of protection in earlier Plans unnecessary loss has been averted. Protecting against further loss, where unjustified, remains however an important consideration. Tenby continues to be a significant visitor centre. There has been limited development of affordable housing, and the number of dwellings that are either second homes or holiday accommodation continue to be a concern. There are a number of traffic management issues giving concern,

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<sup>34</sup> See Scale and Location of Growth Background Paper for more information on how this figure was calculated.

particularly congestion during the summer months.<sup>35</sup> There are amenity concerns about take-away and late night opening in Tenby Town Centre. There is a lack of all year round employment opportunities. Tenby has a regular rail service. There is a need to help Tenby's community prepare for and adapt to coastal change brought about as a result of climate change and sea-level rise, but this should not impair Tenby's potential to act as a Service and Tourism Centre.

- 4.20 **Tenby by 2031:** Tenby at the end of the Local Development Plan period is a quality tourism destination with a range of quality accommodation. Key buildings and sites in the area continue to be redeveloped to help regenerate the Centre. The harbour is protected and enhanced with linkages to Caldey Island. The Walls, historic buildings, panoramic views, beaches and ecosystems are conserved to maintain the special character of the town. Traffic is well managed and complements Tenby's role as a Service and Tourism Centre. Opportunities for cycling and walking within the town have been greatly enhanced by Active Travel route improvements along with links to neighbouring settlements. The town centre is still the leading retail centre in the Park. New housing developed in the town contains a substantial element of affordable housing.

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<sup>35</sup> There is a permanent Traffic Regulation Order in place for the seasonal pedestrianisation scheme within Tenby Town Walls. Traffic exclusion operates during the main summer holiday season.

**Policy 2****Tenby Service and Tourism Centre  
(TIER 1) (Strategy Policy)**

**Tenby is designated a ‘Service and Tourism Centre’ where the land use priorities will be:**

- a) to provide for and or permit housing to facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing needs of the local area (see Policy 46, Policy 47, Policy 48 and Policy 50).**
- b) to permit proposals for small scale employment development to meet the needs of the local area (see Policy 43).**
- c) to protect and enhance the town’s facilities and shopping centre which serve the needs of the local area and visitors (see Policy 38, Policy 54, Policy 56 and Policy 57).**
- d) to protect and enhance the harbour area (see Policy 18).**
- e) to ensure developments permitted contribute to the protection and enhancement of the town’s special qualities (see Policy 8).**
- f) to deliver improved traffic management in the town (see Policy 59).**
- g) to assist Tenby in preparing for and adapting to coastal change (see Policy 34, Policy 35, Policy 36, Policy 37).**

**Newport – Local Centre**

- 4.21 **Background:** Newport with an estimated population of 860 residents nestles in an outstanding landscape setting on gentle slopes between the foot of Carn Ingli and the quiet Afon Nyfer Estuary, which is itself protected from the open sea by the sand dunes and bars of Newport Sands<sup>36 37</sup>. The panoramic view of the

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<sup>36</sup> See Scale and Location of Growth Background Paper for more information on how this figure was calculated.

<sup>37</sup> designated as a Landscape of Special Historic Interest in Wales

town and the Parrog (once the busiest harbour in north Pembrokeshire) from Newport Sands illustrates this perfectly as one of the best known and loved in the National Park. Visitors to Newport swell its population during the holidays.

- 4.22 Newport has a good range of facilities serving the town and the hinterland, and is classified as a 'district shopping centre' by Policy 56. It has a distinctive culture with a significant number of Welsh speakers leading to a strong sense of community. There are two Conservation Areas designated in recognition of Newport's distinctive character. It has a magical quality and the natural environment and peacefulness of the area are highly valued. It has a small employment park and business centre. Newport has a bus service during the week but this does not satisfy the community's evening and Sunday requirements. It is located on the National Cycle Network.
- 4.23 **Issues for Newport:** Difficulties for Newport include high house prices and a shortage of land for developing affordable housing. A high number of holiday and second homes is of concern as is an ageing population. The use of the Welsh language is declining. A general upgrading of community facilities is also considered necessary as is the developing of Newport as an attraction for tourism. Additional employment opportunities would be welcomed. Traffic volumes and turning movements continue to impact on the town despite measures being introduced in the past. Further improvements to traffic management would be welcomed including improvements to pedestrian safety and parking. There is a need to help Newport's community prepare for and adapt to coastal change brought about as a result of climate change and sea-level rise, but it should not impair Newport's potential to act as a Local Centre.
- 4.24 **Newport by 2031:** The future for Newport by the end of the Local Development Plan period will see it having had new housing developed in the town including a substantial element of affordable housing. Community and retail facilities are sufficient to serve the town and rural hinterland. Where feasible, traffic management measures have been introduced. The town's role as an attractive historic local centre has been protected and the town offers a range of holiday accommodation for its visitors.

<b>Policy 3</b>	<b>Newport Local Centre (TIER 2) (Strategy Policy)</b> ★
	<p><b>Newport is designated a ‘Local Centre’ where the land use priorities will be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) to provide for and or permit housing to facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing needs of the local area (see Policy 46, Policy 47, Policy 48 and Policy 50).</b></li> <li><b>b) to permit proposals for small scale employment development to meet the needs of the local area (see Policy 43).</b></li> <li><b>c) to protect and enhance the district shopping centre and community facilities which serve the town and rural hinterland and visitors (see Policy 38, Policy 54, Policy 56 and Policy 57).</b></li> <li><b>d) to ensure developments permitted contribute to the protection and enhancement of the town’s special qualities (see Policy 8).</b></li> <li><b>e) to deliver improved traffic management in the town (see Policy 59).</b></li> <li><b>f) to assist Newport in preparing for and adapting to coastal change (see Policy 34, Policy 35, Policy 36, Policy 37).</b></li> </ul>

### **Saundersfoot – Local Centre**

- 4.25 **Background:** Saundersfoot is a small (estimated population of 2,473) but very popular family resort<sup>38</sup>. The village has substantially grown since the 1950s. Buildings spread over the wooded hill slopes rising either side of the small flat-bottomed valley which bisects the village. The centre of Saundersfoot and the harbour area is designated a Conservation Area. Historically coal was mined in the area, and coal and tin exported. Tourism is now the principal industry, although the harbour at the heart of the village is well used by pleasure craft and a number of small fishing

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<sup>38</sup> See Scale and Location of Growth Background Paper for more information on how this figure was calculated.

boats and retains a bustling workaday character<sup>39</sup>. Funding from the European Union and Tourism Infrastructure Support Scheme has contributed to the long-term viability of the harbour by improving access from the sea and extending coastal tourism activity. It is also the focus for a commercial area containing shops, restaurants and other businesses. Saundersfoot has a very good bus service and 'compact' village amenities. Policy 56 identifies Saundersfoot as a 'district shopping centre'.

- 4.26 **Issues for Saundersfoot:** Issues for Saundersfoot include the need to complete the enhancement of the harbour area, the need to extend the holiday season. There are also amenity concerns about take-away and late night opening in Saundersfoot. Although the rail service is regular, the station is over a mile from the village. Holiday/second homes are of concern and there is a need to provide affordable housing. Generally, access from the north to the south of the village is poor. Saundersfoot village centre may face a potential long-term threat of flooding due to sea level rises and the community will need support from the local authority and other stakeholders to develop a strategy to allow the village to adapt to changes<sup>40</sup>.
- 4.27 **Saundersfoot by 2031:** The future for Saundersfoot by the end of the Local Development Plan period will see it having had new housing developed in the village including a substantial element of affordable housing. Community and retail facilities are sufficient to serve the needs of the local community. Traffic is well managed. Opportunities for cycling and walking within the village have been greatly enhanced by Active Travel route improvements, along with links to neighbouring settlements and outlying services. The village's seaside character has been protected and enhanced, including its harbour, and the hotel and guest house accommodation is sufficient to serve the needs of visitors. The shopping and harbour areas are attractive and inviting.

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<sup>39</sup> 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>40</sup> South Wales Shoreline Management Plan, Policy Unit 16 Dolwen Point to Giltar Point.

**Policy 4      Saundersfoot Local Centre (TIER 2) (Strategy Policy)      ★**

**Saundersfoot is designated a ‘Local Centre’ where the land use priorities will be:**

- a) to provide for and or permit housing to facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing needs of the local area (see Policy 46, Policy 47 Policy 48 and Policy 50).**
- b) to permit proposals for small scale employment opportunities to meet the needs of the local area (see Policy 43).**
- c) to protect and enhance the district shopping centre and community facilities to meet the needs of the local area and visitors (see Policy 38, Policy 54, Policy 56 and Policy 57).**
- d) to ensure developments permitted contribute to the protection and enhancement of the village’s special qualities (see Policy 8).**
- e) to deliver improved traffic management in the village and accessibility to the railway station (see Policy 59)**
- f) to protect and enhance the harbour (see Policy 18).**
- g) to assist Saundersfoot in preparing for and adapting to coastal change (see Policy 34, Policy 35, Policy 36, Policy 37).**

**St Davids – Local Centre**

- 4.28      **Background:** St Davids City enjoys a truly outstanding natural setting on the windswept coastal platform which forms the St Davids Peninsula. The cathedral being the main focus for visits to St Davids dates predominantly from the 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> century.
- 4.29      Today, St Davids and its peninsula forms one of the most important tourism resources in the National Park. The Wales Spatial Plan Framework acknowledges the important role St Davids plays as a tourist destination.

- 4.30 St Davids has an estimated population of 1,309 with a comparable range of facilities to Saundersfoot and Newport<sup>41</sup>. The National Cycle Network also runs through the City.
- 4.31 **Issues for St Davids:** Neighbouring St Justinians and Whitesands Bay area also major tourist attractions which bring visitors to the area and add to the traffic management issues in and around St Davids. The existing Celtic Coaster service plays a part in resolving these issues. Affordable housing provision is necessary and the impact of second and holiday homes is a concern.
- 4.32 **St Davids by 2031:** The future for St Davids by the end of the Local Development Plan period will see it having had new housing developed in the City including an element of affordable housing. Significant cultural investment has taken place with the Cathedral Cloisters project and the Landscape Gallery Oriel y Parc. Community and retail facilities are sufficient to serve the needs of the local community. Traffic management measures have mitigated the adverse impacts of through traffic and traffic movements within the City and have addressed the traffic management issues at St Justinians. The City's role as an attractive historic centre is protected and enhanced and the hotel and guest house accommodation is sufficient to serve the needs of visitors.

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<sup>41</sup> See Scale and Location of Growth Background Paper for more information on how this figure was calculated.



**Policy 5      St Davids Local Centre (TIER 2) (Strategy Policy)      ★**

**St Davids is designated a ‘Local Centre’ where the land use priorities will be:**

- a) to provide for and or permit housing to facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing needs of the local area (see Policy 46, Policy 47, Policy 48 and Policy 50).**
- b) to permit proposals for employment development to meet the needs of the local area (see Policy 43).**
- c) to protect and enhance the district shopping centre and community facilities which serve the City and rural hinterland and visitors (see Policy 38, Policy 54, Policy 56 and Policy 57).**
- d) to ensure developments permitted contribute to the protection and enhancement of the City’s special qualities (see Policy 8).**
- e) to deliver improved traffic management in the City and wider peninsula (see Policy 59).**

**Crymych – Local Centre**

- 4.33      Even though Crymych plays an important role for adjacent National Park communities only a small part of Crymych lies within the National Park. The future role of Crymych will be predominantly defined by opportunities outside the National Park.

**Rural Centres**

- 4.34      **Background:** To help sustain rural communities in the National Park an additional tier of Centres is identified called ‘Rural Centres’, listed below, which have at least 3 facilities normally found in a small village or if fewer than this, at least 1 convenience shop<sup>42</sup>.
- 4.35      **Issues for Rural Centres:** The level of service by public transport, sewerage treatment and water supply varies between
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<sup>42</sup> Letter box, sports ground, primary school, pub, community hall, place of worship, convenience shop, post office – See Background Paper: Scale and Location of Growth Background Paper.

the towns and villages listed in the hierarchy and improvements will be needed.<sup>43</sup> Known areas at risk from flooding include parts of Amroth, Angle, Broad Haven, Dale, Felindre Farchog, Little Haven, Llanychaer, Nevern, Newgale, Pontfaen, Solva and Wiseman's Bridge. There will be a need to help coastal communities prepare for and adapt to coastal change brought about as a result of climate change and sea-level rise.

- 4.36 **Rural Centres by 2031:** The future for Rural Centres is one where some additional development, including affordable housing development, has helped sustain local facilities and the need to travel to larger centres for day to day needs is no longer required. The accessibility of these centres to larger centres in the Park has also improved along with infrastructural services such as water supply and sewage disposal.
- 4.37 In Rural Centres lying predominantly outside the National Park, opportunities for development are more likely to arise in those areas in the County Council's jurisdiction.

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<sup>43</sup> Background Paper: Scale and Location of Growth Background Paper

<b>Policy 6</b>	<b>Rural Centres (TIER 3) (Strategy Policy)</b> <span style="float: right;">★</span> <b>In Rural Centres the land use priorities will be:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) to provide for and or permit housing to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing for the local area in Centres with a Centre Boundary (see Proposals Map and Policy 46, Policy 47, Policy 48 and Policy 50)<sup>44</sup></b></li> <li><b>b) to permit housing through sensitive infilling in of small gaps or minor extensions (i.e. rounding off) in Centres without a Centre boundary (Policy 46, Policy 48 and Policy 50).</b></li> <li><b>c) to permit small scale employment developments(see Policy 43).</b></li> <li><b>d) to protect and enhance the Centre's range of facilities (see Policy 38, Policy 54 and Policy 57).</b></li> <li><b>e) to ensure developments permitted contribute to the protection and enhancement of the special qualities of the Centre (see Policy 8).</b></li> <li><b>f) to ensure development is of a scale that is consistent in scale with the size and character of the Centre.</b></li> <li><b>g) to assist coastal communities in preparing for and adapting to coastal change (see Policy 34, Policy 35, Policy 36, Policy 37).</b></li> </ul>																										
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<sup>44</sup> ☒ Rural Centre without a Centre Boundary shown on the Proposals Map

<b>Lydstep</b>	<b>Trefin</b>
<b>Rural Centres lying partly in the National Park</b>	
<b>Carew*</b>	<b>Milton*</b>
<b>Cosheston*<sup>45</sup></b>	<b>New Hedges</b>
<b>Hook*</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley*</b>
<b>Houghton*</b>	<b>Roch*</b>
<b>Lamphey*</b>	<b>Square and Compass</b>
<b>Llangwm*</b>	<b>Wiseman's Bridge</b>
<b>In those Rural Centres without a centre boundary infill and rounding off will be permitted where there is a physical cohesion of dwellings.</b>	

4.38 Housing development will consist of infill for one or two units of a size compatible with its setting in a small gap in an otherwise continuous, built up frontage. 'Rounding off' which would complete or consolidate the built up perimeter will entail the development of no more than one or two dwellings.

4.39 The terms 'sensitive infilling' and 'rounding off' mean that:

- The plots are comparable in size and scale to those of adjoining properties and should be able to accommodate the number of units proposed. The dwellings are of a similar size, scale and massing to those in the area with amenity and circulation space comparable to adjoining properties.
- Sites must also meet all the other criteria against which a housing development would be judged.

## **Countryside**

4.40 **Background and Issues for the countryside:** In the National Park countryside there is an estimated third of all households in the National Park which are scattered through small villages, hamlets, sporadic dwellings and farms. The National Park countryside is an important contributor to tourism, farming, conservation etc. Issues for the Park include finding the right approach to the amount of development to be permitted, taking account of accessibility issues, the need to sustain local communities and the need to protect the National Park landscape.

4.41 **The National Park countryside by 2031:** At the end of the Local Development Plan period the National Park countryside will continue to be the setting for many diverse interests and activities whilst respecting one of the Park's finest assets. Some limited development has helped contribute to

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<sup>45</sup> \*Lies predominantly within the County Council's planning jurisdiction.

the quality of life for its communities and visitors through farm diversification projects, conversion of buildings, One Planet proposals that contribute to government's sustainability agenda in the area and through appropriate recreational and visitor activities. To sustain communities whilst respecting national planning policy housing development will have been strictly controlled in the countryside with some limited opportunities being allowed at appropriate locations outside the Centres listed earlier in the strategy<sup>46</sup>. Converting buildings that contribute to the character of the countryside to a range of uses has assisted with sustaining communities particularly as the delivery of affordable housing through the development of market housing has been prioritised over self-catering.

- 4.42 Given the significant role and potential impact of farming on the National Park countryside Supplementary Planning Guidance on siting and design of farm buildings will be prepared<sup>47</sup>.

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<sup>46</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 3.56

<sup>47</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<b>Policy 7</b>	<p><b>Countryside (TIER 4) (Strategy Policy)</b> <span style="float: right;">★</span></p> <p><b>Outside the identified Centres is countryside where development must be strictly controlled. The following forms of development will be acceptable in principle:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) a new rural enterprise dwelling is proposed<sup>48</sup></b></li> <li><b>b) farm diversification including farm shops is proposed (see Policy 45).</b></li> <li><b>c) it constitutes the conversion of appropriate buildings to a range of uses with market housing being given priority in residential conversions (see Policy 40). Off-site affordable housing contributions will be sought on market dwellings.</b></li> <li><b>d) A rural enterprise or tourist attractions or recreational activity is proposed where the need to locate in the countryside is essential (see Policy 38 and Policy 43).</b></li> <li><b>e) A new or extended community facility is proposed (see Policy 54).</b></li> <li><b>f) The proposal constitutes One Planet Development.</b></li> <li><b>g) New farm buildings are justified for agricultural purposes.<sup>49</sup></b></li> <li><b>h) Land is released at the edge of a Centre for a small employment site (See Policy 43) or an extension to an established business in the countryside is required or it is a new business aiming to join existing clusters<sup>50 51 52</sup>.</b></li> <li><b>i) There is an exceptional land release adjoining Centres for affordable housing to meet an identified local need (see Policy 49).</b></li> <li><b>j) Assisting coastal communities in preparing for and adapting to coastal change (see Policy 34, Policy 35, Policy 36, Policy 37).</b></li> <li><b>k) There is a need for an exceptional land release to relocate development affected by coastal change (see Policy 36 and Policy 37).</b></li> <li><b>l) There is a need for a Gypsy and Traveller site in a countryside location (see Policy 53).</b></li> <li><b>m) Renewable energy proposals (see Policy 33).</b></li> </ul>
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<sup>48</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraphs 4.2.36 to 4.2.37

<sup>49</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.6.7

<sup>50</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.6.4

- 4.43 **Conversion of buildings in the Countryside:** Policy 7 sets out the uses that will be considered appropriate in the conversion of buildings in the countryside. This would include agricultural buildings, former churches and dwellings where the residential use is now lost. Technical Advice Note 6: Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities July 2010 and Technical Advice Note 23: Economic Development sections 3 set out detailed national planning development control considerations that need to be taken into account. Paragraph 3.2.2 of Technical Advice Note 23, Economic Development February 2014 provides for the option of prioritising employment-related uses in conversions. This Authority has attempted to prioritise employment-related uses under the Joint Unitary Development Plan and found this difficult to operate. Beyond holiday letting there is little demand for employment-related activities.
- 4.44 The policy aims to encourage reuse of buildings for employment and employment related activities (such as farm shops, tourism attractions, serviced accommodation and recreational activities. Employment-related uses could include residential conversion as a subordinate part of a scheme). Residential use would include market housing (full-time residential with no occupancy controls) and self-catering. In residential proposals market housing will be given priority over self-catering to assist with the delivery of affordable housing (Policy 40).
- 4.45 National planning guidance refers to buildings needing ‘to be of a form, bulk and general design which are in keeping with their surroundings’.<sup>53</sup> In this National Park these are considered to be those that make a positive contribution to the character of the area through their intrinsic architectural merit or their setting in the landscape. Their interest and charm stems from an appreciation of the functional requirement of the building, their layout and proportions, the type of building materials used (including those constructed of stone, clom and slate), and their display of local building methods and skills. Conversion must not result in an unacceptable adverse effect upon the structure, form, character or setting of the building.
- 4.46 The form, bulk, design and materials used in some buildings can make them visually intrusive in the landscape. Often those constructed of concrete blocks, asbestos sheeting, corrugated iron

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<sup>51</sup> Technical Advice Note 23, February 2014 paragraph 1.1.6 refers principally to traditional employment uses (Class B in the Use Classes order)

<sup>52</sup> Technical Advice Note 23, February 2014 paragraph 3.1.3

<sup>53</sup> Technical Advice Note 23:Economic Development 2014, paragraph 3.2.1

etc., clear-span buildings, Dutch barns, open-sided hay sheds fall within this category. The conversion of building(s) that are obtrusively located in the landscape or otherwise not in keeping with their surroundings will not be encouraged. However, it is possible that in exceptional circumstances a modern utilitarian building may make a positive and important contribution to rural employment opportunities without detracting from the appearance of the landscape. Residential or serviced accommodation or holiday accommodation uses would be precluded in proposals for such buildings.

- 4.47 Where planning permission for holiday accommodation is granted this will be subject to conditions and/or a legal agreement to restrict the occupation of the building to holiday use preventing all year round occupancy by the same occupant.
- 4.48 The presence of a species protected under European or United Kingdom legislation is a material consideration in the planning process. Developers considering submitting a planning application must, at the early stages of the process, consider whether there are likely to be any habitats or species present on or near the site that could be affected by the development. Supplementary Planning Guidance will be prepared to assist.
- 4.49 Applications for conversion should contain all details of physical alterations necessary for the determination of the proposal. It may be necessary for the Authority to request a structural survey. For conversion to residential use a structural survey will be a requirement. Where the reuse of a complex of buildings is proposed the National Park Authority will expect an overall scheme for the site to be submitted and agreed by the National Park Authority in advance of applications for individual buildings being considered.
- 4.50 **New Farm Buildings:** Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 paragraph 5.6.6 advises that local planning authorities should adopt a constructive approach towards agricultural development proposals, especially those which are designed to meet the needs of changing farming practices or are necessary to achieve compliance with new environmental, hygiene or welfare legislation. This policy concerns proposals for new farm buildings must be clearly linked to a working agricultural unit which means agricultural land occupied as a unit for the purposes of agriculture including any dwelling or other building on that land which is occupied for the purposes of farming the land by the person who occupies the unit or any dwelling on that land occupied by a farm worker. Supplementary Planning Guidance on new farm buildings will be prepared.
- 4.51 **Agricultural Land:** Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 December 2018 starting paragraph 3.54 sets out national planning policy on the protection of agricultural land when considering development proposals.



# **Priority A: Special Qualities of the National Park**

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## A. Special Qualities of the National Park

- 4.52 The special qualities of the National Park are those characteristics and features of the National Park which individually or in combination contribute to making this National Park unique. Work has been undertaken to refresh the Authority's understanding of those special qualities for the Management Plan<sup>54</sup>. Those highlighted were:

**Table 4 Special Qualities**

Coastal splendour	Richness of habitats and biodiversity
Diverse geology	Islands
Diversity of landscape	Accessibility
Distinctive settlement character	Space to breathe
Rich historic environment	Remoteness, tranquillity and wildness
Cultural heritage	The diversity of experiences and combination of individual qualities

- 4.53 The strategy is to ensure that development in the Park conserves and enhances those special qualities.
- 4.54 Even seemingly minor changes in the landscape can have an adverse effect and therefore attention to detail and the cumulative effects of change are important considerations.
- 4.55 The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on Landscape Character and Seascapes.
- 4.56 The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is widely recognised as Britain's only predominantly coastal national park. The splendour of its coastline, the influence of the seascape, its spectacular scenery, and rugged, unspoilt beauty, provide a scenic quality which was recognised in its designation as a National Park along with the spectacle of the islands off the Pembrokeshire Coast. The geological resource is complex and a significant contributor to the natural beauty of the area. The varied landforms of the National Park are overlaid by millennia of activity by man forming a historic environment which is exceptionally rich and varied. Settlements,

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<sup>54</sup> Special Qualities of the National Park Background Paper

including urban areas, retain strong and distinctive character which encompass traditional and more formal architecture, and provide attractive places to visit. Tenby is dominated by Georgian architecture within the walled town, and planned medieval settlements are still evident at Newport and Angle along with their associated field patterns. Supplementary Planning Guidance on Conservation Areas will be prepared.

- 4.57 The Environment Act (Wales) 2016 introduced a new biodiversity duty (Section 6 Duty) to help reverse the decline and secure the long term resilience of biodiversity in Wales. Overall, in Wales diversity (in ecosystems) is declining which is shown by the loss of habitats and species. The ‘extent’ of some habitats has also declined significantly. ‘Condition’ shows mixed results, while connectivity has greatly reduced.<sup>55</sup> There is a wealth of important habitat and species within the National Park. Habitats and species within the National Park must be considered within the wider context of biodiversity and of conservation effort. The 2016 State of Wildlife in Pembrokeshire report suggests that biodiversity associated with agriculture are in decline. However where considerable effort has been made habitats and species are stable and improving.<sup>56</sup> The Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Partnership enables organisations to work efficiently towards Wales-, UK- and European-level goals for wildlife, within the framework of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Pembrokeshire. The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on biodiversity which will include guidance on ecological resilience.
- 4.58 Pembrokeshire has a rich and diverse culture which has been shaped down through the centuries by waves of invaders and settlers. The accessibility of the Park is treasured where there is an ease of getting round and a range of activities freely available. A sense of tranquillity and remoteness is also highly valued amongst visitors to the area. This can include dark skies, free from light pollution.
- 4.59 The National Park’s network of green infrastructure will be retained and enhanced to ensure that it supports natural and ecological processes and is integral to the health and quality of life of residents and visitors who are given an opportunity to interact with nature, and engage in recreation, sports and healthier lifestyles<sup>57</sup>.

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<sup>55</sup> A summary of the State of Natural Resources Report Natural Resources Wales, September 2016, fifth page.

<sup>56</sup> State of Wildlife in Pembrokeshire Report 2016

<sup>57</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<b>Policy 8</b>	<p><b>Special Qualities<sup>58</sup> (Strategy Policy)</b></p> <p><b>The special qualities of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park will be conserved and enhanced.</b></p> <p><b>The priorities will be to ensure that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) The sense of remoteness and tranquillity is not lost and is wherever possible enhanced (see Policy 9).</b></li> <li><b>b) The identity and character of towns and villages is not lost, through coalescence and ribboning of development or through the poor design and layout of development, and is wherever possible enhanced. The identification of Green Wedges will assist in achieving this priority.</b></li> <li><b>c) The pattern and diversity of the landscape is protected and wherever possible enhanced (see Policy 14).</b></li> <li><b>d) The historic environment is protected and where possible enhanced.<sup>59</sup></b></li> <li><b>e) Development positively enhances the National Park's ecosystems and the components that underpin them. The protection and enhancement of links between sites or the creation of links where sites have become isolated is of particular importance (see Policy 10, Policy 11, Policy 12 and Policy 29)<sup>60 61 62 63 64</sup>.</b></li> <li><b>f) Development conserves and wherever possible enhances Geological Conservation Review sites or any other important geological resource (see Policy 12)<sup>65</sup>.</b></li> <li><b>g) Species and habitats are conserved and enhanced for their amenity, landscape and biodiversity value.</b></li> <li><b>h) The Welsh language remains an important component in the social, cultural and economic life of many communities in the Park (see Policy 13).</b></li> <li><b>i) Development of the undeveloped coast is avoided and sites within stretches of the developed coast are protected for uses that need a coastal location (see Policy 17, Policy 18, Policy 33) and Policy 38).<sup>66</sup></b></li> <li><b>j) The National Park's network of green infrastructure both new and existing is protected and enhanced (see Policy 10, Policy 11, Policy 12, and Policy 15).</b></li> </ul> <p><b>In assessing the impact upon the special qualities of the National Park, matters of detail and cumulative impact will be given special consideration.</b></p>
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<sup>58</sup> Chapter 6 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10 December 2018 sections 6.6 to 6.9, deals with how pollution issues should be addressed with any

- 4.60 The policies and advice below provides additional guidance on protecting the National Park's special qualities.

## Light Pollution

<b>Policy 9</b>	<b>Light Pollution</b> <b>Proposals that are likely to result in a significant level of external artificial lighting being emitted shall include a full lighting scheme and will be permitted:</b> <b>a) where the lighting proposed relates to its purpose; and,</b> <b>b) where there is no unacceptable adverse effect on the character of the area, local residents, vehicle users, pedestrians, biodiversity and the visibility of the night sky.</b> <b>Wherever possible opportunities to mitigate potential cumulative impacts on the night sky should be explored.</b>
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planning application. This includes advice on dealing with the protection of water quality and the adequacy of supply. See Welsh Office Circular 008/2018: Planning requirement in respect of the Use of Private Sewerage incorporating Septic Tanks in New Development and small sewage treatment plants.

- <sup>59</sup> Chapter 6 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 deals with conserving the Historic Environment. Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment (2017) also provides guidance.
- <sup>60</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, Welsh Government, Chapter 6.
- <sup>61</sup> Includes Natura 2000 sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves and Marine Nature Reserves.
- <sup>62</sup> The Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC) transposed through the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.
- <sup>63</sup> Natural Resources Policy, Welsh Government, page 10.
- <sup>64</sup> Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.
- <sup>65</sup> Geological Conservation Review [GCR]: the sites selected provide the basis of statutory geological and geomorphological site conservation in Britain. Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites [RIGS] are advisory designations.
- <sup>66</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, section 6.5

- 4.61 Parts of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park are still relatively undeveloped with minimal impact of lighting on the night sky. This policy is intended to conserve that and also to relate any lighting proposed to its purpose, such as site security or floodlighting recreational facilities, so that careful design and the use of appropriate means of lighting and lighting levels minimise the impact on adjoining areas. The reasons for introducing lighting to a development scheme should be identified at the outset. Instead of automatically assuming that lighting is necessary, promoters of lighting schemes should carefully consider whether the development could proceed without lighting. There is also a possibility that light pollution could adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site where development coincides with bat roost sites/transit routes. Opportunities may arise on land nearby in the same ownership to mitigate potential cumulative impacts. Proposals individually or cumulatively can have an unacceptable adverse effect. The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on lighting.

## **Biodiversity**

- 4.62 The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 places a duty on public authorities to maintain and enhance biodiversity and to promote the resilience of ecosystems in the exercise of their functions. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public authorities to set and pursue objectives in the pursuit of the well-being goal to maintain and enhance a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.
- 4.63 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on areas and sites and protected species with statutory nature conservation designation (including the list of habitats and species of principal importance for Wales, published under Section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation).<sup>67</sup> Please refer to Chapter 6 'Distinctive and Natural Places'. Designated sites are identified on the Constraints Map<sup>68</sup>. Technical Advice Note 5 Nature Conservation and Planning 2009 provides advice about how the land use planning system could contribute to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geological conservation and should be read in conjunction with Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018. Developments which might have the potential to affect European sites will be subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment at project level.

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<sup>67</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms.

<sup>68</sup> (see page 9 of the Local Development Plan for more information)

**Policy 10****Sites and Species of European Importance**

- (1) Development likely to have a significant effect on a European Site, when considered alone or in combination with other projects or plans will only be permitted where:**
  - a) The proposal is directly connected with or necessary for the protection, enhancement and positive management of the site for conservation purposes; or**
  - b) Following an appropriate assessment the proposal will not adversely affect the integrity of the site; or**
  - c) there is no alternative solution and there are reasons of overriding public interest and appropriate compensatory measures are secured.**
- (2) Development likely to have an adverse effect on a European protected species will only be permitted where:**
  - a) there are reasons of overriding public interest;**
  - b) there is no satisfactory alternative; and**
  - c) the action authorised will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in their nature range.**

**Policy 11****Nationally Protected Sites and Species**

- (1) Development likely to have an adverse effect either directly or indirectly on the conservation value of nationally protected sites will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that:**
  - a) There is no suitable alternative to the proposed development; and**
  - b) It can be demonstrated that the benefits from the development clearly outweigh the special interest of the site; and**
  - c) Appropriate compensatory measures are secured; or**
  - d) The proposal contributes to the protection, enhancement or positive management of the site.**
- (2) Development likely to have an adverse effect on nationally protected species will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that:**
  - a) The population range and distribution of the species will not be adversely impacted;**
  - b) There is no suitable alternative to the proposed development;**
  - c) The benefits of the development clearly outweigh the adverse impacts on the protected species; and**
  - d) Appropriate avoidance, mitigation and compensation measures are provided.**



**Policy 12      Local Areas of Nature Conservation or Sites of Geological Interest (see Proposals Map)**

**Development proposals that would affect Local Nature Reserves, Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites or other areas of local nature conservation interest will only be permitted where:**

- a) They conserve and where possible enhance the natural heritage importance of the site; or**
- b) The development could not reasonably be located elsewhere, and the benefits of the development outweigh the natural heritage importance of the site.**

**Mitigation and/or compensation measures will need to be agreed where adverse effects are unavoidable.**

4.64 A development site may be located within an area of local importance for nature conservation. Some may be formally recognised, such as Local Nature Reserves (shown on the Proposals Map), or may not be formally recognised but provide important nature conservation value. The value may include its role as a wildlife corridor or as habitat such as unimproved grassland, coastal habitats and heath and moorland, as well as features such as road verges. It is not possible to identify such areas on the Proposals Map.

4.65 The West Wales Biodiversity Information Centre holds a database of species records and habitat information, which it manages and disseminates to decision makers, conservation organisations and the general public on the occurrence and locations of EU and UK priority species and habitats, and those of Welsh and local importance in the region. The Local Records Centre records can be particularly useful at pre-application stage and the public are encouraged to contact the Centre before an application is submitted. The Authority will use the Local Records Centre to help establish whether there is local nature conservation interest at a development site. Where there is local nature conservation interest which would be significantly harmed by development, the Authority may require further information in the form of ecological surveys and will investigate options to minimise, mitigate, compensate or provide new benefits. The effects must be shown to be acceptably mitigated through careful design, work scheduling or other measures.

4.66 Areas of importance for local nature conservation would be identified as:

- Supporting habitats of principal importance for Wales.
- Supporting, or is likely to support, species of principal importance for Wales for all or part of their lifecycle.

- Providing ecological corridors, stepping stones, or contain features which enhance habitat connectivity and ecological resilience of international, national and locally important sites.
- Providing supporting services to or buffer sites of importance (e.g. hydrological connectivity).

4.67 Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites are designated by Geoconservation Cymru – Wales. They are shown on the Plan's Proposals Map. Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites Supplementary Planning Guidance will be prepared identifying the location of these designated sites and the main features of interest identified in each designation.

4.68 This policy also aims to ensure that species and their habitats, including for example those identified in the Pembrokeshire Nature Recovery Action Plan, are not harmed by proposed development. The effects must be shown to be acceptably mitigated through careful design, work scheduling or other measures. Opportunities to provide new benefits should also be explored. Please also see policies and guidance in the remainder of this section on Biodiversity.

## **Welsh Language**

4.69 The Welsh Government's aims and ambitions for the Welsh language are set out in the Welsh Language Strategy – Cymraeg 2050. The strategy recognises the need to provide Welsh speakers with easily accessible opportunities to use their skills in social and work settings. The strategy also identifies the imperative need to create favourable circumstances to encourage the number of Welsh speakers. This involves securing goodwill towards the language and providing language infrastructure such as technology and legislation, but is also concerned with securing an economic and social future for Welsh speaking communities.

4.70 The future of the language across Wales will depend on a wide range of factors beyond the town and country planning system, particularly education, demographic change, community activities and a sound economic base to maintain thriving sustainable communities. The planning system can contribute to the future well-being of the Welsh language, by establishing the conditions to allow sustainable communities to thrive. For example, creating conditions for well-paid employment opportunities and a range of quality housing options are integral to planning for sustainable communities.

4.71 The Background Paper on Welsh Language provides advice on the approach taken in Local Development Plan 2. The Sustainability Appraisal also provides an assessment of the impacts of proposals on the Welsh language in compliance with the Welsh Language Standards.

4.72 The Welsh language is part of the social and cultural fabric of the National Park. It is spoken by 19.2% of the population and others have some knowledge of the language or are in the process of learning it, for example, through the increased provision of Welsh medium education in the County. There are substantial variations between the proportions of Welsh speakers in different communities. The Plan strategy recognises and protects the language as one of the Special Qualities (See Policy 8). The policy below

will normally apply in Community and Town Council areas with 19.2% or more Welsh speaking population, as identified in the Census.

**Table 5 Welsh Language-Sensitive Areas**

Crymych	Llanrhian	Newport
Cwm Gwaun	Llawhaden	Pencaer
Dinas Cross	Maenclochog	Puncheston
Eglwysrw	Mathry	Solva
Fishguard and Goodwick	Mynachlogddu	St Davids
Hayscastle	Nevern	St Dogmaels

For the purposes of this policy these areas (as listed above) are known as 'Welsh language-sensitive areas'.

- 4.73 Government advice on Welsh language issues is set out in Technical Advice Note 20 (October 2017) which states that the land use planning system should also take account of the needs and interests of the Welsh language and in so doing can contribute to its well-being.

<b>Policy 13</b>	<p><b>Development in Welsh Language-Sensitive Areas</b></p> <p><b>Within the identified Welsh Language-Sensitive Areas (shown on the Proposals Map), proposals which are considered likely to have a significant effect on the Welsh language will be subject to a Language Impact Assessment, setting out the measures to be taken to protect, promote and enhance the Welsh language.</b></p> <p><b>Proposals which are considered likely to have a significant effect on the Welsh language are those that lie outside Centre boundaries and are for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) residential development for ten or more dwellings or the site has capacity for 10 or more dwellings; or</b></li> <li><b>b) development where the floorspace created in a building or buildings is 1,000 square metres or more; or</b></li> <li><b>c) the site measures more than 1 hectare.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Development which would result in an unacceptable adverse effect on the Welsh language will not be permitted.</b></p>
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- 4.74 Mitigation measures can reduce or eliminate potential adverse impacts of development on the Welsh language. However, where development can reasonably be shown, on planning grounds, (for example, the scale of development proposed) to cause harm to the continued role and well-being of the Welsh language within that community, the National Park Authority will resist such development.
- 4.75 Technical Advice Note 20 Welsh Language October 2017 advises that adopted Local Development Plan policies will have already taken the needs and interests of the Welsh language into account, including the implications for windfall sites for various types of development that comply with the Plan's policies<sup>69</sup>. Neither these sites, nor sites allocated in the Plan should therefore be subject to a language impact assessment as this is already a requirement of

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<sup>69</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

the Plan preparation. The National Park Authority will be responsible for undertaking any assessment it considers is required and for determining its form.

- 4.76 The area is identified on the Proposals Map. As part of the Annual Monitoring Report the National Park Authority will consider if there has been any significant contextual change regarding the evidence base supporting this policy. The Authority will consider if changes are needed and whether this would require a selective review in advance of the 4-year formal requirement.
- 4.77 Mitigation measures may need to be applied to any permission either through conditions attached to a planning permission or through section 106 obligations. All section 106 obligations in relation to mitigating the impacts on the Welsh language which are considered necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms and which are directly related to the development are required to comply with regulations. Potentially appropriate measures include:
- a. phasing policies that complement the Local Development Plan's overall delivery trajectory;
  - b. provision of affordable housing for local needs;
  - c. features that promote Welsh language as an intrinsic element of design and layout;
  - d. support for the provision or enhancement of Welsh medium education;
  - e. funding for Welsh language and cultural awareness initiatives.
- 4.78 This policy should not be interpreted as justifying development that would not otherwise be acceptable, solely on the grounds of contribution to safeguarding the Welsh language in the community. Welsh Government advises that policies must not seek to introduce any element of discrimination between individuals on the basis of their linguistic ability. Planning policies must not seek to control housing occupancy on linguistic grounds.<sup>70</sup>

## **Historic Environment**

- 4.79 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, sets out clear statements of national development control policy on certain matters which is not repeated here. Please refer to Chapter 6 for:
- a) the conservation of archaeological remains;
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<sup>70</sup> Paragraph 2.6.4 Technical Advice Note 20 Welsh Language 2017

- b) the preservation of listed buildings, optimum viable use and their demolition.
- c) Development in a conservation area including demolition and trees. Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Guidance will be prepared (shown on the Constraints Map).
- d) Protecting historic landscapes, parks or gardens and their setting (shown on the Constraints Map).
- e) Scheduled Ancient Monuments and archaeological remains (ancient monuments are shown on the Constraints Map);
- f) Enabling development, where substantial heritage benefits can outweigh other objectives of national or local planning policy.
- g) townscape as an important historic urban feature.

4.80 Central to delivering the Welsh Government's objectives for the historic environment is the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016, which, together with its secondary legislation, new and updated planning policy and advice, seeks to improve the existing systems for the protection and management of the Welsh historic environment. As part of this package, Planning Policy Wales has been updated and a new Technical Advice Note 24 'The Historic Environment' and various best practice guidance documents has been produced.

4.81 In assessing the archaeological potential of a proposed development site information from the Historic Environment Record held by Dyfed Archaeological Trust will be taken into account. This record is officially recognised by the National Park Authority. The National Park Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance relating to the Historic Environment.

## Landscape

<b>Policy 14</b>	<p><b>Conservation and enhancement of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park</b></p> <p><b>Development will not be permitted where this would have an unacceptable adverse effect on the qualities and special landscape and seascape character of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park including locally distinctive characteristics by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) causing visual intrusion; and/or,</b></li><li><b>b) introducing or intensifying a use which is incompatible with its location; and/or</b></li><li><b>c) failing to harmonise with, or enhance the landform, landscape and seascape character of the National Park; and/or</b></li><li><b>d) losing or failing to incorporate important traditional features.</b></li></ul> <p><b>In assessing the impact upon the National Park, matters of detail and cumulative impact will be given special consideration.</b></p>
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4.82 The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the qualities of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park landscape are not lost to future generations. Policy 8 identifies the special qualities of the National Park. Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 paragraph 6.3.5 onwards advises that National Parks must be afforded the highest status of protection from inappropriate developments. In National Parks, development plan policies and development management decisions should give great weight to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of these areas.

4.83 Landscape assessment encapsulates geology, landscape habitats, visual and sensory attributes, historic landscapes, cultural landscapes and public perception. A landscape character approach allows the recognition and enhancement of specific and valuable attributes across the National Park. Supplementary Planning Guidance on Landscape Character will be prepared. The guidance will identify areas of common landscape character, their special qualities, discernible landscape trends and management guidance. In many cases the landward boundary of the character area does not correspond with the National Park boundary, meaning that the same landscape character area continues into the administrative area of Pembrokeshire implying that sensitive areas of high value landscape may also lie outside the National Park. 28 landscape character areas within the National Park have

been identified in the Landscape Character Assessment prepared on behalf of the Authority.<sup>71</sup>

- 4.84 44 Seascape character areas have also been identified in a Seascapes Character Assessment prepared on behalf of the Authority.<sup>72</sup> Each area can be described in terms of its key characteristics, physical influences, cultural influences and aesthetic, perceptual and experiential qualities. Its cultural benefits and service and key sensitivities are defined and the main forces for change affecting the area discussed. The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on Seascapes. The assessment includes territorial waters up to 12 nautical miles offshore and extends from Cardigan Island in the north to the Taf estuary in Carmarthen bay in the south. The study area reaches inland to include the areas of Milford Haven outside the Park, and up to the tidal limits of the Daugleddau.
- 4.85 Attention to detail and the cumulative effects of change are important considerations. Even seemingly minor changes in the landscape can have an adverse effect; prominent individual buildings or widespread application of inappropriate trends in design detailing can have an impact much wider than their immediate environs and cumulatively will subtly and irreparably alter the often fragile landscape character of the National Park.
- 4.86 Where there is a possibility that development, when either sited onshore or off shore, may cause significant visual intrusion, impacts should be assessed as applicable from:
- a) public access points;
  - b) the Coast Path (a National Trail);
  - c) Public Rights Of Way (as well as the public highway);
  - d) views on entering and leaving settlements;
  - e) views on entering and leaving the National Park itself;
  - f) the offshore islands;
  - g) waterborne craft on the Daugleddau and coastal waters;
  - h) important vantage points within settlements.
- 4.87 Particular attention should be given to medium and distant views, as well as the more obvious impacts on immediate environs and streetscape with special emphasis on the effects on the settings of

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<sup>71</sup> Background Paper: Landscape Character Assessment of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park 2007

<sup>72</sup> Background Paper: Seascape Character Assessment of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park April 2013



Listed Buildings, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Conservation Areas. The effect on the special historical interest of Historic landscapes, parks and gardens also requires careful consideration to safeguard these designations. The appearance of individual and groups of buildings, and settlements in their landscape settings, traditional building details and boundary treatment also need to be considered. Planting using native trees and shrubs, where appropriate, and landscaping can enhance and help to blend new development into its surroundings. This may help to balance in part the loss of original features.

- 4.88 Given the very restricted geographical extent of the National Park and its generally exposed coastal nature, any major or large-scale development is likely to sit uneasily in visual terms with the National Park's landscape and seascape. Development outside the National Park may have an impact on the qualities of the National Park and the National Park Authority will use the same principles as set out in Policy 14 when commenting on proposals outside of the National Park. Please also see 'Major Development', 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' and 'Developments of National Significance in Wales' in the next chapter.
- 4.89 Where a development would constitute the introduction or intensification of a use which is incompatible with the location, for example noisy activities in a relatively undisturbed location, such development would not be considered appropriate by the National Park Authority.

## **Open Space & Green Wedges**

- 4.90 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on formal and informal open space, playing fields and green wedges. Please refer to section 4.5 and paragraphs 4.1.18 to 4.1.24, and 3.60 to 3.73'.
- 4.91 Areas of existing Open Space and Green Wedges are shown on the Proposals Map and will be protected from development in line with national planning policy. The Authority's Open Space Assessment was updated in 2016 and identifies the amount of recreational open space available in Centres and communities throughout the National Park. Types of Open Spaces identified include formal and informal recreational open space, church graveyards, amenity space, allotments, planned open space within existing developments and school fields. Based on the Fields in Trust standards of provision the Assessment also identifies where there are shortfalls of specific types of recreational space which will be used to identify where planning obligations will be required to provide for future needs as a consequence of additional development in communities. This includes requirements for the housing allocations set out in the Plan. Planning obligations cannot be used to make up existing shortfalls of provision. Where these exist the Authority will consider planning applications to provide additional facilities in appropriate locations.

**Policy 15****Open Space**

**Proposals leading to the loss of existing Open Space (shown on the Proposals Map) will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:**

- a) There is an excess of such provision in the area;**
- b) The long term requirement for the type of open space has ceased;**
- c) The site would not be suitable to provide an alternative type of open space for which there is a shortfall; or**
- d) Alternative provision of the same standard can be offered in an area equally accessible to the local community;**
- e) The redevelopment of a small part of the site would allow the retention and enhancement of the facility as a recreational resource.**

**Provision of new Open Space will normally be sought from housing developments of 10 or more dwellings. The type and nature of the provision will be determined by the size and location of the development and can take the form of on-site provision, contributions for off-site open space, or a mixture of the two.**

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Further details on the application of the open space standards will be provided in the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Guidance.

**Policy 16****Green Wedges**

**In order to prevent the coalescence of Centres, protect the setting of Centres and safeguard the countryside Green Wedges are designated at the following locations:**

**GW1 Angle**

**GW2 Between Broad Haven and Little Haven**

**GW3 Broad Haven East**

**GW4 Central Meadows Dale**

**GW5 Dinas Cross north side of A487**

**GW6 Dinas cross south of A487**

**GW7 East Feidr Fach Brynhenllan**

**GW8 Dinas Cross Village Green**

**GW9 Dinas Cross south of A487 – Tennis Courts**

**GW10 Pen y Foel Dinas Cross West**

**GW11 South Glanafon Dinas Cross West**

**GW12 Manorbier east of Warlow Meadow**

**GW13 Manorbier west of B4585**

**GW14 Manorbier Skrinkle south of Wheelers Way**

**GW15 Manorbier to Skrinkle**

**GW16 Manorbier east of B4585**

**GW17 Marloes**

**GW18 New Hedges east of B4316**

**GW19 New Hedges north east of Knightston Close**

**GW20 Newport north side of A487**

**GW21 Newport south of A487**

**GW22 West of Morawelon, Parrog Newport**

**GW23 South Rock House, Parrog Newport**

**GW24 Between the Burgage and Saxondale Nolton Haven**

**GW25 North West Nolton**

**GW26 Porthgain central green**

**GW27 Saundersfoot King George V playing Fields**

**GW28 West of Rusheylake Bridge Saundersfoot**

**GW29 Broadfield west of B4316 Saundersfoot**

**GW30 Between Upper and Lower Solva**

**GW31 Solva, East of Ford road**

**GW32 St Davids, North of Feidr Pant y Bryn**

**GW33 St Davids east of Feidr Caerfai, south of Feidr Pant y Bryn**

**GW34 St Davids west of Ffynnon Wen**

**GW35 St Davids east of Waun Isaf**

**GW36 St Davids between Catherine Street and Pigs Lane**

**GW37 St Ishmaels north of Trewarren Road west**

**GW38 Tenby east of A487 between New Hedges and Brynhir**

**GW39 Clickett Lane, Tenby West**

**GW40 Trefin North west**

**GW41 East of Manorbier**

**Within these areas there is a presumption against inappropriate development.**

- 4.93 Green Wedges play an important role in maintaining the landscape setting of urban and rural settlements, and in preserving openness. Pressures for development outside Centre Boundaries can result in an erosion of the openness and a detrimental effect on the character and special qualities of the rural National Park can result. Such development alone or cumulatively can have a detrimental impact on the character and landscape of the National Park and provides justification for the designation of Green Wedges as a local interpretation of national policy.
- 4.94 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 paragraph 3.69 advises that when considering applications for planning permission in green wedges, a presumption against inappropriate development will apply. Local planning authorities should attach substantial weight to any harmful impact which a development would have on a green wedge. Details of the types of development considered to be appropriate within Green Wedges are provided in national planning policy.

## Coast

- 4.95 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on the coast and coastal defence work. Please refer to Chapter 6 'Distinctive and Natural Places section 6.5 '. Locations in coastal areas considered suitable for development are shown on the Proposals Map.

**Policy 17      Shore Based Facilities**

**Development of shore based facilities including those linked to proposals below mean low water, will be permitted within the developed areas of the coast where compatible with adjacent uses. The potential effects of development on Natura 2000 sites will be considered in accordance with Policy 10.**

**Marina developments are not considered appropriate on the sensitive coast of the National Park.**

- 4.96 This policy aims to protect the undeveloped, quiet stretches of coastline by directing development to those areas more suited in terms of maritime requirements, on-shore access, parking and other associated facilities.
- 4.97 There are a multitude of structures and buildings associated with the shore or harbour or mooring provision, either extending out into the water, such as jetties and slipways or associated with

equipment beyond the mean low water mark. It is also possible within the Plan period that larger developments such as mineral exploration could operate off the Pembrokeshire coast, with implications for on-shore structures.

- 4.98 Policy 33 on Renewable Energy deals specifically with onshore connections to offshore renewable energy generators. It is accepted that technically feasible locations for such connections may need to be located on the undeveloped coastline. Other possible exceptions are the construction of lifeboat stations, landing stages/pontoons/slipways etc., work related to sewage treatment and sea defences.
- 4.99 Proposals will often share the waters with other users so it is important that no conflict or congestion will result from any development. Some uses along the coast are often seasonal in nature e.g. deck chair hire and ice cream sales. In such instances Policy 8 will be the primary policy used for the consideration of such proposals.
- 4.100 The Welsh Coastal Tourism Strategy published in December 2008 by the Welsh Assembly Government recommends expansion of the marina capacity outside this National Park. The National Park coast is for the greater part undeveloped and highly sensitive in landscape terms and often for nature conservation reasons too. Furthermore, although there are numerous small harbours around the coast, due to their tidal characteristics, access by boat is not possible for significant periods of the day. The works required to provide the sort of access and supporting developments which a successful marina would need would be substantial thereby increasing further the urbanisation of the location. See also Policy 18.
- 4.101 Consideration of 'unacceptable adverse effects' will include potential impacts on designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites (see Policy 10).

**Policy 18 Porthgain, Saundersfoot, Solva and Tenby Harbours**

**Development within the identified harbour areas as shown on the Proposals Map, will be permitted provided that:**

- a) it sustains harbour activities; and**
- b) it conserves or enhances the existing character of the harbour.**

**The potential effects of development on Natura 2000 sites will be considered in accordance with Policy 10.**

- 4.102 The aim of this policy is to ensure that the harbours at Tenby, Saundersfoot, Solva and Porthgain are viable in the long term. This includes the potential for the harbours to evolve to ensure that

their long-term future is maintained (see Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 paragraph 5.3.14 to 5.3.16). These harbours are identified on the Proposals Map.

- 4.103 When proposals are submitted in these harbour areas the Authority will request evidence with the application which will set out the relationship between the operation of the harbour business and the proposal and how the proposal will contribute positively to ensuring the long term viability of the harbour. This is what is meant by criterion a) of the policy. All development in harbours will require a flood consequence assessment.
- 4.104 Each of the harbours contributes to their locality. Proposals for development within the harbours will need to consider the needs of existing businesses and activities and ensure that new uses complement existing harbour uses. Tenby harbour provides the principal access to Caldey Island. Development proposals located in the harbour will need to ensure that access for the residents and businesses of Caldey Island is maintained. The Saundersfoot Regeneration Strategy is being developed (December 2016) as a community “place based” regeneration strategy plan for the waterfront.
- 4.105 Consideration of ‘unacceptable adverse effects’ will include potential impacts on designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites (see Policy 10).

## **Priority B: Major development, the potential for growth**

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## **B. Major Development, the Potential for Growth**

### **Major Development**

- 4.106 Statutory designation does not necessarily prohibit development, but proposals for development must be carefully assessed for their effect on those natural heritage interests which the designation is intended to protect. In National Parks, special considerations apply to major development proposals which are more national than local in character<sup>73</sup>.
- 4.107 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 Welsh Government, paragraph 6.3.10 sets out the actual test. Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 also sets out the tests for minerals proposals in National Parks (paragraph 5.14.35)

### **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects**

- 4.108 The Planning Act 2008 defines what a Nationally Significant Infrastructure project is. The 2008 Act process, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, involves an examination of major proposals relating to energy, transport, water waste and waste water. Under the 2008 Act an application is made for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate. The Authority's role in the Examination is that of a statutory consultee and it is under a duty to submit a 'Local Impact Report' to the Examining Authority.
- 4.109 For Development Plan purposes the Examining Authority will expect the local planning authority to provide a comprehensive early assessment of all the main impacts. The Local Impact Report should set out the various development plans (including the status and relevant policies of each) and then give a clear assessment of impacts under different areas with a conclusion on each. It should also explain how the Development Consent Order or associated documents could be improved.
- 4.110 National Policy Statements (NPSs) are produced by the UK Government and decisions on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are taken within the context of these statements.

### **Developments of National Significance in Wales**

- 4.111 The statutory basis for the Development of National Significance ("DNS") process is provided in Part 5 of the Planning (Wales) Act
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<sup>73</sup> 'National' in this context means UK.



2015, which amends the Town and County Planning Act 1990 (“the Act”), and the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 and subsequent Regulations.

4.112 A full list of the types of developments covered by this can be found in The Developments of National Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016.

4.113 A Local Impact Report is also required for these types of proposals.

## Ministry of Defence



4.114 The Ministry of Defence has advised that there are no plans for development of any significance in the Pembrokeshire estate in the foreseeable future (June 2016). Limited operational development on the ranges subject to mitigation measures can be permitted under normal planning policy and proposals for significant intensification or alteration of use or extensions to sites will have to be subject to the most rigorous examination and only permitted in exceptional circumstances under the ‘Major Development Test’.

## Hazardous Installations

4.115 No allocations for hazardous substances development or potentially polluting activities are proposed. The major development test will provide the primary policy context for the consideration of proposals for hazardous substances development.

### Policy 19 Hazardous Installations

**Development within safeguarding zones around hazardous installations will be permitted where there is no unacceptable risk to either:**

- a) public health or safety; or**
- b) the operation of the hazardous installations; and**
- c) access to the hazardous installations.**

4.116 This policy aims to ensure that public health or safety is not put at risk by development in proximity to sites using or storing hazardous substances. The Health and Safety Executive and Natural Resources Wales will be consulted on all planning applications within the safeguarding zone.

4.117 Their response will be used to assess whether or not there is a risk to public health or safety, the operation of the hazardous installation or access to it. The hazardous installations

safeguarding zones established by the relevant safeguarding authority are shown on the Constraints Map.

## Scale of Growth

- 4.118 The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park has increasingly been unable to accommodate demand due to landscape capacity issues<sup>74</sup>. Government policy asks the Authority to consider evidence such as population projections and capacity issues in determining the overall scale of growth.
- 4.119 Recent Development Plan Inquiries have endorsed the current approach of allowing development commensurate with the landscape capacity of the National Park<sup>75</sup>.
- 4.120 The approach overall ensures compliance with the Environment Act 1995 which requires compatibility with the National Park designation (See Policy 1 also).
- 4.121 Looking at development types in turn in terms of those most likely to impact strategically in terms of growth the approach does fit:
- a) Strategically in the Wales Spatial Plan larger growth areas (hubs) are designated outside the National Park. In terms of **housing** growth is not anticipated as a result of a declining population forecast. Focus is on enabling affordable housing delivery for the local population. Market housing is needed to cross subsidise delivery. Policy 46 and Policy 48 advises.
  - b) **Employment** provision is small scale (less than 2 hectares) as more strategic hubs are identified outside the National Park area consistent with the Wales Spatial Plan and the approach set out in neighbouring Local Development Plans.
  - c) The landscape sensitivity and capacity study for **renewable energy** has resulted in potential primarily for small scale developments. Some medium scale proposals may be possible also. There are extremely limited opportunities for large scale proposals. Policy 33 advises.
  - d) The Authority's landscape sensitivity and capacity study for **camping and caravanning** advises that there is a need to conserve existing unspoilt landscapes and seascapes and enhance existing caravan

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<sup>74</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms.

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and camping sites, with limited or very limited opportunities for expansion or new sites – see Policy 41

- e) National Planning policy advises that **minerals development** should not take place in National Parks save in exceptional circumstances (paragraph 5.14.35).
- f) National planning policy for **waste** acknowledges that facilities should predominantly serve the National Park area. – See Waste Background Paper.
- g) For **coastal development** national policy recommends the expansion of marina capacity outside the National Park (see the Welsh Coastal Tourism Strategy published in December 2008).
- h) For **retail** the strategy for Tenby, Saundersfoot, St Davids and Newport is to maintain their position relative to one another and larger centres outside the area. Despite leaking spend to centres outside the Park area they are performing well with the support of resident and visitor spend. It is proposed to encourage the sympathetic regeneration of these Centres so that they can continue to remain attractive places to live and visit; provide a valuable role in meeting the needs of local communities and visitors, and attract niche retail opportunities. The Regional Retail Study for South West Wales supports this approach with no need to allocate further retail opportunities. National policy and local criteria based policies to address proposals if received.

<b>Policy 20</b>	<p><b>Scale of Growth (Strategy Policy)</b></p> <p><b>Where compatible with the National Park designation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) The development of shore based facilities within the developed areas of the coast will be permitted. Marina development is not considered appropriate on this sensitive coast (see Policy 17).</b></li> <li><b>b) Permit waste facilities which predominantly serve the National Park (see Policy 27).</b></li> <li><b>c) Consider small scale renewable energy schemes favourably, with medium scale schemes offering some potential. Large scale opportunities are extremely limited (see Policy 33).</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Major development, including minerals development, will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.</b></p> <p>76, 77</p>
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## Minerals

- 4.122 This National Park currently contributes to aggregate mineral extraction in relation to sand and gravel quarries and hard rock. National policy states that minerals development (which includes oil and gas) should not take place in National Parks save in exceptional circumstances<sup>78</sup>. Exceptional circumstances can include over-riding national interest, or when significant overall benefits to the National Park can be demonstrated.
- 4.123 To justify new sites or extensions to existing sites within the National Park, it must be demonstrated that alternative resources, that would be environmentally acceptable for extraction are not available; the scope of meeting the need in some other way has been assessed and rejected; and that the detrimental effects of the proposal can be mitigated or compensated for.<sup>79</sup>

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<sup>76</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 6.3.10

<sup>77</sup> Planning Policy Wales Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.14.35

<sup>78</sup> Planning Policy Wales Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.14.35

<sup>79</sup> Minerals TAN1: Aggregates Welsh Assembly Government, March 2004, paragraph 52.

- 4.124 Discussions continue to take place with neighbouring authorities (Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion) about the possibility of output currently met from reserves within the National Park being sourced from outside. This approach is supported by the Regional Technical Statement for the North Wales and South Wales Regional Aggregate Working Parties 1st Review, August 2014, which identifies a shortfall of 2.94 million tonnes of sand and gravel reserves to 2033 for the region.<sup>80</sup> Carmarthenshire County Council provided an update on progress made towards addressing this shortfall during the Examination of the Carmarthenshire County Council Local Development Plan. The Council identified that additional provision via the inclusion of subsequent planning permissions, two allocations within Ceredigion County Council's Local Development Plan and a dormant site within the region amounted to an additional 3.253 million tonnes being made available. It was resolved that the shortfall had therefore been addressed and no further allocations were required<sup>81</sup>. The collective Authorities will, however, continue to look for new opportunities for provision outside of the National Park to improve resilience towards any future increase in demand. Minerals producers have been requested to provide input to aid the identification of new production sites as part of the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party's Annual Aggregates Survey for 2016. Safeguarding mineral resources and the identification of Areas of Search in other Local Development Plans will also assist this process.
- 4.125 There are no marine wharves within the National Park which bring marine aggregates into the area. Should acceptable proposals for wharves come forward at a future date, such wharves will be protected to safeguard sand and gravel routes into the area.
- 4.126 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development management policy on minerals in National Parks<sup>82</sup>. Safeguarding Zones and Buffer Zones are identified on the Proposals Map<sup>83</sup>. The South Wales Coalfield extends west into Pembrokeshire becoming the Daugleddau Coalfield. It crosses the central belt of the National

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<sup>80</sup> Regional Technical Statement for the North Wales and South Wales Regional Aggregate Working Parties 1st Review, August 2014.

<sup>81</sup> Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan 2006-2021: Inspector's Report, October 2014, paragraph 15.4.

<sup>82</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, Section 5.14.

<sup>83</sup> Minerals Planning Policy (Wales), Minerals Technical Advice Note (Wales) 1: Aggregates March 2004, paragraph 70 to 71.

Park from Broad Haven to the west, across Hook in the centre and Saundersfoot in the east<sup>84</sup>.

**Policy 21**

**Minerals Safeguarding**

**Resources of sand and gravel, limestone, sandstone, igneous rock and slate will be safeguarded as shown on the proposals map.**

**Extraction of minerals before development which would otherwise sterilise mineral resources of current or likely future economic importance will be required, provided there is no suitable alternative location and an overriding need for the development, and extraction can be achieved:**

**a) without prejudicing the proposed development; and**

**b) by completing the extraction within a reasonable timescale; and**

**c) without unacceptable adverse effects.**

- 4.127 Minerals safeguarding is undertaken to ensure that mineral resources which may be required by future generations are not unnecessarily sterilised by permanent development. The Authority will take account of the presence of shallow or surface mineral resources in considering planning applications which would otherwise sterilise these resources. The identification of safeguarding areas on the proposals map for sand and gravel and hard rock (limestone, sandstone, igneous rock and slate collectively) does not identify areas where mineral working can take place, and gives no indication of the suitability of working or commercial quality of material. Any proposals for working would be subject to national and regional guidance and relevant planning policy and will need to provide sufficient details of the proposed site restoration including materials. Consideration of environmental impacts will include designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites and undesignated sites<sup>85</sup>. The Authority will prepare

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<sup>84</sup> Mineral Technical Advice Note 2: Coal, January 2009 confirms that National Designations of environmental or cultural importance (including National Parks) should be excluded from coal resource zones and mineral safeguarding zones.

<sup>85</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

**Policy 22**

**Development in Mineral Buffer Zones**

**Development proposals within buffer zones (see Proposals Map) will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:**

- a) the mineral resource will not be sterilised; and**
- b) the minerals operation will not have an unacceptable adverse effect on the development proposals.**

4.128 Buffer zones are defined in accordance with Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 (paragraph 5.14.44 onwards) and Minerals Technical Advice Note 1 Aggregates (paragraphs 70 and 71). The primary aim of the buffer zone is to protect the permitted or proposed mineral working from new sensitive uses such as residential developments or educational or health facilities, by establishing a separation distance between these potentially conflicting land uses. Buffer zones around active and inactive mineral extraction sites are shown on the proposals map for:

- Carew (Limestone, 200 metres)
- Pantgwyn (Sand and gravel, 100 metres)
- Penberry (Igneous, 200 metres)
- Rhyndaston (Igneous, 200 metres)
- Syke (Igneous, 200 metres)
- Trefigin (Sand and gravel, 100 metres)

**Policy 23****Borrow Pits**

**Temporary planning permission will be granted for borrow pits where:**

- a) the borrow pit is required to supply a specific short-term construction project with appropriate material; and**
- b) extraction will cease upon completion of the construction scheme; and**
- c) is closely located in relation to the proposed construction project; and**
- d) there are clear environmental benefits from meeting need from the proposed source rather than from an existing site or sites with planning permission or from secondary or recycled aggregates either within or outside of the National Park; and**
- e) the scale of the development is appropriate for the locality; and**
- f) there is provision for a beneficial after-use, restoration, landscaping and post closure management of the site, including where possible details of progressive restoration of the site; and <sup>86 87</sup>**
- g) The potential effects of development on Natura 2000 sites will be considered in accordance with Policy 10.**

- 4.129 It can be in the interests of a local area for a construction project to be supplied with materials from a locally derived source, avoiding the traffic generation and road movements with all the inherent problems associated with a remoter option. The term 'borrow pit' applies to a mineral working required to supply material for use solely for a specific short-term construction project.

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<sup>86</sup> See Minerals Technical Advice Note 1: Aggregates, paragraph 130 -139, and Minerals Technical Advice Note 2: Coal, Appendix Q8 (page 116).

<sup>87</sup> See Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.14.34.



- 4.130 The built environment is an important feature in the National Park and contributes to its special qualities. The term ‘closely located in relation to the proposed development site’ in criterion c) should normally be taken to mean ‘the proposed quarry lies within the same Community Council area as the proposed development site or in an adjoining community council area to the proposed development site. Where an exception to this approach is proposed, it will be for the prospective developer to justify, to the satisfaction of the local planning authority, why a location within the Community Council area within which the development site falls or an adjoining one is not possible – and why the site chosen for the quarry provides the best available alternative. Consideration of unacceptable adverse effects will include potential impacts on designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites (Policy 10).
- 4.131 Of particular concern are the potential effects on the local landscape and environment, the amenity of neighbouring properties and local communities. Access and the capacity of the local road network, noise, vibration, dust and safety can raise concerns along with the potential to adversely affect existing surface and groundwater resources. Other relevant policies of the Plan will provide the appropriate policy context for considering these matters.

**Policy 24****Local Building Stone**

**Planning permission will be granted for quarrying of local building stone where:**

- a) the material is required to supply a specific proven local need and exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated; and**
- b) it is closely located in relation to the proposed construction or development site; and**
- c) there are clear environmental benefits from meeting supply from the proposed source rather than from an existing site or sites with planning permission or from secondary or recycled aggregates either within or outside of the National Park; and**
- d) the scale of the development is appropriate for the locality and to serve the local market; and**
- e) there is provision for a beneficial after-use, restoration, landscaping and post closure management of the site, including where possible details of progressive restoration of the site.<sup>88</sup>**

- 4.132 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 states that mineral working in National Parks should only take place in exceptional circumstances<sup>89</sup>. In some cases this may relate to the need for small scale mineral extraction from local workings for building stone, which are not otherwise available and which can be extracted without unacceptable adverse effects. The term local, in this context means the National Park and immediately adjacent areas. Of particular concern are the potential effects on the local landscape and environment, the amenity of neighbouring properties and local communities. Access and the capacity of the local road network, noise, vibration, dust and safety can raise concerns along with the potential to adversely affect existing surface and groundwater resources. Other relevant policies of the Plan will provide the appropriate policy context for considering these matters.

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<sup>88</sup> See Minerals Technical Advice Note 1, paragraph 130 to 139.

<sup>89</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 5.14.35

- 4.133 The use of locally derived building materials is supported so as to encourage the promotion of design quality which respects vernacular traditions. Consideration of environmental impacts will include designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites and undesignated sites. The term ‘closely located in relation to the proposed development site’ in criterion b) should normally be taken to mean ‘the proposed quarry lies within the same Community Council area as the proposed development site or in an adjoining community council area to the proposed development site. Where an exception to this approach is proposed, it will be for the prospective developer to justify, to the satisfaction of the local planning authority, why a location within the Community Council area within which the development site falls or an adjoining one is not possible – and why the site chosen for the quarry provides the best available alternative.

**Policy 25 Recycled, Secondary and Waste Materials**

**The use of recycled, secondary and waste materials, including demolition and construction waste arising from local sources will be supported provided:**

- a) the removal of any material will not have an unacceptable adverse effect on any sites, buildings, walls or features of landscape, nature conservation, archaeological, architectural or historic interest; and**
- b) the reuse of materials does not harm the character of the National Park; and**
- c) the treatment of mineral waste can be satisfactorily accommodated within the mineral extraction site, including a suitable scheme for the restoration and after care of the site if appropriate.**

- 4.134 The principle of recycling mineral materials from sites and their use as secondary aggregates is supported because this contributes to the sustainable use of mineral materials which are a finite resource. In cases where proposals involve the reworking of mineral waste which has been assimilated into and enhances the landscape or forms an area of archaeological interest, they will not be permitted.
- 4.135 Where processing needs to deal with waste arising from several sources a base location may be set up to deal with recyclable mineral wastes. Recycling plants may also be appropriate on working sites with planning permission for minerals extraction or mineral waste disposal. Crushing and screening operations can result in harm to the amenities of the surrounding area and these must be addressed and appropriate mitigation measures put in place.

- 4.136 It is recognised that there are 'permitted development' rights under the General Development Order 1995 in relation to minerals and in recognition of the potential environmental impact of such development the Authority will seek informal consultation arrangements with developers and operators over schemes falling outside formal planning approval procedures. Consultation will also take place with Natural Resources Wales. There are also environmental permits separate to the planning system that need to be considered.
- 4.137 Of particular concern for these forms of development are the potential effects on the local landscape and environment, the amenity of neighbouring properties and local communities. Access and the capacity of the local road network, noise, vibration, dust and safety can raise concerns along with the potential to adversely affect existing surface and groundwater resources. Other relevant policies of the Plan will provide the appropriate policy context for considering these matters.

**Policy 26**

**Inactive Mineral Sites**

**Where the Authority is satisfied that the winning and working of minerals or the depositing of mineral waste has ceased permanently it will investigate the appropriateness of serving a Prohibition Order on the owner(s).**

- 4.138 There is a single site within the National Park, Penberry, which has planning permission but which is unlikely to be re-opened. The Authority has submitted a Prohibition Order at Penberry for confirmation. This site is shown on the Proposals Map. The Authority will continue to investigate the appropriateness of making Prohibition Orders to provide certainty about future workings at any other appropriate sites during the plan period. Bottom Meadow and Middle Mill quarries both have lapsed planning permissions but with remaining restoration requirements on which the Authority is holding discussions with the land owners. In considering what action to take the Authority will take into account likely benefits for the restoration of sites and appropriate after uses. In most cases, this will comprise the restoration, enhancement and management for nature conservation, for example creation and management of priority habitats.<sup>90</sup> Other sites that become inactive during the plan

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<sup>90</sup> See The Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Section 7.

period will be kept under review to ensure high standards of environmental protection appropriate to the National Park are maintained.

- 4.139 The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on land instability arising from former coal mining working. Further information about land instability from natural processes and from other non-coal mining operations can be obtained from the British Geological Survey.<sup>91</sup> See Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 which provides a national development control policy on unstable land.

## **Waste**

- 4.140 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, Technical Advice Note 21: Waste, Local Development Plans, Towards Zero Waste, and the Sector Plans, taken as a whole, comprise the overall waste management plan for Wales as required under European Union law, particularly Articles 1,4,13, 16, and 28 of the Waste Framework Directive<sup>92</sup>. The Collections, Infrastructure and Markets Sector Plan and Technical Advice Note 21: Waste refers to the Areas of Search Maps for both in building and open air facilities to provide strategic locational criteria for sub regional waste management facilities<sup>93 94</sup>. These maps exclude the National Park as an appropriate location for providing such facilities<sup>95</sup>. National guidance states that local planning authorities should seek to provide suitable and appropriate waste management facilities within their areas<sup>96</sup>. For the National Park, local scale facilities that would predominantly serve the National Park area are considered appropriate and suitable in this respect<sup>97</sup>. Local facilities can include Community Recycling Centres (e.g. Bring Sites), Clean Materials Recovery Facilities, Transfer Stations, Civic Amenity, and Construction & Demolition

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<sup>91</sup> See the British Geological Survey website.

<sup>92</sup> Technical Advice Note 21 Waste February 2014, paragraph 1.4

<sup>93</sup> Collections Infrastructure and Markets Sector Plan, July 2012, Section 3 (q) 'Criteria for locating waste facilities' and Technical Advice Note 21 Waste, February 2014, paragraph 3.26

<sup>94</sup> Sub regional facilities are those which provide for more than one local authority area but not the whole region. The South West Wales region comprises Bridgend, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Swansea authorities.

<sup>95</sup> South West Wales Regional Waste Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Review, August 2008, Appendix J

<sup>96</sup> Technical Advice Note 21 Waste, February 2014, paragraphs 3.21-3.22

<sup>97</sup> See Waste Background Paper

Exemption<sup>98</sup>. Specific requirements for these or any other facilities have not been identified however. In addition to national policy and guidance future proposals will be considered against the relevant local criteria based policies. Regional Waste Planning Monitoring Reports for the South West Wales region will also be used to inform local planning decisions.

<b>Policy 27</b>	<b>Local Waste Management Facilities<sup>99</sup></b>
	<p><b>Local waste management and recycling facilities which predominantly serve the National Park area will be permitted provided:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) the site would be conveniently located in relation to the needs of the National Park community; and</b></li><li><b>b) the proposal makes provision for adequate screening so as to minimise any adverse effects; and</b></li><li><b>c) the development is sufficiently distanced from neighbouring properties so as not to constitute a potential health or safety hazard; and</b></li></ul> <p><b>A Waste Planning Assessment will be required to accompany applications for a waste management facility classified as disposal, recovery or recycling facility.<sup>100</sup></b></p>

- 4.141 Civic amenity sites and related recycling centres serve a useful purpose in that household waste can be sorted to facilitate re-use and recycling. It also helps to avoid fly tipping. They may generate significant vehicle movements and will involve temporary storage of waste materials in open topped or closed (for putrescible waste) containers. For these reasons, the requirements with respect to access, parking and amenity are quite stringent. There are also environmental permits separate to the planning system that need to be considered.

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<sup>98</sup>Construction and Demolition Exemption refers to sites which are registered as exempt from the Environmental Permitting Regulations and do not need to hold a licence.

<sup>99</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>100</sup> See Technical Advice Note 21 Waste (February 2014) paragraph 4.2.

- 4.142 The development should not have an unacceptable adverse effect on the amenities of the local area and local communities in particular with regard to access, traffic generated, noise, vibration, dust, litter, and odour nor adversely affect existing surface and groundwater resources. Other relevant policies of the Plan will provide the appropriate policy context for these considerations.

**Policy 28**

**Composting**

**Proposals that involve the composting of organic material, generated predominantly within the National Park will be permitted unless there would be an unacceptable adverse effect on any of the following:**

- a) the amenities of the local area and local communities in particular with regard to access, traffic generated, noise, vibration, dust, odour, safety nor adversely affect all existing surface and groundwater resources; and**
- b) the capacity of the local road network; and**
- c) designated conservation sites (see Policy 10 and Policy 11).**

**And provided:**

- d) there is provision for landscaping and/or screening of the site; and**
- e) there are satisfactory steps to deal with leachate; and**
- f) the product has added value.**

- 4.143 Composting is a sustainable process/treatment for the large amount of green waste produced in the National Park. However the resultant compost must be of a quality good enough for beneficial after-use such as use in gardens, on brownfield sites, landscaping and full scale agricultural use.<sup>101</sup>
- 4.144 The management of green waste may also include associated developments such as shredding. The collection and management of green waste is undertaken at the Civic Amenity sites and two landfill sites within the County. Composting also takes place at

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<sup>101</sup> See Technical Advice Note 21Waste (February 2014) paragraph 4.44

farms within the County; also there are community compost schemes.

- 4.145 The National Park Authority will support proposals for composting material predominantly generated within the National Park at or adjoining existing sites being used for waste management or disposal, which are operating with no associated environmental or other problems. Natural Resources Wales will be consulted. There are also environmental permits separate to the planning system that need to be considered. Potential effects on water quality are a material planning consideration and there should be no possibility of run-off, spillage or leachate pollution of surface or groundwaters.<sup>102</sup> Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 December 2018 also states that sustainable waste management facilities should minimise adverse environmental impacts and avoid risks to human health.
- 4.146 It is likely that applications for windrow composting will be most suitable in rural locations.

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<sup>102</sup> See Technical Advice Note 21Waste (February 2014) paragraph 11.1



## **Priority C: Climate change, sustainable design, flooding, sustainable energy**

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## **C. Climate Change, Sustainable Design, Renewable Energy, Flooding**


- 4.147 The strategy of the Local Development Plan is to support sustainable locations for development by locating housing and other development adjacent to services. The strategy of this Local Development Plan is also to seek to minimise the contribution that certain developments will make to greenhouse gas emissions by constraining polluting or hazardous development in the Park (see paragraph 4.115), by promoting the use of renewable energy and by encouraging sustainable design in development<sup>103</sup>. The strategy is also to accept the need to adapt to climate change and to deal with the consequences of climate change in a more forward thinking way, not for just the immediate Local Development Plan period. The strategy takes account of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and specifically the Act's provisions for resilient ecosystems and sustainable management of natural resources. The principles of managing adaptively, taking account of the short, medium and long term consequences of actions, and taking action to prevent significant damage to ecosystems, in particular, apply.
- 4.148 At the end of the Local Development Plan period new development will be more sustainable in design. The Park will have a series of community based renewable energy projects as well as individual proposals in operation. In planning for the future changes in climate, no new development has been encouraged in locations where there is a long term strategy to allow the sea or river to inundate or flood. Development will have been directed away from areas that are or will be prone to flooding and inundation within the next 100 years using information supplied by Natural Resources Wales and the Shoreline Management Plans for West Wales and South Wales. As the climate changes there will be a need to understand and manage risks and consequences caused by flooding, including the implications for increased flood risk elsewhere caused by any particular development. New development will have been directed away from high risk locations allowing the undeveloped coastline to evolve naturally. Developed areas of the coast at risk from flooding and inundation caused by climate change will be assisted to manage the necessary changes to help communities minimise risk to life and assets and to adapt over time.

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<sup>103</sup> The main contributing sectors for CO<sub>2</sub> in the National Park are power station emissions, domestic and commercial combustion, road transport and other transport.

- 4.149 The strategy for development chosen along with the proposals under 'Sustainable Transport.' should also contribute to this agenda.

## **Sustainable Design**

<b>Policy 29</b>	<b>Sustainable Design (Strategy Policy)</b>	
<p><b>All proposals for development will be expected to demonstrate an integrated approach to design and construction, and will be required to be well designed in terms of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) Place and local distinctiveness (see Policy 8).</b></li><li><b>b) Environment and biodiversity (see Policy 8).</b></li><li><b>c) Community cohesion and health (see Policy 30).</b></li><li><b>d) Accessibility (see Policy 59).</b></li><li><b>e) Efficient use of energy</b></li><li><b>f) Energy generation (see Policy 33).</b></li><li><b>g) Materials and resources (see Policy 31).</b></li><li><b>h) Water and drainage (see Policy 33).</b></li><li><b>i) Waste (see Policy 31).</b></li><li><b>j) Resilience to climate change (see Policy 34)</b></li></ul>		

- 4.150 Sustainable Design Guidance to help applicants to comply with the policy and explain what the Authority requires to accompany planning applications will be prepared. The integrated approach to design set out in the policy and guidance will encompass both design and construction phases of development and include any consequential updates in light of the Section 6 duty of the Environment Act (Wales) 2016.
- 4.151 The level of carbon reduction expected will be determined by the minimum required by Building Regulations (Part L). The National Park Authority, working within the context of Welsh Government policy guidance will expect all applicants to address carbon reduction within the designs for their schemes<sup>104</sup>.

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<sup>104</sup> See Technical Advice Note 12 Design (March 2016) paragraphs 5.4.1-5.4.9

- 4.152 The aim of this policy is to make more efficient use of water, through for example, rainwater harvesting, or employing a sustainable drainage system. There will however, still be a need for some drainage. To be well designed the development will still require adequate sewage disposal facilities and surface water draining. Capacity must be made available before the development can be occupied.
- 4.153 Criterion a) includes landscape and townscape. Criterion b) embraces historic landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity. Criterion c) includes “Secured by Design”, adaptability to changing circumstances, and neighbour amenity considerations. Criterion e): applicants will be expected to demonstrate a design approach which minimises energy use. Criterion f) applicants will be expected to incorporate appropriate renewable or low carbon energy technologies including solar water systems, solar photovoltaic, wind, heat pumps and biomass where appropriate. In respect of criterion h) early consultation with Natural Resources Wales should be undertaken to ensure that development is appropriately located, designed and/or phased to avoid adverse impacts on Natura 2000 sites in terms of water resource demands and water quality, and development will be permitted only where there are assured water supplies from sources that would not have an adverse effect on Natura 2000 sites. In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to reduce the number of units on allocations where the only effective mitigation is to ensure no adverse effect on the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. Developments which might have the potential to affect European sites will be subject to Habitats Regulations Appraisal and Environmental Impact Assessment at project level. Water Cycle Studies (and surface water management plans) may also be necessary. Criterion i) includes waste minimisation and promotion/facilitation of recycling, in both the construction and operational phases. Criterion j) includes robustness to flooding, coastal risk and other pressures arising for climate change.
- 4.154 The policies below provide additional advice and guidance on addressing sustainable design issues.

**Policy 30****Amenity**

**Development will not be permitted where it has an unacceptable adverse effect on amenity, particularly where:**

- a) the development would have a detrimental impact on the quality of the environment currently enjoyed by people living, working or visiting the Park; and/or**
- b) the development is of a scale incompatible with its surroundings; and/or**
- c) the development leads to an increase in traffic or noise or odour or light which has a significant adverse effect; and/or**
- d) the development is visually intrusive.**

- 4.155 This policy aims to protect the amenity enjoyed by people in their residences, workspaces and recreational areas. Amenity is defined as those elements in the appearance and layout of town and countryside which make for a pleasant life rather than a mere existence.

**Policy 31****Minimising Waste**

**Development must minimise, re-use and recycle waste generated during demolition and construction and provide waste management facilities of an appropriate type and scale as an integral part of the development.**

- 4.156 Demolition, construction and excavation wastes are a valuable resource of material that can be recycled, although minimisation of waste should be the first consideration. This Authority would welcome the provision of Site Waste Management Plans to help this process. Avoidance of this material going to landfill would comply with the Landfill Directive. There are a number of existing recycling facilities within the County. Local recycling facilities for this material are supported in accordance with the Government's sustainable principles for waste management and for mineral planning. Recycling, composting and other waste minimisation measures help the environment by reducing the amount of land required for waste disposal by landfill or landraising and for the treatment of residual waste, which is left over following maximum recycling and composting.
- 4.157 The Authority will expect proposals likely to generate significant amounts of waste to include facilities for "green waste" composting and for the collection of waste suitable for recycling, and for residual waste.

- 4.158 There are different types of recycling provision for different types of wastes. The very local provision for household and non-domestic wastes would be neighbourhood collection, which could either be from the doorstep, kerbside or from a central collection point. All waste generating developments should provide for the separate storage of types of waste including recycled, residual waste and food waste.

**Policy 32 Surface Water Drainage**

**Development will be required to incorporate sustainable drainage systems for the disposal of surface water on site.**

- 4.159 Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) are a mandatory requirement for new developments. Since 7th January 2019:
- All new developments of more than 1 house or where the construction area is 100m<sup>2</sup> or more, will require SuDS for managing surface water.
  - Drainage systems for all new developments must be designed and built in accordance with statutory SuDS standards.
  - Pembrokeshire County Council will become the SuDS approving body (SAB).
  - SuDS schemes must be approved by Pembrokeshire County Council before construction work begins. The Council will have a duty to adopt compliant SuDS so long as it is built and functions in accordance with the approved proposals.
- 4.160 The disposal of surface water run-off from development both during construction and after completion requires careful consideration in order to minimise its adverse environmental impacts<sup>105</sup>. Traditional practices for disposing of surface water involve channelling the water away to the nearest watercourse to promote rapid run-off. This approach can lead to an increased risk of flooding downstream, reduced groundwater recharge (a reduction in the water percolating through the soil back to ground water) and the transmission of pollutants to watercourses. Sustainable drainage systems are promoted by Dŵr Cymru and supported by Natural Resources Wales. They move away from traditional piped drainage systems to

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<sup>105</sup> Set out in Schedule 3 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

engineering solutions that mimic natural processes and include hard options such as permeable and porous surfaces and/or softer options such as vegetated landscape features, ponds, wetlands and grass swales.

- 4.161 Sustainable urban drainage systems fall into 3 broad groups which aim to:
- a) reduce the quantity of runoff from the site (source control);
  - b) slow the velocity of runoff to allow settlement filtering and infiltration (permeable conveyance systems); and
  - c) provide passive treatment to collected surface water before discharge into groundwater or to a watercourse (end of pipe systems).
- 4.162 Planning applications must be accompanied by an assessment of the suitability of sustainable urban drainage systems.
- 4.163 Source control should be an integral part of the design of most new development and developers should seek to incorporate source control sustainable drainage systems within the application site for surface water disposal into development proposals at the time of application. This applies to all surface water within the site - from roofs, roads and other surfaces and planning conditions will be used to ensure compliance.
- 4.164 It is recognised that there may be exceptional circumstances where source control would not be wholly achievable and where this has been demonstrated not to be practicable, developers should in the first instance, provide sustainable drainage systems for as much of the development as is practically possible. For the remainder of the development an acceptable alternative means of surface water disposal must be incorporated. Traditional 'hard' drainage systems should only be utilised once it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the National Park Authority, that sustainable drainage systems would not be successful.
- 4.165 The developer will be responsible for meeting all necessary costs for the planning, design and installation of sustainable drainage systems. Developers will also be required to enter into a planning obligation (known as a S106 Agreement) to meet the cost of adoption and providing long-term management. Natural Resources Wales does not support the inclusion of culverting and seeks the removal of culverting wherever possible. Pembrokeshire County Council, as consenting authority for ordinary watercourses, does not support culverting unless it is to achieve access into the land or property.

## Renewable Energy

- 4.166 The policy framework for renewable energy below provides support for renewable energy proposals which take account of the Special Qualities of the National Park (see Policy 8).
- 4.167 Planning Policy Wales advises that local planning authorities can make a positive contribution, in pursuit of national renewable energy targets, by considering the contribution (target) their area can make towards developing and facilitating renewable and low carbon energy, and enable this contribution to be delivered<sup>106</sup>. It requires local planning authorities to undertake an assessment of the potential of all renewable energy resources and low carbon energy opportunities within their area and include appropriate policies in their development plans.
- 4.168 The Authority has conducted a Renewable Energy Assessment (updated January 2016), which aims to obtain a clear overview on the contribution that the National Park area can make to national renewable energy provision targets, without compromising the national park purposes (see Policy 1)<sup>107</sup>. Specifically, the Assessment, as updated, considers the following:
- a) The technical potential for renewables
  - b) The potential environmental and socio-economic constraints
  - c) Taking account of a) and b) the resultant potential opportunities for a range of renewable energy
  - d) Taking account of the above, whether there is a need to update the landscape capacity assessments for each technology.

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<sup>106</sup> See Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10) December 2018 paragraph 5.17.19

<sup>107</sup> Renewable Energy Assessment (Jan 2016)



**Policy 33****Renewable and Low Carbon Energy**

**Proposals for renewable and low carbon energy development including those relating to wind, solar and hydro power, anaerobic digestion and biomass will be permitted subject to the following criteria:**

- a) Small and medium scale renewable energy schemes would not individually or cumulatively have an unacceptable adverse effect on the visual amenities, landscape character and/or nature conservation value of the local area.**
- b) Large scale renewable energy and low carbon energy schemes would not individually or cumulatively have an unacceptable adverse effect on the special qualities of the National Park.**

**The table below sets out the type and scale of renewable and low carbon energy technology that are appropriate for the National Park.**

- c) Onshore connections to off- shore renewable energy generators would not have an unacceptable adverse effect on the visual amenities, landscape character or nature conservation of the developed and undeveloped coast. Where an undeveloped coastal location - is required proposals need to demonstrate why the location is necessary with the least obtrusive approach to design being taken (See also Policy 8, Policy 9 and Policy 62).**
- d) All renewable and low carbon energy development proposals will be required to demonstrate that:**
  - i. Measures have been taken to minimise impacts on the landscape and natural environment of the National Park;**
  - ii. There will be no unacceptable impacts on residential amenity;**
  - iii. The development would not compromise highway safety;**
  - iv. The development would not interfere with radar, air traffic control systems, telecommunications links, television reception, radio communication and emergency services; and**
  - v. There are satisfactory proposals in place for site restoration.**

4.169 For the purposes of this policy the table below provides guidance on the meaning of the terms small, medium and large for the following technology:

**Table 6 Renewable Technology**

<b>Renewable Technology<sup>108</sup></b>	<b>Very Small/ Micro</b>	<b>Small<sup>109</sup></b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Large</b>
<b>Wind</b> (values refer to blade tip height)	Building or mast mounted	<25m	25m-65m	>65m
<b>Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Arrays</b>	< 1 hectare	1 - 2.9 hectares	3 – 4.9 hectares	> 5 hectares
<b>Anaerobic Digestion Plants</b>	Not applicable.	In the region of 10-50kW	Up to 2MW	Such facilities are likely to take waste from predominantly outside the National Park (see Policy 27).
<b>Biomass Facilities</b>	Not applicable.	<200kW	200kW – 1MW e.g. to power community facilities/public buildings	>1MW E.g. Heat and Electricity power plant
<b>Hydro</b>	<100kW	A few hundred KW	No technical potential	No technical potential
<b>Heat Pumps</b>	Not applicable.			

- 4.170 With regard to large anaerobic waste facilities Policy 27 Local Waste Management Facilities advises that facilities that predominantly serve the National Park will be permitted. Proposals

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<sup>108</sup> Informed by the Renewable Energy Assessment (Jan 2016) and the guidance contained within the Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance prepared under Local Development Plan 1.

<sup>109</sup> Reference in the policy to 'small' includes 'very small/micro'.

for ground, water and air source heat pumps will be considered in the context of their individual impacts upon amenity and the environment.

- 4.171 Each form of renewable energy technology will have specific effects that will need to be taken into account when considering development proposals. For example, wind turbines can cause noise disturbance and shadow flicker, solar arrays can cause solar glare, anaerobic digestion plants can cause odour effects and additional traffic generation, and hydro schemes can impact upon the water environment and its associated ecology. This policy, in conjunction with other Local Development Plan policies as relevant, provides the policy context to consider all relevant effects of renewable energy proposals.
- 4.172 Likely contributions for renewable energy and carbon emissions are set out in the Renewable Energy Assessment (Jan 2016) and have been incorporated in the monitoring targets of the Local Development Plan (see 5. Monitoring).
- 4.173 Supplementary Planning Guidance on renewable energy and on assessing the cumulative impact of wind turbines on landscape and visual amenity will be prepared. The guidance on renewable energy will provide advice on solar panels, anaerobic digestion, biomass plants, micro-hydro provision, ground and air source heat pumps, district heating, wind energy and on-shore grid connectors for off shore wind installations. It will also include a landscape sensitivity assessment for field scale solar photovoltaic development and wind turbines for each landscape character area (Policy 14) within the National Park<sup>110</sup>.
- 4.174 Provision should be made for the removal of temporary structures, plant and equipment from the site once construction works are completed. When the installation has come to the end of its operational life, all structures, plant, equipment and associated infrastructure should be removed within (6 months, or a pre-negotiated period) after decommissioning and the land restored to an acceptable standard as agreed prior to consent being granted.
- 4.175 Community benefit type, negotiation and administration is referred to in TAN 8. Some benefits can be justified as mitigation of development impacts through the planning process. In addition, developers may offer benefits not directly related to the planning process which may go some way to ameliorate the community consequences of impacts. It falls to be negotiated with developers

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<sup>110</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

but it is not a mandatory requirement or a material consideration in the determination of planning merits and should not be viewed as a means to overcome fundamental planning objections to a particular development. Community benefit may fall within a number of categories (e.g. social, economic, environmental, ecological or educational benefits) and contributions may take a number of forms such as:

- In-kind benefits such as the construction of a needed community facility;
- A lump sum financial payment for the benefit of the community;
- Annual payments to the community;
- A commitment from the developer to use local labour and/or contractors/services wherever possible.

4.176 There is also potential for offshore renewable energy developments which will have landward implications. As an exception to Policy 8a) the National Park Authority accepts that technically feasible routes for onshore connections may not only be available on the developed coast.<sup>111</sup> Innovative design solutions can often overcome the adverse impacts of normally incongruous development in such a sensitive landscape. Consideration of environmental impacts will include designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites and undesignated sites.

4.177 Please also see 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' and 'Developments of National Significance in Wales'.

## **Flooding and Coastal Inundation**

4.178 The strategy of the Local Development Plan accepts the need to adapt and deal with the consequences of climate change not just for the Plan period, but beyond. The coast is the most dynamic feature of the National Park, changing daily, and climate change threatens to increase the rate at which the coast transforms, introducing challenges for communities to adapt to increased or new flood risks and coastal erosion.

4.179 The entire Welsh and English coastline is included in a series of Shoreline Management Plans. These documents produced by Local Authorities along with other key stakeholders, and approved in Wales by the Welsh Government, provide an assessment of

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<sup>111</sup> National planning policy advises that the undeveloped coast will rarely be the most appropriate location for development (Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, paragraph 6.5.9).

risks associated with coastal processes and present strategic policies for coastal management that balance the many and often competing aspirations of stakeholders with proper regard for economic and environmental sustainability over a 100 year timeframe. They include policy statements for discrete lengths or management units of the coast broken down into short, medium and long-term time bands. Two Shoreline Management Plans cover the coast of Pembrokeshire meeting at St Anne's Head near Dale.<sup>112</sup> These policy statements, combined with official sea-level rise data, have been used to define 'risk areas' and are shown on the Proposals Map as 'Coastal Change Management Areas'. The full methodology used to identify the areas is contained in the Coastal Change Management Areas Identification Methodology Background Paper.

- 4.180 The National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management seeks to reduce risk to individuals, communities, business and the environment.<sup>113</sup> Property and buildings and the finances invested in them have life-spans beyond a few generations of people.
  
- 4.181 A small number of residential properties, businesses, sections of road and other assets in the National Park could be lost to coastal erosion and coastal inundation before the end date of the Local Development Plan (2031) and beyond that time more extensive areas of coastline are forecasted to be subject to increased risk from flooding, erosion and change. Adaptation to such change needs long-term action, hence the need to consider and deal with the consequences beyond the Local Development Plan period. Development should not be allowed to take place in areas where erosion or coastal inundation is likely to occur during the lifetime of the building.
  
- 4.182 There will also be a need to help communities or individuals adapt to the consequences of coastal change, including in certain instances the need for the relocation and replacement of community facilities, commercial and business uses that are considered important to coastal communities, and of homes affected by coastal erosion. The potential for habitat creation and landscape restoration will need to be fully considered as part of any strategy to adapt affected areas.

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<sup>112</sup> West of Wales Shoreline Management Plan & South Wales Shoreline Management Plan

<sup>113</sup> National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

**Policy 34    Flooding and Coastal Inundation (Strategy Policy)**

**In planning for the future development of the National Park;**

- a) development will be directed away from those areas which are at risk from flooding now or as predicted for the future by TAN15 Development Advice Maps or Shoreline Management Plan 2 unless there are sound social or economic justifications in accordance with the advice set out in Technical Advice Note 15 (see Policy 35, Policy 36 and Policy 37)<sup>114</sup>.**
- b) sustainable defence of the coast will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the works are consistent with the management approach for the frontage presented in the relevant Shoreline Management Plan and there will be no unacceptable adverse effect on the environment.**

- 4.183    New development will be expected to avoid unnecessary flood risk and to meet the requirements of Technical Advice Note 15 (Flooding). No highly vulnerable development (as defined in Technical Advice Note 15) will be permitted within Zone C2 and

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<sup>114</sup> The Development Advice Maps are to be used alongside Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 and Technical Advice Note 15 to direct new development in respect of flood risk. Together they form a precautionary framework to guide planning decisions. The maps are based on Natural Resources Wales extreme flood outlines (Zone C, data revised 2015) and the British Geological Survey drift data (Zone B, 2004). The Development Advice Maps do not include an allowance for climate change. More detail of the zones is identified in Technical Advice Note 15 (2004).

The Shoreline Management Plans identify areas liable to flood from the sea, with a long timescale. The data from these sources will be used to identify areas liable to flooding for the purposes of this policy. Each of the shoreline management plans is available online – See West of Wales Shoreline Management Plan 2 for details of coastal policy from St Anne's Head to Poppit Sands. See South Wales Shoreline Management Plan 2 for details of coastal policy from Amroth to St Anne's Head.

development will only be considered in areas at risk of flooding where it can be demonstrated that the site can comply with the justification and assessment requirements set out in Technical Advice Note 15.

- 4.184 Consideration of environmental impacts will include designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites and undesignated sites - see Policy 8 Special Qualities.

**Policy 35**

**Development in the Coastal Change Management Area**

**New dwellings or conversion of existing buildings to residential use will not be permitted in the Coastal Change Management Areas (see Proposals Map).**

**Proposals for all other new development or the intensification of existing development or land uses in the Coastal Change Management Areas will be required to demonstrate that it will result in no increased risk to life or significant increase in risk to property, in addition to complying with all other relevant policies of the Local Development Plan.**

- 4.185 In recognition of the risks, development within the 100 year coastal change risk areas needs to be carefully controlled.
- 4.186 The area seaward of the line on the Proposals Map indicates the area forecast to be affected by coastal change based on the output from the two Shoreline Management Plans for the long-term (up to 2110). Although there is uncertainty about absolute timescales in the Shoreline Management Plans, it is assumed that the management for each coastal frontage area will be achieved via delivery of the stated management policies. The Shoreline Management Plans identify policy statements and forecast shoreline position in three time intervals (epochs):
- a) up to 2025 (short-term);
  - b) 2025 to 2055 (medium term); and
  - c) 2055 to 2105 (long-term).
- 4.187 This breakdown provides valuable information allowing an assessment of when particular properties or land is likely to be at risk from coastal change. Areas shown in the Shoreline Management Plans as being at risk in the 1<sup>st</sup> epoch are those where there is currently no effective defence or where existing defences are likely to fail within the time-period. Within these areas only a limited range of types of development directly linked to the

coast, such as deck-chair and surf-hire, would be acceptable and any permission will be time-limited in order to manage risk.

- 4.188 Acceptable development within the medium-term risk areas may include extensions and some householder development. In the long-term risk areas a range of commercial and business proposals may be acceptable which can help to provide environmental, social and economic benefits for coastal communities. The potential for habitat creation and landscape restoration will need to be fully considered as part of any strategy to adapt affected areas.
- 4.189 All proposals will also be subject to other policies contained in the Local Development Plan
- 4.190 For the purposes of this policy 'dwellings' include those used for full-time residential use, for second or holiday home use and those with occupancy restrictions.

**Policy 36**

**Relocation of Existing Permanent Dwellings affected by Coastal Change**

**Proposals for the relocation of existing permanent dwellings in the countryside affected by coastal change (see Proposals Map) will be permitted, provided that:**

- a) It can be demonstrated that the development replaces a permanent dwelling which is affected or threatened by erosion or tidal inundation within 20 years of the date of the proposal; and**
- b) It is located outside and inland of the Coastal Change Management Area and where possible it is in a location that is close to the coastal community from which it was displaced; and**
- c) It is within or immediately adjacent to existing Centres close to the location from which it was displaced; or**
- d) In the case of an agricultural dwelling, is within the farm holding or within or immediately adjacent to existing Centres; and**
- e) The new dwelling is comparable in size to that which it is to replace;**
- f) The existing building is demolished and the site cleared and made safe; and**
- g) The site meets all other criteria against which a residential proposal would be judged.**



<b>Policy 37</b>	<p><b>Relocation and replacement of development (other than residential) affected by coastal change</b></p> <p><b>Proposals for the relocation and replacement of community facilities, commercial and business uses that are considered important to coastal communities affected by coastal change (see Proposals Map) will be permitted, provided that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) It can be demonstrated that the proposed development replaces that which is forecast to be affected by erosion within 20 years of the date of the proposal; and</b></li> <li><b>b) The new development is outside and inland of the Coastal Change Management Area and where possible it is in a location that is close to the coastal community from which it was displaced; and</b></li> <li><b>c) The new building or land area is comparable in size to that which it is to replace; and</b></li> <li><b>d) Any existing buildings are demolished and the site is cleared and made safe or put to a temporary use beneficial to the local community; and</b></li> <li><b>e) The site meets all other criteria against which a proposal for these uses would normally be judged.</b></li> </ul>
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- 4.191 Twenty years is the timescale that Government guidance states (for the purposes of Shoreline Management Plans) as the 'present time' or 'short-term'. It is used in all Shoreline Management Plans to define Epoch 1. There is a need to balance blight with the ability of property owners within the risk areas to adapt or respond to the coastal changes. Replacement buildings must be similar in size and proportion to the original building or site. Proposals for developments which are significantly different in terms of footprint, scale, size, and use will not be permitted under this policy.

# **Priority D: Visitor economy, employment**

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## **D. Visitor Economy, Employment**

### **Visitor Accommodation, Attractions, Leisure Activities and Recreation**

- 4.192 The strategy for visitors is to attract an optimal number, origin, type, duration of stay and spend of visitors all year round while ensuring that National Park environment continues to hold its attraction as a landscape of national and international importance. This is best achieved in land use terms by not adding substantively to the overall provision of visitor accommodation, as this could encourage further 'peaking' and cause damage to the National Park landscape and special qualities, both in terms of the impacts of the additional development and increased activity in some 'hot spot' locations.
- 4.193 Instead, the future for the National Park in this Local Development Plan is one where by the end of the Plan period, a range of quality holiday accommodation, similar to the level and distribution of provision at the beginning of the Local Development Plan period, is retained to suit a range of incomes. Some additional caravan and camping provision is provided for along with changes within sites which allows for more innovative approaches to provision to be considered. Hotels and guest houses that can provide accommodation and employment all year round are provided for and safeguarded unless they are no longer viable. Some additional self-catering is allowed to cater for all year round needs but this is restricted to instances where there is not a priority to meet affordable housing needs.
- 4.194 Where new visitor related development (visitor attractions, recreational and leisure development and shore based facilities associated with offshore jetties etc.), is permitted it has been screened to avoid activities that would damage the special qualities the Park.<sup>115</sup> The development of a few all-weather attractions has helped encourage more visits out of the peak season.
- 4.195 Traffic generation from visitor traffic is potentially a significant concern. A more rigorous approach to assessing traffic impact for such developments is required. Proposals that cause significant

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<sup>115</sup> Inappropriate activities would be those that would damage the enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park and this damage cannot be mitigated for example through zoning or traffic management measures or seasonally restricted activities.

adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated are not permitted – see Policy 59 and Policy 60.

- 4.196 Supplementary Planning Guidance will be prepared to provide further advice on what would be inappropriate activities in the National Park.



**To attract visitors outside the peak season while ensuring that the National Park environment is conserved and enhanced as a landscape of national and international importance by:**


- a) Allowing limited caravan, camping and chalet development (see Policy 41).**
- b) Permitting new hotels and guest houses within Centres or through the conversion of appropriate existing buildings in the countryside<sup>116</sup>.**
- c) Protecting against the loss of hotels and guest houses unless it is proven that their continued use would not be viable or that peak demand can continue to be met in the locality (see Policy 39).**
- d) Only permitting self-catering accommodation where the site or building is not appropriate for market or affordable housing provision on brownfield sites in the Local Development Plan's Centres or in conversions in the countryside (see Policy 40).**
- e) Permitting visitor attractions, recreational and leisure activities in or adjacent to Centres. Proposals in the countryside will need to demonstrate why a 'Countryside' location is essential. Countryside proposals should make use of existing buildings whenever possible.**
- f) Directing shore based facilities to the developed stretches of coast where compatible with adjacent uses (see Policy 17)<sup>117</sup>.**

**Activities which would damage the special qualities of the National Park will not be permitted (see also Policy 8). The potential effects of development on Natura 2000 sites will be considered in accordance with Policy 10.**

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<sup>116</sup> For definition of appropriate buildings in the countryside, please refer to the

- 4.197 There may be opportunities to develop hotels and guest houses within Centres, through new build developments, redevelopments or conversion of existing buildings. Outside of Centres, opportunities for new hotels and guest houses may be achieved through the conversion of appropriate buildings (see Policy 7c).
- 4.198 The policies below provide additional advice and guidance on the visitor economy.

<b>Policy 39</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p><b>Loss of Hotels and Guest Houses</b></p> <p><b>Loss of hotels and guest houses in the National Park will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) the potential for continued use of the facility has been shown to be unviable; or</b></li> <li><b>b) the overall demand for this type of accommodation during peak periods will continue to be met within the area; and</b></li> <li><b>c) there is no unacceptable adverse effect on the appearance and intrinsic character of the resort, area or frontage.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Applicants justifying the loss of the hotel under criterion a) will need to show that a genuine marketing exercise has been undertaken prior to the submission of the application.</b></p>
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- 4.199 This policy aims to protect the existing stock of hotels and guest houses in the National Park. A good supply and range of serviced accommodation is essential, particularly as tourism is a dominant factor in Pembrokeshire's economy. As the holiday market has changed there has been sustained pressure to convert hotels and large guest houses to flats, apartments and private houses. Since 1990, there has been a loss of over 40 hotels within the National Park. This trend has slowed and since 2010 a small number of new hotels have been developed in the National Park.

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reasoned justification under Policy 7, Countryside of the Plan.

<sup>117</sup> Structures and buildings associated with the shore or harbour or mooring provision or associated with equipment beyond the mean low water mark.

- 4.200 Hotels and guest houses often form part of the appeal and character of a town, village or area, which helps to attract visitors. In some instances, such as the Esplanade in Tenby, they form an intrinsic element of the identity of a particular frontage. Larger hotels also often form important landmarks in the townscape or landscape.
- 4.201 It is acknowledged that the demand for different types of holiday accommodation will continue to change and this is acknowledged in the policy which allows the change of use of those premises which are no longer viable and have no realistic prospect of becoming viable.
- 4.202 Supplementary Planning Guidance on the loss of hotels will be prepared.

<p><b>Policy 40</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposals for self-catering development will only be permitted on a brownfield site in a Centre or in a conversion proposal in a countryside location (see Policy 7 and Policy 48) where the site or building must be shown to be inappropriate for market or affordable housing provision<sup>118</sup>. New build self-catering development on greenfield sites will not be permitted.</b></p>	<p><b>Self-Catering Development</b></p>
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- 4.203 Self-catering accommodation is defined as non-caravan self-catering accommodation including rented flats, cottages, houses and bungalows, the primary purpose of which is for holiday letting.
- 4.204 This category would also include hostels providing low-priced overnight accommodation with a large proportion of dormitory accommodation, self-catering and facilities related to outdoor activities or field study. Hostels providing catering services will be regarded as serviced accommodation.
- 4.205 Purpose-built self-catering units may help to take the pressure off using local housing for holiday accommodation. However, a balance needs to be struck and given the large number of holiday properties currently in the National Park, the Authority will seek to prioritise the provision of affordable housing over self-catering

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<sup>118</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

accommodation where such opportunities arise. In principle all new market housing (this is private housing for sale or rent where the price is set in the open market and their occupation is not subject to control by the local planning authority) can contribute to meeting the need for affordable housing.<sup>119</sup>

- 4.206 Where self-catering is permitted planning conditions will ensure facilities remain as units of holiday accommodation and are not occupied as a sole or primary residence. The term ‘inappropriate’ in policy wording refers to instances where amenity issues may arise for example from having full time residential development adjacent to or within an existing holiday complex.
- 4.207 This policy will be used to consider both new build and conversion to self-catering accommodation.

### **Caravan, Camping and Chalet Development**

- 4.208 The Caravan, Camping and Chalet policy below is supported by a Caravan, Camping and Chalet Capacity Assessment (November 2015), which was a systematic assessment of the capacity of existing 28 Landscape Character Areas to accommodate a range of different types of caravan, camping and chalet developments including emerging types of accommodation<sup>120 121</sup>. It also provided advice on a Landscape Character Area basis as to whether existing sites can be upgraded, extended to increase accommodation, extended to improve appearance and/or whether new sites can be accommodated.
- 4.209 The findings of the landscape sensitivity and capacity study suggest that there is potential for certain limited scales and types of development in some areas whilst maintaining a policy of restraint elsewhere.
- 4.210 The changing patterns of use from touring units to static units and the introduction of new types of leisure accommodation including ‘glamping’ indicate that the character of this development type is changing and is likely to continue to change. It is not possible to

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<sup>119</sup> Paragraph 4.2.26 and 4.2.30 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 The term ‘local authority’ includes ‘local planning authority.’

<sup>120</sup> Background Paper: Caravan, Camping and Chalet Capacity Assessment (November 2015)

<sup>121</sup> Background Paper: The Study relied upon the Landscape Character Assessment of the National Park. The Landscape Character Assessment identifies 28 character areas within the National Park.



predict how the sector and different types of accommodation will evolve or how popular they will remain. Therefore policies are based on core principles and differentiate between the relative scale and permanence of development i.e. the difference between static units that are present all year round development and touring units, present for part of the season.

- 4.211 The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance based on the Caravan, Camping and Chalet Landscape Capacity Assessment Background Paper.



**New Caravan, Camping and Chalet sites and changes of pitch types within existing sites will be considered away from the coast and Preselis and in locations not intervisible with them<sup>123</sup>.**

**Extensions to existing sites will be considered where the extension is in a well-screened location.**

**Extensions to existing sites with no increase in pitch numbers to achieve clear environmental improvement in relation to landscaping and layout will be permitted where existing sites have highly prominent parts, often visible from the coast and inshore waters, and where extensions allow pitches to be transferred to more discreet locations.**

**Proposals coming forward as set out above must ensure that:**

- a) New development (including ancillary facilities) and changes within sites avoid sensitive locations**
- b) Units are sited so that they can be readily assimilated into the landscape without causing an unacceptable adverse effect on the National Park landscape (see Policy 14).**
- c) There are no unacceptable adverse cumulative effects when considered in conjunction with other development in the locality (see Policy 14).**
- d) Any ancillary facilities should, wherever possible, be located in an existing building or as an extension to existing facilities. If no existing building is available the need for additional facilities must be clearly demonstrated and commensurate with the scale of development (see also Policy 42).**
- e) Enhancement opportunities achieve an overall environmental improvement whereby there are clear benefits in reducing the impact on the surrounding landscape.**

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<sup>122</sup> This includes glamping. See reasoned justification for definitions.

- 4.212 The Caravan, Camping and Chalet Landscape Capacity Assessment provides both generic and detailed advice on what is meant by terms such as ‘away from the coast and Preselis’ and ‘sensitive locations’, how to assimilate proposals into the landscape and how to mitigate and enhance. The tailored recommendations and guidance for each landscape character area takes precedence over the generic guidance on siting, mitigation and enhancement which is set out in Appendix B to the Assessment.
- 4.213 Opportunities for new sites and extensions to existing sites are generally small-scale, catering for seasonal touring caravan or camping pitches. There may be a very small number of opportunities for medium scale proposals. Opportunities for new large-scale static sites were not found. The table below sets out what is meant by site size (small, medium large) and what is meant by the terms (seasonal or static). Size thresholds were derived from a preliminary assessment of a sample of different developments in the Pembrokeshire landscape taking into account the scale and pattern of the landscape.

**Table 7 Definition of Different Types of Development**

<b>Type of development and site size</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Static: large	Static units including caravans, chalets and pods/hard structure glamping options on a site above 3Ha.
Static: medium	Static units including caravans, chalets and pods/ hard structure glamping options on a site >0.5Ha- 3Ha.
Static: small	Static units including caravans, chalets and pods/hard structure glamping options on a site 0- 0.5Ha.
Seasonal: large	Seasonal units including touring caravans, tents, soft structure glamping options such as yurts, tepees and safari tents above 3Ha.
Seasonal: medium	Seasonal units including touring caravans, tents, soft structure glamping options such as yurts, tepees and safari tents >0.5Ha- 3Ha.
Seasonal: small	Seasonal units including touring caravans, tents, soft structure glamping options such as yurts, tepees and safari tents 0- 0.5Ha.

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<sup>123</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

- 4.214 The definition of touring units includes touring caravans, tents, trailer tents and motor-caravans, motorhomes, touring vans and campervans.
- 4.215 Glamping is defined as a form of accommodation which has been pre-erected on-site and can include yurts, tepees, pods, tree-houses and safari tents, although it can be provided by a range of other structures. The degree of locational permanence, scale and design will determine how these structures are considered.
- 4.216 Soft 'glamping' options such as yurts, tepees, safari tents and bell tents will be treated as touring units or seasonal development provided they are removed from site when they are not in use and/or for the majority of the year and the site allowed to grass over. Where associated fixed infrastructure such as decking, fencing or solar panels is proposed, the tents may be considered the same as static caravan development. Each proposal will be considered on a case-by-case basis<sup>124</sup>.
- 4.217 Hard 'glamping' options such as pods or wooden tents or other hard structures may be considered to be the same as touring or static caravans or lodges in accordance with the statutory definition of a caravan in Appendix C of the Caravan, Camping and Chalet Landscape Assessment. This depends on whether the structure can be removed easily off site in one piece, if it has a permanent concrete base, is permanently connected to an electrical supply or to other services such as water and waste disposal or has ancillary structures such as decking, fencing or solar panels associated with it. The decision on its status will be made on a case-by-case basis.<sup>125</sup>
- 4.218 Touring units should be removed from site when not in use. Storage for touring units should preferably be in suitable existing buildings or, in some limited circumstances in well screened, unobtrusive sites not visible from publicly accessible areas on land or sea.
- 4.219 **Cumulative Impacts:** In considering cumulative impacts a key principle to be applied is that if a particular type of development at a particular scale is acceptable in a given landscape character area this does not mean that, if implemented, that it would be appropriate or acceptable to increase the size or intensify the use of the site in future. The sensitivity of the Landscape Character Area would be likely to stay the same and the capacity may

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<sup>124</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>125</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

reduce in order to safeguard and meet the National Park's special qualities and purposes.

- 4.220 **Conditions:** A condition to ensure that holiday accommodation is used for holiday use and not occupied as a person's sole or main place of residence will be included on any permission granted. Seasonal sites or pitches will usually be permitted to operate from the beginning of May to end of September.
- 4.221 This policy excludes caravanning and camping permitted by the '28-day rule' and sites operated under Certificates granted by Exempted Organisations.<sup>126 127</sup>

**Policy 42 Site Facilities on Camping, Chalet and Caravan Sites**

**Development of retail and other facilities on camping, chalet and caravan sites will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:**

- a) the facility is not already available in the vicinity; and**
- b) the scale and design of the facility is in keeping with the character of the surrounding area; and**
- c) the vitality and viability of retailing and services of nearby Centres are not adversely affected.**

- 4.222 It is accepted that chalet, caravan and camping sites generally require good quality washing and toilet facilities. In addition larger caravan and chalet sites may justify, for example, the provision of a camp shop, office, laundry facility or games room. Wherever possible such provision should be made by the adaptation or conversion of existing buildings although it is acknowledged that new buildings will be required in some instances. The provision of

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<sup>126</sup> Schedule 2, Part 4, Class A of the General Permitted Development Order allows the use of land for various purposes – including the 'stationing of tents' for up to 28 days in any calendar year.

<sup>127</sup> The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 gives certain organisations the right to allow landowners to establish small campsites on their land without the need for planning permission. Such sites can accommodate up to five caravans and motorhomes and up to 10 tents, space permitting.

catering, leisure or shopping facilities on a scale that exceeds the reasonable requirements of the occupiers of the site or which relates poorly to the size, character or location of the site will not be encouraged. For the purposes of this policy, 'vicinity' will usually mean up to 1km walking distance from the main entrance to the site. Facilities of a larger size and scale may be considered in circumstances where such facilities are lacking in the immediate locality. The transformation of sites into self-contained holiday complexes providing extensive and inappropriate leisure or shopping facilities will be resisted. A balance must therefore be achieved between the need to maintain or improve the quality of facilities on site (having regard to site licensing requirements), and the need to safeguard existing facilities of nearby Centres.

- 4.223 On small sites in particular, the development of facilities in excess of those required by the licensing authority will be resisted. The provision of facilities under this policy will be expected to be accommodated within the confines of the existing site. In most instances, particularly in countryside locations, it will be appropriate to impose conditions on the grant of permission for such facilities to restrict their use to persons residing at the site. Such conditions will ensure that the scale of facilities remain appropriate for their intended purpose and will prevent undermining the vitality and viability of local facilities.

## **Employment**

- 4.224 Pembrokeshire's economy reflects its peripheral location. Whilst there are a small number of large employers in the energy and service sectors the County relies on small and medium-sized enterprises to drive its economy, with over 94% of registered businesses employing fewer than 10 people. 12% of the workforce are self-employed.
- 4.225 Most of the people who work in Pembrokeshire also live in Pembrokeshire and this correlation is particularly strong within the National Park.<sup>128</sup> The largest employers attracting people living outside of the immediate areas are located outside the National Park and mostly centred around the Haven Waterway and Haverfordwest. 9% of people who travel to work commute to Carmarthenshire (5%) and Ceredigion (4%). There is also a larger than Wales and UK average number of people self-employed in Pembrokeshire.

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<sup>128</sup> See Background Paper on Employment for further information.

- 4.226 In line with the Wales Spatial Plan, strategic employment provision in Pembrokeshire lies in the County Council's planning jurisdiction where strategic sites in the Council's Local Development Plan, in particular on the Haven waterway, provide opportunities for employment growth close to the main centres of population. Small employment land allocations in the National Park Authority's planning jurisdiction have not been delivered (viability and lack of developer interest are the two main issues) in the first Local Development Plan and the intention through revision is to respond to uncertainty by considering a more flexible approach through a criteria based policy approach.<sup>129</sup>
- 4.227 In terms of accommodating business in Pembrokeshire as a whole, demand is for ready-built premises, rather than land. There is a need to ensure a sufficient supply of smaller industrial units of up to 1,750 sq. feet for start ups and small firms and larger inward investors (c. 10,000). Locations identified are Haverfordwest, the Haven and Fishguard and north Pembrokeshire.<sup>130</sup> It is acknowledged that public sector provision of business premises has ceased and therefore ensuring a sufficient supply of office and business premises will now rely on engagement with the private sector to identify sites and opportunities.
- 4.228 The strategy for employment generation is to allow for small scale provision in the Park to enhance the socio-economic well-being of Park communities and also to help tackle seasonality issues with employment in the area. Large scale proposals are not considered compatible with the National Park designation. Small scale employment development is seen as development involving less than 2 hectares of land for business, general industrial or storage and distribution. This is complemented by additional policies for range of employment related uses (Policy 7 Countryside, Policy 18 Porthgain, Saundersfoot, Solva and Tenby Harbours, Policy 23 Borrow Pits, Policy 24 Local Building Stone, Policy 27 Local Waste Management Facilities, Policy 33 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy, Policy 38 Visitor Economy, Policy 45 Farm Diversification, Policy 56 Retail in the National Park, Policy 62 Powerlines and Pipelines and Policy 63 Telecommunications).
- 4.229 To avoid significant trip generation the locations promoted are generally those where homes, shops and services are located or proposed to be located. The Plan does, however, recognise that

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<sup>129</sup> See Background Paper on Employment for further information.

<sup>130</sup> page 46, Pembrokeshire County Council Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2017- 2022

extensions to established businesses in the countryside are sometimes needed along with the need for new businesses needing to join existing clusters. Assessing traffic impacts will be required. Those that cause significant adverse effects that cannot be mitigated will not be permitted (see Policy 59 and Policy 60).

- 4.230 At the end of the Local Development Plan period it is envisaged that small scale employment sites have been unlocked and are being developed in some of the larger Centres in the Park. Employment uses have also been generated outside these areas. Many sites that have been in employment use for some time are still available for new users. Each harbour in the National Park continues to contribute positively both to employment in and the character of the area.

**Policy 43    Employment Sites and Live/Work Units (Strategy Policy)**

**Employment opportunities will be provided and safeguarded through:**



- a) Directing small-scale employment proposals to appropriate locations in or adjacent to the Local Development Plan's identified Centres or buildings suitable for conversion in the countryside (see Policy 7d). Farm diversification can also assist (see Policy 45).**
- b) Allowing rural enterprises in the countryside where a need to locate in a 'Countryside' location is demonstrated to be essential. Rural enterprises should make use of existing buildings whenever possible.**
- c) Allowing extensions to established businesses and giving favourable consideration to new businesses aiming to join existing clusters in the countryside.**
- d) Combining business uses with other uses such as community facilities or housing including live/work units.**
- e) Protecting existing employment sites for employment use except in locations where the current use is not suited to the area or there is adequate provision already or the existing use is unviable. When considering a new use for a redundant employment site a community facility or market/affordable housing provision will be given priority (see Policy 44).**
- f) Protecting and enhancing the harbours at Tenby, Saundersfoot, Solva and Porthgain (see Policy 18).**



- 4.231 The term 'clusters' in criterion c) above means two or more B class uses sited adjacent to each other where the joining B class use demonstrates how it will derive benefit from co-locating.
- 4.232 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on employment developments in rural areas. Please refer to Chapter 5 'Productive and Enterprising Places'. Technical Advice Note 6 – Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities (2010) and Technical Advice Note 23, Economic Development February 2014 – Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities (2010) also provides detailed guidance.
- 4.233 The term 'rural enterprises' in criterion b) comprise land related businesses including agriculture, forestry and other activities that obtain their primary inputs from the site, such as the processing of agricultural, forestry and mineral products together with land management activities and support services (including agricultural contracting).
- 4.234 The following policy and advice provide additional guidance on protecting employment sites.

**Policy 44 Protection of Employment Sites and Buildings**

**Permission to redevelop, or use, business, general industrial, storage or distribution sites or buildings for other purposes will be permitted where:**

- a) the present use is inappropriate for the locality; or**
- b) there is adequate alternative provision in the vicinity; or**
- c) the potential for continued use of the site or premises has been shown to be unviable. The feasibility of retaining existing uses should include offering the site or premises for sale on the open market for at least one year at a realistic price.**

**Where the loss of the employment site is justified a community use or market/affordable housing provision will be given priority where such a need exists and the site is suitable for such development (see also Policy 48 and Policy 54).**

- 4.235 The aim of this policy is to prevent the inappropriate loss of existing employment sites and buildings to other uses, unless there are overriding benefits that can be attributed to the new development or there is adequate alternative availability elsewhere in the locality. Employment in the National Park is generally small or micro-scale and scattered. 'Employment sites and buildings'

means sites and buildings (whether currently in use or unoccupied) with planning permission or lawful use. In the National Park there is limited appropriate land to accommodate business developments. It is particularly important to protect existing sites such as former garage sites for reuse for employment undertakings and prevent redevelopment for other purposes. In criterion a) the present use will be judged in terms of compatibility of the nature and scale of the use within the local area and its impact on the local road network. In criterion b) the assessment of adequate alternative provision in the vicinity will consider the capacity of existing uses, availability of vacant premises and employment sites. In criterion c) one of the objectives of the Plan is to ensure that the needs of local communities are prioritised in the use of land. This means that the delivery of affordable housing and/or the provision of community facilities will be considered as a first priority for the re-use of employment land. Other uses will not be supported unless housing or the provision of a community use is not suited to the site.

### **Farm Diversification**

- 4.236 Broadening the economic base of farming activities is recognised as a means of improving the viability of the farm economy of the area.
- 4.237 This policy concerns itself with farm diversification developments (economic activities clearly linked to a working agricultural unit where it is assisting in maintaining farm incomes). An agricultural unit means agricultural land occupied as a unit for the purposes of agriculture including any dwelling or other building on that land which is occupied for the purposes of farming the land by the person who occupies the unit or any dwelling on that land occupied by a farm worker.
- 4.238 Proposals may usefully be supported by robust Farm Plans which will give the Authority more information on how the proposed development will help sustain the farm business both in the short term and the long term. The Authority can then understand the overall approach to the whole farm, rather than an ad hoc approach with small applications trickling in over time. A farm plan can show how the money from the proposed development would be invested in the farm to ensure a more viable farming activity. The functioning of the agricultural unit should not be prejudiced by the proposal.
- 4.239 In considering any diversification proposal, the Authority will have regard to the effects such proposals are likely to have on the amenity of neighbouring residents and the adequacy of existing road network to cope with any changes in traffic flows arising from the proposal. Many existing farms are located in isolated locations with access along narrow country roads.
- 4.240 Most farming enterprises are located within attractive countryside and any new building where justified should be constructed

sympathetically within the landscape and be of an appropriate scale to its setting and surroundings. Any need for a new building and why existing ones are not suitable will need to be explained. Diversification proposals which re-use existing buildings will be viewed more favourably than those requiring the erection of new structures.

- 4.241 Consideration of 'unacceptable adverse effects' will include potential impacts on designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites (see Policy 10).

**Policy 45      Farm Diversification**

**Permission will be given to farm diversification proposals where:**

- a) The scheme takes place on a working agricultural unit; and**
- b) The proposal assists in sustaining the agricultural unit; and**
- c) The proposal is compatible with its location; and**
- d) The proposal is in harmony with and/or enhances the National Park landscape; and**
- e) If a new building is justified it should be sited in or adjacent to an existing group of buildings;  
<sup>131</sup>and**
- f) The vitality and viability of retailing and services of nearby Centres are not adversely affected; and**
- g) Subject to there being no unacceptable adverse effects.**

**Where such requirements are satisfied the National Park Authority will use conditions attached to the planning permission or require the applicant to enter into a legal agreement to ensure that the diversification proposal is tied in perpetuity to the agricultural unit.**

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<sup>131</sup> Guidance on siting new farm buildings will be prepared.

# **Priority E: Affordable Housing and Housing**

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## **E. Affordable Housing and Housing Provision**

### **Demographic Analysis**

- 4.242 In Pembrokeshire the nature of the starting population and migrant population in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is different than outside the National Park. In short both groups tend to be older in the National Park than the rest of Pembrokeshire.
- 4.243 Welsh Government household projection figures would suggest that there is little justification to make a housing provision in Local Development Plan 2. Population and household projections prepared for the Authority provides a range of alternative demographic and dwelling-led scenarios, for comparison with the Welsh Government's 2014-based population projections<sup>132</sup>. In terms of growth outcomes, those that are dwelling-led reflect a reversal in future trends estimated under demographic-led scenarios. Dwelling-led scenarios retain a more youthful population profile but a significant growth in the older age-groups remains a feature of all scenarios.

### **Local Housing Market Assessment<sup>133</sup>**

- 4.244 The total affordable housing need extrapolated over a 16 year Plan period would be 370 (per annum need) multiplied by 16 which would total 5,920 affordable housing units. The need is greater than any historic dwelling completion rate for the National Park.
- 4.245 The table below shows:
- the proportion of households in each tier of the Plan area in 2011.
  - the level of housing need as identified in the Local Housing Market Assessment for the period 2014 to 2019 for each tier.
  - the annual average completion rates for the period 2005 to 2015 in each of the tiers.
  - how closely the percentage distributions of households, affordable housing need and completions match.
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<sup>132</sup> Background Paper: Demographic Forecasts January 2018

<sup>133</sup> Background Paper Local Housing Market Assessment Pembrokeshire County Council 2014 & the Affordable Housing Study May 2017

**Table 8 Housing Need and Completion Rates**

	2011 Households	% of Total	Community Council/ Group of Housing need per year 2014 - 2019 (Total)	5 Year Need	% of Total	Annual Completion Rate 2005 to 2015	% of Total	Using Historic Annual Delivery Rate 2005 to 2015 60 per annum 16 Year Provision
Tenby	2253	22%	88	440	24%	16	27%	256
St Davids	851	8%	34	171	9%	5	8%	80
Newport	583	6%	24	120	6%	2	4%	32
Saundersfoot	1200	12%	45	225	12%	9	16%	144
Rural Centres & Countryside	5390	52%	178	892	48%	27	46%	432
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,277</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>944</b>

- 4.246 Table 8 above shows how affordable housing need tends to correlate with the proportion of households in each location and the rates of development in each tier. Provision apportioned in this way (in accordance with existing households) would proportionally reflect where affordable housing needs to be provided and where the market has been supportive in providing housing in the past. It would also reflect the spatial strategy of the Plan which seeks to locate development in the most sustainable locations where services are available.

### Past Delivery Rates

- 4.247 Overall historic completion rates help to provide a picture of what the market is likely to support in terms of rates of development.
- 4.248 Given the small size of many of the sites, building in the National Park is carried out by small and medium sized firms. Volume builders are not currently operating in the National Park (December 2017).
- 4.249 The figures above are showing an average of 60 dwellings per annum being completed over the period 2005 to 2015. Depending on the 10 year period chosen the completion figure can range from

an average of 57 to 94 dwellings per annum (see Housing Background Paper, Table 6).<sup>134</sup>

- 4.250 In the adopted Local Development Plan the Authority sought to increase the supply of housing land to deliver more affordable housing but the overall provision was too ambitious, (expectations of over 100 dwellings per annum over the Plan period) as was the expectation for affordable housing delivery, (expectations of 530 over the Plan period). There were also issues around the deliverability of some sites allocated in the adopted Local Development Plan so their replacement with deliverable sites could boost potential supply and delivery in some locations to some extent. The total provision for the last Plan was estimated at 1,600.
- 4.251 The table below provides a summary of potential requirements depending on various completion rates. A 10% contingency is also included.

**Table 9 Housing Requirements based on Development Rates**

<b>Completions Per Annum</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>With 10% Contingency</b>
60	16	960	1056
70	16	1120	1232
80	16	1280	1408
90	16	1440	1584

- 4.252 The Housing Background Paper, Table 6 provides a count of rolling 10 year average completion rates. The number of times the 90 or above per annum completion figure was achieved over a 10 year period was 4 times out of the 13 times the figure was calculated, 80 or above completions happened 8 times (60% of the time), 70 or above was 9 times (70% of the time) and 60 or above 12 times (90% of the time).
- 4.253 The overall likely future pattern of development based on past experience shows that there are some locations where the pick of sites for development could influence future completion rates more

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<sup>134</sup> Housing Background Paper Table 6

positively than the 60 per annum figure used for comparison in Table 8 above. However, in other locations there are difficulties in finding deliverable sites which will have a negative influence on the overall figure.

- 4.254 Below is a more detailed description of the issues by each tier in the spatial hierarchy.
- 4.255 **Tenby (Tier 1):** Historically Tenby's completion figures have benefitted from opportunities to convert and redevelop existing sites and buildings within the town itself. The majority of sites that have been allocated in previous development plans in Tenby have however not progressed (see Joint Housing Land Availability Report 2016). They were potentially substantial contributors to the land supply. Although it would be preferable to make most provision in this Town, given its level of affordable housing need and the ability of the market to support affordable housing development, it is now constrained by lack of developable land, sea to the south, a tight National Park boundary and landscape setting<sup>135</sup>. The candidate site process did not identify any new sites. The provision is predominantly based on two sites which will remain as allocations in Local Development Plan 1 until replaced by Local Development Plan 2. The assumption is that such an action will provide the impetus to bring these sites forward. The owners have advised of their intention to bring the sites forward.
- 4.256 **St Davids (Tier 2):** The rate of development in the City has been constrained in recent times due to difficulties in bringing forward the Glasfryn Lane allocation in Local Development Plan 1, a substantial allocation in size. It is anticipated that this site will come forward during the Plan period.
- 4.257 **Newport (Tier 2):** Historically Newport has also been constrained with few sites remaining when development plans are finally adopted. The future looks more positive with the anticipated progression of the Feidr Eglwys site from Local Development Plan 1 and the identification of suitable sites by the Authority for allocation.

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<sup>135</sup> Local Housing Market Assessment 2014 and the Affordable Housing Study May 2017



- 4.258 **Saundersfoot (Tier 2)** Allocations for the Plan are unlikely to return Saundersfoot to more historic rates of completion (19 per annum late 1980s to mid 1990s). Large new sites are likely to need a lead in time before development commences.
- 4.259 **Rural Centres and Countryside (Tier 3 & 4):** Annual completion rates between Rural Centres and the Countryside between 2005 and 2015 were almost evenly split. Looking at allocation sites opportunities in the Rural Centres the split should be more predominantly in favour of Rural Centres in the future. Overall historically a completion rate of 27 per annum is recorded between 2005 and 2015.
- 4.260 A 60 dwelling per annum average overall is considered deliverable in principle.
- 4.261 **Conclusion:** Welsh Government household projection figures would suggest that there is little justification to make a housing provision in Local Development Plan 2. Provision would however, potentially provide for the retention of a more youthful population profile. A significant growth in the older age-groups would remain. The 2014 Local Housing Market Assessment suggests that there is a significant need for affordable housing in the National Park: an estimated annual requirement of 370 units for the period 2014 to 2019. Affordable housing need exceeds that which the market housing can provide for. A policy based on providing for market housing to cross subsidise the provision of affordable housing would assist in meeting the need. The key determinants for what can be provided are the:
- distribution of housing development in accordance with the Plan's spatial strategy
  - the deliverability of sites
  - the National Park's landscape capacity to absorb additional housing development.
- 4.262 This policy approach is likely to secure in principle a deliverable housing provision of 960 dwellings including an affordable housing provision of an estimated 362 dwellings. A contingency has also been added to the provision in accordance with Welsh Government requirements.
- 4.263 This Plan sets out a housing provision which in principle should be deliverable based on historic rates of development.
- 4.264 This policy approach scored best overall in terms of sustainability appraisal and the soundness tests.

- 4.265 If we wish to maintain the special qualities of the National Park, the amount of housing that can be built is limited by the capacity of the landscape to absorb it without significant impact. This is an overarching issue to address.
- 4.266 In terms of the soundness tests this Policy approach is the most compliant with national planning policy in its drafting and in the derivation of the housing land supply. It also takes account of the need for affordable housing in the area, viability testing and deliverability.
- 4.267 Table 10 below shows the housing land supply for the Local Development Plan as at March 2019.

### **Components of Supply**

- 4.268 The base date for the Plan is April 2015.
- 4.269 The table below identifies the components of land supply.
- 4.270 The Authority has relied on the Joint Housing Land Availability Study 2019 regarding the likelihood of sites of 5 or more dwellings coming forward in the period 2019 to 2024. This study influences the figures provided in the table below. In the table 10:
- A: sets out total completions for small and large sites between April 2015 and April 2019.
  - B: A figure is not included for under construction.
  - C: Units with planning permission 1st April 2019: reflects the likelihood that all sites with planning permission may not be delivered. This relates primarily to issues known regarding some larger sites with permission (sites of 5 or more units). The overall result is a discount of 25%. See Appendix 2 of the Housing Background Paper for more information on expectations from individual sites. These sites are listed in Policy 47 and shown on the Proposals Map.
  - D: The figures identify sites of 5 or more dwellings which are toned as allocations on the Proposals Map and are listed under Policy 47. Sites with the benefit of planning permission as at 1st April 2019 are included in Row C.
  - E: large windfall sites (5 or more unit sites): Reflects the completion rate on five or more unit windfall sites between 2009 and 2019.
  - F: small windfall sites (fewer than 5 unit sites): F is derived from the Joint Housing Land Availability Studies 2011 to

2019 small site completion figures and is distributed according to the number of households in each tier.

**Table 10 Components of Housing Land Supply**

<b>Market and Affordable</b>	<b>Components of Housing Supply</b>	<b>Tier 1 Tenby</b>	<b>Tier 2 Crymych St Davids Newport Saundersfoot</b>	<b>Tier 3 Rural Centres</b>	<b>Tier 4 Countryside</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>A</b>	Total completions (small and large) 01.04.15 – 31.03. 19 (4 years)	63	49	67	42	221
<b>C</b>	Units with planning permission 31.03.19	0	47	90	1	138
<b>D</b>	Allocations (sites with the benefit of planning permission are included in C).	0	238	128	0	366
<b>E</b>	Large windfall sites (5+ units) 12 years remaining 2019 to 2031	68	24	24	30	146
<b>F</b>	Small windfall sites (-5 units) 12 years remaining 2019 to 2031	55	65	75	55	250
<b>G</b>	Approximate Housing Provision	<b>186</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1121</b>

4.271 The same table is set out below but just includes affordable housing.

**Table 11 Components of Affordable Housing Land Supply**

<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>Components of Affordable Housing Supply</b>	<b>Tier 1 Tenby</b>	<b>Tier 2 Crymych St Davids Newport Saundersfoot</b>	<b>Tier 3 Rural Centres</b>	<b>Tier 4 Countryside</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>A</b>	Total completions (small and large) 01.04.15 – 31.03. 19 (4 years)	17	22	12	13	64
<b>C</b>	Units with planning permission 31.03. 19	0	22	35		57
<b>D</b>	Allocations (sites with the benefit of planning permission are included in C)	0	100	42	0	142

<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>Components of Affordable Housing Supply</b>	<b>Tier 1 Tenby</b>	<b>Tier 2 Crymych St Davids Newport Saundersfoot</b>	<b>Tier 3 Rural Centres</b>	<b>Tier 4 Countryside</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>E</b>	Large windfall sites (5 + units) 12 years remaining	15	49	15	5	84
<b>F</b>	Small windfall sites (-5 units) 12 years remaining	1	1	4	9	15
<b>G</b>	Approximate Affordable housing provision	<b>33</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>362</b>

4.272 The small site contribution for affordable housing provision is extrapolated from the completion rate historically between 2008 and 2019.

**Policy 46 Housing (Strategy Policy) ★**  
**Based on the level of anticipated affordable housing need, balanced against deliverability and landscape capacity, provision is made for 1,120 housing units to deliver a housing requirement of 960 dwellings between 2015 and 2031<sup>136 137</sup>.**

4.273 The housing land supply includes a provision of an additional 160 dwellings, this contingency is intended to provide flexibility and ensure the supply of housing over the Plan period.

<sup>136</sup> A contingency allowance will allow sufficient flexibility for the non-delivery of sites and unforeseen issues. See Background Paper Appendix 3 and 4.

<sup>137</sup> An estimated 960 new dwellings are delivered of which an estimated 362 are affordable units – see Policy 48

<b>Policy 47 Housing Allocations or Land with Planning Permission</b>						
<b>The following sites are allocated for housing or have planning permission for housing for 5 or more dwellings:</b>						
Location Proposals Map ID	Site Name	Hectares	Indicative Affordable Housing Requirement	Estimate Market & Affordable (Allocation) or Permission)	Estimate Affordable Housing Figure (Allocation) or Permission)	Anticipated Delivery by 2031 <sup>138</sup> (Affordable element in brackets)
<b>Newport</b>						
HC1 <sup>139</sup>	North of Feidr Eglwys	1.5	40%	35	14	35(14)
HC2 <sup>140</sup>	Parrog Yard & Pottery Site	0.24	66%	12	8	12(8)
HA1	Land North of the Business Park	0.5	50%	15	8	10(5)
<b>Saundersfoot</b>						
HA2	Land at Sandy Hill	2.26	35%	68	24	68(24)
HA3	North of Whitlow	1.8	35%	54	19	54(19)
HA4	Penny Farm	1.13	40%	36	14	36(14)
<b>St Davids</b>						
HC3 <sup>141</sup>	West of Glasfryn Rd	3.34	54%	90	49	70(38)
<b>Broad Haven</b>						
HC4 <sup>142</sup>	South of Driftwood Close	0.66	35%	18	6	18(6)
HA5 <sup>143</sup>	North East & South East of Marine Rd	3.14	34%	87	30	65(22)
<b>Herbrandston</b>						
HC5	Former Sir Benfro Inn	0.08	0%	3	0	3(0)

<sup>138</sup> Taken from Appendix 2 of the Housing Background Paper

<sup>139</sup> Figures reflect planning permission NP/15/0194

<sup>140</sup> Figures reflect planning permission NP/17/0301

<sup>141</sup> NP/18/51 Resolution to grant planning permission subject to a S106 agreement includes 70 residential units in total which includes 38 affordable housing units.

<sup>142</sup> Figures reflect planning permission NP/17/315

<sup>143</sup> Pre-application discussions/Local Development Plan viability information.

<b>Policy 47 Housing Allocations or Land with Planning Permission</b>						
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Location Proposals Map ID	Site Name	Hectares	Indicative Affordable Housing Requirement	Estimate Market & Affordable (Allocation) or Permission)	Estimate Affordable Housing Figure (Allocation) or Permission)	Anticipated Delivery by 2031 <sup>138</sup> (Affordable element in brackets)
<b>Jameston</b>						
HA6	Opposite Bush Terrace	1.69	29%	38	11	38(11)
HC6	Green Grove	0.56	33%	9	3	9(3)
<b>Lydstep</b>						
HA7	West of the Green	0.4	50%	10	5	10(5)
<b>Manorbier Station</b>						
HC7 <sup>144</sup>	Field Opposite Manorbier VC School	0.63	91%	23	21	23(21)
<b>New Hedges</b>						
HC8	Rear of Cross Park (partly completed April 2019)	1.03	0%	24	0	24
<b>Square &amp; Compass</b>						
HA8	Glasfryn Field	0.26	30%	7	2	4(1)
HA9	Land adj to Bryngolau	0.33	30%	10	3	4(1)
<b>St Ishmaels</b>						
HC9 <sup>145</sup>	Adj to the School	0.74	25%	13	3	13(3)
<b>Trefin</b>						
HA10	Land off Cefn Gallod Trefin	0.35	25%	10	3	7(2)
<b>Countryside</b>						
HC10	Land at Whitchurch (almost complete April 2019)	0.06	0%	1	0	1(0)

<sup>144</sup> NP/17/283 Reflects resolution to grant planning permission subject to a S106 agreement.

<sup>145</sup> Figures reflect planning permission NP/16/0219

<b>Policy 47      Housing Allocations or Land with Planning Permission</b>						
<b>The following sites are allocated for housing or have planning permission for housing for 5 or more dwellings:</b>						
Location Proposals Map ID	Site Name	Hectares	Indicative Affordable Housing Requirement	Estimate Market & Affordable (Allocation) or Permission)	Estimate Affordable Housing Figure (Allocation) or Permission)	Anticipated Delivery by 2031 <sup>138</sup> (Affordable element in brackets)
<b>Appendix 4 Requirements for Housing Allocations and Large Windfall Sites sets out the requirements regarding constraints, design and infrastructure requirements and planning obligations. Requirements regarding some potential large windfall sites are also set out.</b>						

4.274 In summary the main selection criteria for allocation are:

- **Site Size:** A threshold of sites that are capable of accommodating 5 or more units will be potentially allocated in the Plan for housing.
- **Acceptability in terms of location:** Development in the countryside is strictly controlled. Residential development, in particular which is remote from Centres (listed in Policies 2 to 5 and 6) is unlikely to be carried forward.
- **Acceptability in terms of scale of housing proposed:** The preferred policy option for the scale of provision anticipated overall is set out in Policy 46. The introductory text to this Chapter outlines the scale of provision anticipated in the various tiers of the spatial strategy.
- **Impact on the National Park landscape:** Constraints such as impact on the National Park landscape or nature, Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, flooding etc.
- **Infrastructure:** New development can place additional pressures on existing infrastructure such as highways, water supply, drainage and sewage capacities as well as local facilities such as schools, medical and recreational facilities.
- **Access:** Consideration will be given to the suitability of pedestrian/cycle/public transport/vehicular access to the site.
- **Financial Viability and Deliverability:** the Authority needs to be confident that any allocated site has a realistic prospect of being developed for its intended use within the Plan period – up to 2031.

4.275 Sites have also been considered through related assessments that are triggered by preparing a plan of the nature and scope of the

Local Development Plan. These include a Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal (SEA/SA) and a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

- 4.276 The tables in Appendix 4 Requirements for Housing Allocations and Large Windfall Sites focus on unique site issues primarily in terms of landscape, archaeological and ecological advice which will need to be addressed when proposals are brought forward. Unique requirements are also included where relevant for some potential large housing windfall sites which were assessed as part of the candidate site process.
- 4.277 There are also potentially some large windfall sites. These sites may come forward during the life of the Plan for housing purposes. Due to uncertainties about their deliverability they have not been formally allocated. They lie within the Centre Boundary.
- 4.278 The Land Implementation Study provides information on most of the sites in terms of availability, the amount of infrastructure required, the indicative costs and any mitigation requirements as at December 2017. The figures provided for affordable housing figures on the sites listed in Policy 47 are therefore indicative (see Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 December 2018 (paragraph 4.2.31). They are based on assumptions used to determine viability as set out in the Affordable Housing Study and the Land Implementation Study or where there was information available through pre-application or planning application discussions. As sites are taken forward further information can be taken account of such as the latest information on Welsh Water's investment programme, the refining of infrastructure costs and changes in house prices and build costs.





**Over the Plan period 2016 to 2031 the Local Development Plan will seek to provide 362 affordable - dwellings in the National Park. In order to deliver this target:**

**a) Development proposals for private market housing will be required to make the following on-site provision:**

- i. 50% affordable housing on sites of 2 or more dwellings in the Newport, Tenby and South East Coast sub-market areas;**
- ii. 35% affordable housing on sites of 3 dwellings or more in the St Davids and North Coast sub-market area;**
- iii. 25% affordable housing on sites of 4 dwellings or more in the South West Coast sub-market area;**
- iv. 20% affordable housing on sites of 5 dwellings or more in the St Brides Bay sub-market area; and**
- v. 15% affordable housing on sites of 7 dwellings or more in the Estuary Hinterland and North East sub-market areas.**

**Where it can be demonstrated that on-site provision is not appropriate or where the proposal relates to the conversion of a building in the countryside, alternative forms of contribution, including off-site provision and commuted sums, will be sought;**

**b) The reuse of redundant community facilities, employment sites and the conversion of a building in the countryside will be prioritised for the provision of affordable housing in accordance with Policy 43, Policy 44, Policy 54, Policy 7c) and Policy 50); and**

**c) Affordable housing exception sites will be permitted in accordance with Policy 49.**

**Where a planning application is received for a site below the affordable housing threshold but part of a larger site which is above the threshold, commensurate provision will be required.**

- 4.279 The requirement for affordable housing in that LHMA (2014) stated an annual need for 1450 affordable rented properties for the 5 years to 2019; and 289 affordable dwellings to purchase over the same period across Pembrokeshire. The need in the National Park area has been extrapolated to cover 5 years of plan period showing a total 5 year need of 1,850 affordable housing units as shown in Table 9 of the Local Development Plan.

- 4.280 The majority of affordable rented need identified in the Local Housing Market Assessment, and supported by regular reviews of the Combined Housing Register, is for one bedroom units (80%); with the remainder spread across two, three, four and five bedroom properties. This is because of a general lack of provision of one bedroom units across the county due to historical development. The provision of one-bedroom units would therefore need to be the primary consideration on smaller sites. However it would not be appropriate to deliver this level of one bedroom units (80%) on larger affordable housing sites where a mixed community would be the aim. This is taken into consideration when new social housing developments are delivered by Registered Social Landlords.
- 4.281 Affordable rented units account for over 83% of need identified in the LHMA, with the remainder showing a need for Low Cost Home Ownership (or similar scheme). The requirement for affordable homes to purchase needs to take into consideration the availability of support for the purchase of properties at affordable levels, through schemes such as Homebuy, Rent to Own and Shared Ownership.
- 4.282 The affordable housing target will not meet the need set out in the Local Housing Market Assessment. This is because the need forecast is greater than housing land supply can deliver. The approach to affordable housing delivery is to:
- a) Use market housing to cross-subsidise affordable housing delivery – see Policy 48.
  - b) Prioritise the delivery of affordable housing over other land uses for example by not allowing new build self-catering in the countryside. Brownfield provision of self-catering is permitted in Centres and the countryside but only where the site or building is unsuitable for market or affordable housing – see Policy 40. Also, when finding new uses for community facilities and employment sites, that are no longer required, uses beneficial to the community (including affordable housing delivery) are prioritised – see Policy 44 and Policy 54. Priority is also given to securing affordable housing through S106 agreement negotiations (see Policy 55).
  - c) Use new or replacement conditions on rural enterprise dwellings which will mean some limited opportunities may become available for affordable housing.
  - d) Support the delivery of affordable housing led sites on suitable public land (i.e. at least 50% affordable) in accordance with the Minister for Housing and Local Government's letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- 4.283 The Authority will prepare supplementary planning guidance on affordable housing provision.
- 4.284 A target of 362 affordable housing dwellings is identified for delivery over the Plan period taking account of the need for flexibility as per market housing provision and the need to

negotiate proposals on a site by site basis. Policy 55 provides further advice on prioritising affordable housing when negotiating planning obligations.

**Table 12 Percentage of Affordable Housing for Housing Submarket Areas**

<b>Housing Submarket Area</b>	<b>Post Code Area</b>	<b>Service and Tourism Centre an Local Centre</b>	<b>Rural Centre</b>	<b>% of affordable dwellings (threshold for delivery on site)</b>
<b>Newport</b>	<b>SA42 0</b>	Newport	Dinas Cross Nevern	<b>50% (2)</b>
<b>Tenby</b>	<b>SA70 7</b>	Tenby	Jameston Lydstep Milton Manorbier Manorbier Station	<b>50%(2)</b>
<b>South East Coast</b>	<b>SA69 9</b> <b>SA70 8</b> <b>SA67 8</b> <b>SA34 0</b>	Saundersfoot, Tenby	Amroth Carew Jameston Milton New Hedges Pleasant Valley Wiseman's Bridge	<b>50%(2)</b>
<b>St Davids and North Coast</b>	<b>SA62 6</b> <b>SA64 0</b> <b>SA62 5</b>	St Davids	Roch, Newgale, Porthgain Solva, Trefin, Square and Compass	<b>35%(3)</b>
<b>South West Coast</b>	<b>SA71 5</b>	N/A	Angle Bosherston Castlemartin Lamphey	<b>25%(4)</b>
<b>St Brides Bay</b>	<b>SA62 3</b> <b>SA73 3</b>	N/A	Little Haven Broad Haven Dale Marloes Nolton Haven St Ishmaels Herbrandston	<b>20%(5)</b>
<b>Estuary Hinterland</b>	<b>SA68 0</b> <b>SA62 4</b> <b>SA73 1</b> <b>SA72 4</b>	N/A	Cosheston Cresswell Quay Hook Lawrenny Llangwm Houghton	<b>15%(7)</b>
<b>North East NP</b>	<b>SA65 9</b> <b>SA43 3</b> <b>SA41 3</b> <b>SA63 4</b> <b>SA66 7</b>	Crymych	Felindre Farchog Moylegrove Mynachlogddu Pontfaen Rosebush	<b>15%(7)</b>

4.285 Affordable housing contributions are managed by Pembrokeshire County Council as the housing authority. The Authority's

Supplementary Planning Guidance will prescribe the local area within which such funds should be spent. The contributions fund a variety of proposals. The County Council has prepared a framework for spending contributions.<sup>146</sup>

- 4.286 The Authority recognises that it will need to monitor changes in values and costs as they affect viability.
- 4.287 To assist in meeting the defined need for affordable housing, the National Park Authority will, where appropriate, support the development of affordable housing led schemes, which propose the delivery of at least 50% affordable housing, on privately and publicly owned sites.
- 4.288 The following policies and advice provide additional guidance on housing.

**Policy 49 Affordable Housing Exception Sites**

**Affordable housing sites within or adjoining the Plan's Centres will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:**

- a) The site is solely for affordable housing and there are clear and adequate mechanisms to ensure that the benefits of affordable housing will be secured for initial and subsequent occupiers; and**
- b) A genuine need for affordable housing has been identified; and**
- c) The site is of a size and scale that is commensurate with the defined need and is in keeping with the form and character of the Centre.**

- 4.289 This policy will allow the development of sites for 100% affordable housing to meet local needs in locations not normally acceptable for residential development in accordance with National Planning Policy and TAN 2.

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<sup>146</sup> Use of Affordable Housing S106 Contributions February 2016 Cabinet Report Pembrokeshire County Council

- 4.290 The policy aims to help sustain rural communities and retain people in their local communities by allowing the development of small scale affordable homes to meet local identified housing need. Promoters of such sites include Registered Social Landlords, the County Council and Community Land Trusts.
- 4.291 New affordable homes should be of a size, scale and tenure that is commensurate with the defined need. Evidence of need can be drawn from the Local Housing Market Assessment, the Common Housing Register and Community Council surveys.
- 4.292 With regard to criterion c) the policy aims to sustain rural communities and retain people in their local communities by the development of small scale affordable homes developments to meet a locally identified need. The Centres of the National Park vary in size, in particular the Rural Centres, and therefore care needs to be taken to ensure that the development is in keeping with the form and character of the Centre and also that as the number of affordable units increase it can create difficulties around maintaining a community of mixed tenures.
- 4.293 The affordable housing will need to remain available in perpetuity to meet affordable housing need through the use of obligations or conditions. Affordable housing exception sites are not appropriate for market housing.

<b>Policy 50</b>	<p><b>Housing Development Proposals</b></p> <p><b>To ensure that housing development is appropriately located and suitable in scale and type to meet Strategic Policies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, housing development proposals will only be permitted in the following locations:</b></p> <p><b>1. Centres</b></p> <p><b>a) On sites allocated for housing or on other suitable sites within a Centre boundary; or</b></p> <p><b>b) On sites which constitute sensitive infilling in of small gaps or minor extensions (i.e. rounding off) in Centres without a Centre boundary listed in Policy 6; or</b></p> <p><b>c) on exceptional land releases within and adjoining Centres for affordable housing to meet an identified local need (see Policy 49).</b></p> <p><b>2. Countryside</b></p> <p><b>a) Where the development relates to a need for housing which meets current national policy on housing in countryside (a rural enterprise dwelling or a One Planet Development); or</b></p> <p><b>b)Where the development relates to the conversion of a rural building(s) (see Policy 7d).</b></p>
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4.294 Policies 2 to 7 identify suitable locations for new housing within the settlement hierarchy to support the delivery of a sustainable pattern of development. The type and scale of development permitted within each tier is commensurate to a settlement's place in the sustainable settlement hierarchy and controlled as follows:

- Criterion 1a) directs housing growth in towns and villages to allocated sites and to other suitable windfall sites within the settlement's Centre boundary. Open market housing development on these sites will be expected to contribute to Affordable Housing in accordance with Policy 47 and Policy 48.
- Criterion 1b) enables sensitive infill and rounding off to take place in those Centres listed that do not have a Centre boundary defined.
- Criterion 1c) enables the development of affordable housing on exception sites within and adjoining the Centre.
- Criterion 2a) applies a restrictive approach to housing development in the countryside in line with national policy. The policy identifies where certain types of development will be supported in principle and determined in accordance with national policy and Technical Advice Notes namely:
  - Rural enterprise worker dwellings – see TAN 6, July 2010.
  - One Planet Development – see TAN 6, July 2010.
- Criterion 2b) Please see Policy 7d) and supporting reasoned justification which sets out the manner in which this policy approach will be applied.

**Policy 51**

**Housing Densities**

**Residential development proposals will be permitted where the residential density is a minimum of 30 dwellings per hectare. Lower density levels will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:**

- a) Development at the prescribed densities would have an unacceptable adverse effect on the character of the surrounding area; or**
- b) Reduced densities are required as a result of significant site constraints or to preserve a feature that would contribute to existing or future local amenity.**

- 4.295 New residential development will seek to use land efficiently, providing dwellings that meet current housing needs whilst protecting land for future generations. A minimum residential density of 30 dwellings per hectare will therefore be required for new residential development save as set out in paragraph 4.296 below.
- 4.296 Development below the specified residential density levels will not be permitted unless it is demonstrated that there are significant constraints associated with a site that prevent development at the specified levels or where development at the density required would have an adverse impact on the character or appearance of the locality or result in the loss of an important site feature. Higher densities will be permissible and indeed encouraged where they represent the sustainable use of land and reflect the character of the surrounding area and would not unacceptably impact upon local amenity.

**Policy 52**

**Housing Mix**

**In order to ensure the creation of balanced communities all new housing development will be required to include a mix of dwelling sizes, types and tenures having regard to the current evidence of housing need in the National Park.**

- 4.297 New build affordable housing provision will be expected to meet the minimum gross internal floor areas and storage (m<sup>2</sup>) for the relevant property type and size as set out in Welsh Government Development Quality Requirements or any similar standards that may replace them from time to time.
- 4.298 The Plan's strategic objective for housing is to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing needs. Proposals that are unable to contribute to the delivery of sustainable well-balanced communities by including on site provision of affordable housing or contributing financially to the delivery of affordable housing by way of a financial contribution will not be permitted unless exceptional circumstances are demonstrated. A collaborative approach based on the evidenced viability of the new development will be taken in order to establish an appropriate mix of housing types and tenures which will contribute to the objective of achieving mixed and sustainable communities.

## Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople Sites

### **Policy 53      Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople Sites**

**Proposals for Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople sites will be permitted where:**

- a) The applicant has demonstrated there are no suitable pitches available within existing authorised sites or land available within existing settlement limits; and**
- b) the site is well located to serve the needs of Gypsy, Travellers or Showpeople including the need to access local services; and**
- c) the site has good access to a public road which is safe and direct; and**
- d) the site is suitable for the development and on site services and facilities can be adequately provided; and**
- e) amenity issues for both residents on the site and neighbouring properties are adequately addressed; and**
- f) the proposal does not cause significant visual intrusion, is sensitively sited in the landscape and satisfactory landscaping is provided.**

4.299 The Pembrokeshire County Council 2015 Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment (2015 GTANA) sets out the need for Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showpeople's yards in Pembrokeshire.<sup>147</sup> No need has been identified in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. It is recognised that need for a Gypsy and Travellers site may arise outside of the findings of the Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment. Where this is the case the Authority will consider applications on a case by case basis in line with the criteria set out above and, in accordance with Circular 005/2018 'Planning for Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople Sites'.

4.300 The potential for negative effects on Natura 2000 sites is unlikely but remains dependent on the scale and location of the site. The

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<sup>147</sup> Pembrokeshire County Council 2015 Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Need Assessment (2015 GTANA)



reference to 'direct' access means there is a requirement for the access to the site to be directly from the public highway.

# **Priority F: Community Facilities, Retailing, Transport**

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## **F. Community Facilities, Retailing, Transport**

### **Community Facilities & Infrastructure**

- 4.301 Meeting the local needs of communities means bringing homes, jobs, facilities and services within close reach and supporting existing facilities and services. There is clearly a need to ensure that new development makes services and facilities better for people elsewhere.
- 4.302 The strategy is to ensure that new development does not reduce the existing level and range of provision of community facilities available to Park residents and visitors, unless the facility is no longer required or is not commercially viable, and that, additional infrastructure or services required by a proposal are put in place at the appropriate time<sup>148</sup>. With new and extended facilities they will be encouraged where they are well located to meet the community's needs and convenient to public transport, shops and other services where this is required to serve the needs of the user. The spatial strategy proposed by the Local Development Plan should assist in this aim.
- 4.303 At the end of the Local Development Plan period there will be at least the same number of community facilities as at the beginning of the Local Development Plan period unless loss was unavoidable because they were no longer required. Ensuring quality of provision is not adversely affected will be an important consideration. With regard to criterion Policy 54b) below, commercial viability is a test for commercial enterprises. Issues to be considered when demonstrating how a suitable replacement or enhanced facility is to be made available or showing it is no longer required could include the sale of the building to provide funding for a replacement, demonstrating the facility has remained unused over a long period of time despite efforts to secure its re-use including the opportunity for part-time working/opening or, merging with other facilities to maintain viability. Opportunities for public funding to support facilities could also be considered. The Authority proposes to produce Supplementary Planning Guidance to support the application of Policy 54b).

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<sup>148</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

**Policy 54****Community Facilities (Strategy Policy)**

**The provision and protection of community facilities will be achieved as follows<sup>149</sup>:**

- a) With new and extended facilities these will be permitted where they are well located to meet the community's needs and they are convenient to public transport, shops and other services where this is required to serve the needs of the user.**
- b) Development which would adversely affect the operation of a community facility, or results in its loss will not be permitted except where a suitable replacement or enhanced facility is to be made available or where it can be shown the facility is no longer required or is not commercially viable. When considering a new use for a redundant community facility an employment use or affordable housing will be prioritised (see also Policy 43, Policy 44 and Policy 48).**

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<sup>149</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms



**Planning permission will be granted for proposals that have made suitable arrangements for the improvement or provision of infrastructure, services and community facilities made necessary by the development. Arrangements for provision or improvement to the required standard will be secured by planning conditions attached to a planning permission or in some case planning obligations.**

**The Authority will seek to obtain benefits to contribute to dealing with the most acute areas of need for National Park communities. This will include consideration of affordable housing; recreational and amenity open space; sustainable transport facilities; educational facilities; community facilities (including libraries); public art; and biodiversity.**

**Where it can be proven that a proposal is unable to deliver (i.e. the proposal would not be financially viable) in terms of the policy requirements of the Plan (i.e. for affordable housing provision, sustainable design standards expected and community infrastructure provision) priority will be given to the delivery of affordable housing in any further negotiations, provided that it can be demonstrated that the proposal would not unduly overburden existing community infrastructure provision.**

- 4.304 Planning permissions will have secured obligations to deal with the additional infrastructure, services and facilities required by a

proposal.<sup>150</sup> Supplementary Planning Guidance will be prepared to support this Policy to explain the requirements for delivering improvements to infrastructure, services and facilities made necessary by the development. This Authority will also continue to consider the implications of the possible introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy in consultation with partner organisations.

## **Retail**

- 4.305 The Authority, in partnership with Pembrokeshire County Council and Ceredigion County Council, has produced The South West Regional Retail Study (February 2017). Within the study, small amounts of capacity for comparison goods have been identified across the four main retail centres within the National Park up to 2036 (707m<sup>2</sup> for Tenby, 346m<sup>2</sup> for St Davids, 109m<sup>2</sup> for Saundersfoot and 108m<sup>2</sup> for Newport). The strategy for Tenby, Saundersfoot, St Davids and Newport is to maintain their position relative to one another and larger centres outside the area. Despite leaking spend to centres outside the Park area they are performing well with the support of resident and visitor spend. It is proposed to encourage the sympathetic regeneration of these Centres so that they can continue to remain attractive places to live and visit; provide a valuable role in meeting the needs of local communities and visitors, and attract niche retail opportunities. The Regional Retail Study advises that new retail floorspace is likely to be occupied by tourist related retailers and be small in scale. It is important that any new floorspace is provided in a format that is sensitive to the character of the Centres and small scale mixed use developments should be encouraged<sup>151</sup>.
- 4.306 In respect of the findings of the Regional Retail Study, no land allocations for retail use have been identified within the Local

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<sup>150</sup> Areas where contributions may be sought include, affordable housing, archaeology, nature conservation and the historic environment, community and social services, crime and disorder, education, employment and training, environmental enhancements, flood defence, town centre improvements, fire and rescue infrastructure, health care, libraries, open space, recreation and leisure facilities, recycling facilities and community schemes, transport including travel schemes, allotments, water and sewerage infrastructure and sustainable urban drainage systems.

<sup>151</sup> Background Paper: South West Wales Regional Retail Study, Ceredigion County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, February 2017, pages 80-81.

Development Plan. Criteria based policies provide the local policy context from which individual proposals for new retail development within the National Park will be considered.

- 4.307 Towns, in particular those that attract visitors, can become over dominated by non-retailing uses such as takeaways, pubs and restaurants (A3 uses) which make them less attractive for shoppers, and can introduce anti-social behaviour, whilst a diversity of uses such as recreational uses, restaurants, cafes, galleries and cinemas can reduce the need to travel out of a centre. The strategy for the Park will be to maintain areas in Tenby where only a certain proportion of non- retail use will be allowed. Generally amenity issues for A3 uses will be carefully assessed and controlled.
- 4.308 The Authority will resist any proposals which may potentially damage or undermine the retail role of these centres by restricting development outside these centres in accordance with national planning policy.<sup>152</sup> The exception to this will be the recognition of the important role rural provision makes to Park communities. Additional provision of retail at these locations is encouraged where compatible with the scale of centre. Outside the main centres other smaller centres can have local shops protected and provided as a community facility by Policy 54.

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<sup>152</sup> There is the potential for out-of-centre development to be in direct competition with, and to undermine centres. Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, section 4.3 advises that retail and other services are best located within existing centres at an appropriate scale. Edge-of-centre or out-of-centre retail developments are considered in Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 starting at paragraph 4.3.18.

**Policy 56****Retail in the National Park (Strategy Policy)**

**The retail hierarchy of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is<sup>153</sup>:**

**Town Centre**

**Tenby**

**District Centre**

**Newport, St David's and  
Saundersfoot**

**To protect and enhance the viability, vitality and attractiveness of the retail centres provision is made for 1,270 m<sup>2</sup> (net) new comparison floorspace. The new provision will be accommodated through the re-use of buildings in the following Centres.**

**a) 707m<sup>2</sup>(net) floorspace in Tenby:**

**b) 346m<sup>2</sup> (net) floorspace in St David's**

**c) 109m<sup>2</sup> (net) floorspace in Saundersfoot;**

**d) 108m<sup>2</sup> (net) floorspace in Newport.**

**Within defined retail centres proposals for new retail development which are of a scale and design appropriate to the Centre and accord with the retail hierarchy will be supported.<sup>154</sup> Proposals that would undermine the retail hierarchy or have an unacceptable adverse effect on the character or appearance of the Centre and/or the amenity of neighbouring properties will not be permitted (see Policy 57 and Policy 30).**

4.309 The policies and advice below provide additional guidance on retail matters.

4.310 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on out of town retailing, amusement centres, farm shops, local shops, village

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<sup>153</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

<sup>154</sup> Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018, section 4.3.10 identifies examples of the type and scale of development appropriate for town, district, local and village centres. Technical Advice Note 4 Retail and Commercial Development, November 2016, provides further guidance at paragraphs 4.1-4.6.



shops and pubs. It also provides advice on other businesses selling produce and retailing at petrol stations. Please refer to Chapter 4 'Active and Social Places'. Town Centre (Tenby) and District Centre boundaries (Saundersfoot, St Davids and Newport) are identified on the Proposals Map along with Primary Retail Frontages at Tenby. There are also smaller rural centres, including Solva.

<b>Policy 57</b>	<b>Town and District Shopping Centres</b>	★
<p><b>Within the town shopping centre of Tenby, and the district shopping centres of Saundersfoot, St Davids and Newport, and other smaller shopping centres changes of use, redevelopment or development of new buildings will be permitted where:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) if in a town or district shopping centre the proposal falls within Class A1, A2, A3, B1, C1, D1 or D2 of the use classes order or is a sui generis use normally found in such shopping centres<sup>155</sup>;</b></li> <li><b>b) if in a Rural Centre the proposal is for retail or commercial uses (A1, A2 and A3 uses) or community facilities; and</b></li> <li><b>c) if it is located within a primary frontage (see Tenby Inset on the Proposals Map) the proposal would not create a concentration of non-retail uses; and</b></li> <li><b>d) the scale, siting and design is appropriate and would contribute to the character and appearance of the area; and</b></li> <li><b>e) Proposals for A3 uses would not individually or cumulatively cause an unacceptable adverse effect on amenity (see Policy 30) or the role of the Centre in meeting the needs of local communities and visitors.</b></li> </ul>		

- 4.311 The policy is intended to ensure that the vitality, viability and diversity of shopping centres is maintained and enhanced. The shopping centres of the Plan area play a vital role in providing services for residents and visitors to the National Park, including leisure, recreation, schools, business and public service offices.

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<sup>155</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms.

Individual businesses benefit from the variety of shops and facilities in the centre as a whole.

- 4.312 The retention of retailing in Tenby town centre is supported through the definition of primary retail frontages – see Proposals Map. These are intended to ensure that the retailing character and provision of the centre is not undermined.
- 4.313 At primary retail frontages, non-A1 uses which would lead to or unacceptably increase the concentration of similar uses, or reduce the retail character of the area will be resisted. Each application will be considered on its individual merits whilst also having regard to the above criteria and national planning policy. However, in most cases a maximum of one-third of the retail frontage in non-A1 use, and no more than three non-A1 units adjacent to each other is considered an appropriate balance of uses.
- 4.314 Uses which do not attract significant numbers of customers will be encouraged to locate above the ground floor level at retail frontage locations. In appropriate cases, ground floor occupiers will be required to maintain a shopfront and window display. Residential development above ground level will be considered appropriate.
- 4.315 Most non retail uses add to the vitality and attractiveness of centres, however a concentration of A3 (hot food and drink) uses such as takeaways can affect the attractiveness and amenity of the centre and limit use to certain times of the day.
- 4.316 Appropriate conditions will be applied to ensure that amenity is not adversely affected including restriction on the hours of opening, provision of appropriate litterbins and filtration (odour) equipment. Contributions may also be required to support public safety measures.

**Policy 58**

**Garden Centres**

**Garden centres will be permitted where:**

- a) the proposal is located within or adjacent to a Centre; and**
- b) the proposal would not undermine the vitality and viability of retail facilities in any nearby Centre; and**
- c) the scale and nature of any buildings proposed for retail use and the size, design, materials and siting of any new building or extension blend with existing building(s).**

- 4.317 Garden centres are a distinctive element of the retailing facilities of the County. This policy is intended to ensure that retail garden centres or plant nurseries which sell to the visiting public are well located in terms of existing Local Development Plan Centres and

developments, and are of an appropriate scale for the location. In many cases, the impact on local amenity and traffic issues can be an important consideration.

- 4.318 Planning conditions may be applied to limit the range of goods which can be sold from the premises and to ensure that the net retailing floorspace is appropriate, so as to protect the vitality and viability of existing centres and particularly local shops.

## **Sustainable Transport**

- 4.319 The strategy for the National Park is to improve accessibility and promote it by appropriate means for the people who work, live, rest and play in the National Park whilst reducing the need to travel by private car<sup>156</sup>.
- 4.320 As the National Park is not a highways authority much of the strategy will be delivered through the policies and actions of other plans produced by the Welsh Government, and Pembrokeshire County Council Highways Authority. The Joint Transport Plan for South West Wales sets out the priorities for improving transport and accessibility in the area.
- 4.321 The spatial strategy of the Local Development Plan is to target development wherever possible to locations which have a reasonable range of facilities and access by public transport, although it is acknowledged that the National Park is predominantly rural in nature and some Centres that have a range of facilities and should be encouraged to grow, fall short on public transport provision, with little prospect for increased bus services. The services and facilities available however may help to reduce the number and length of journeys made.
- 4.322 Although the Local Development Plan's strategy directs growth primarily to Centres, there are instances where the Local Development Plan will need to consider proposals outside these locations, for example, to help economic diversification in the countryside. The strategy will be to assess proposals in terms of the traffic impact and to avoid those that cause significant concerns. Examples of this might be by generating significant levels of traffic in congested areas or where there are concerns over damage to the character of the local area and these impacts cannot be mitigated.

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<sup>156</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms.

**Policy 59****Sustainable Transport (Strategy Policy)**

**To ensure that opportunities are taken to improve and promote sustainable travel choices and reduce the need to travel by car by:**

- a) Permitting proposals that assist in delivering improved traffic and parking management;**
- b) Permitting facilities to improve public transport by helping to link between travel modes or providing facilities for passengers;**
- c) Ensuring new development is well designed by providing appropriate access for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and public transport where appropriate; and**
- d) Not permitting proposals that cause significant concerns about potential transport impacts which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated (see Policy 60).**

4.323 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on traffic management, transport considerations in development control, transport assessments and travel plans and access to development. Planning and appraisal of transport proposals in Wales are guided by the Welsh Government's (WeITAG) Welsh Transport Planning and Appraisal Guidance which details how all transport proposals should be planned and developed. The policies below provide additional guidance and advice on sustainable transport.

**Policy 60****Impacts of Traffic**

**Development will not be permitted where:**

- a) appropriate access cannot be achieved; or**
- b) traffic is likely to generate an unacceptable adverse effect on congested areas or at times of peak traffic flows; or**
- c) traffic is likely to be generated at inappropriate times such as late at night in residential areas; or**
- d) where there is an unacceptable adverse effect on road safety; or**
- e) where significant environmental damage would be caused and cannot be mitigated; or**
- f) the proposal would undermine the vitality and viability of a Centre.**

**A Transport Assessment will be required for proposals likely to have significant trip generation or where the National Park Authority has significant concerns about the possible transport impact of the proposed development<sup>157</sup>.**

- 4.324 This policy follows the National Planning Policy set out in Technical Advice Note 18 and sets out criteria for assessment of all relevant proposals.
- 4.325 A Transport Assessment will be required for proposals likely to have significant trip generation<sup>158</sup>:
- a) Residential developments of 25 units or more: or
  - b) 100 or more vehicle movements per day: or
  - c) 10 freight movements per day.
- 4.326 In addition if the National Park Authority has significant concerns about the possible transport impact of the proposed development a Transport Assessment will be required.
- 4.327 With regard to criterion f) a significant challenge will be to facilitate parking provision that adequately serves the rural hinterland, maintains the vitality and viability of the Centre while at the same

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<sup>157</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms.

<sup>158</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms.

time avoiding undermining both the ability to provide public transport and the incentive to walk and cycle within the Centre.

- 4.328 The Authority will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on Parking Standards.

#### **Policy 61 Cycleways and Shared Use Paths**

**New cycleways and shared use paths will be permitted where they:**

- a)do not have an unacceptable adverse environmental effect; and**
- b)fulfil a strategic or local need (for instance forming part of or a link to the National Cycle Network); or**
- c)contribute to road safety improvements (separation of cycle traffic from motor vehicles for example); or**
- d)provide improved opportunities for sustainable travel (particularly within or between the main Centres and large Centres of the County and also to and from major tourist attractions); or**
- e)reduce traffic congestion in an historic Centre, at a rural/coastal attraction, or at schools and along well used routes to and from them.**

- 4.329 The purpose of this policy is to support the development of cycleways and shared user paths. Like walking, cycling is a flexible and convenient travel mode, particularly for shorter distance journeys.

#### **Utility Services**

- 4.330 Planning Policy Wales, Edition 10, December 2018 sets out clear statements of national development control policy on water supply and quality and waste water management. Please refer to Chapter 6 'Distinctive and Natural Places'.

**Policy 62****Powerlines and Pipelines**

**Cables or pipelines and associated development will be permitted where the least obtrusive and damaging location, route or means of provision is chosen. Where developments would be visually prominent evidence must be provided to show that alternative locations have been investigated and are impractical. Such proposals will be rigorously examined with regard to siting and design and will be permitted only where there are no unacceptable adverse effects on the special qualities of the National Park.**

**Where it can be demonstrated that proposals are of national significance, applications should be accompanied by technical and financial feasibility studies.**

- 4.331 The purpose of this policy is to set out an appropriate framework for considering proposals for cabling, the construction of pipelines and associated development such as pylons, substations etc. Opportunities for undergrounding should always be explored providing that this does not result in a greater impact on the National Park's special qualities. It is acknowledged that the location or route chosen must be technically feasible. The National Park's special qualities are defined in Policy 8.
- 4.332 Many proposals will lie outside the scope of normal planning control with the National Park Authority only being consulted by the relevant statutory body. Therefore the Authority will, in addition to using this policy in dealing with planning applications received for such proposals, use it in informing responses to such consultations.
- 4.333 Policy 33 is also relevant for renewable energy proposals.

**Policy 63****Telecommunications**

**Telecommunications development will be permitted provided that:**

- a) the development is part of a planned system of provision; and**
- b) taking account of opportunities afforded by the shared use of existing masts, antenna or other structures, the least obtrusive or damaging, technically-feasible structure and location can be secured.**

**Where developments would be visually prominent evidence must be provided to show that alternative locations have been investigated and are impractical. Such proposals will be rigorously examined with regard to siting and design and will be permitted only where there are no unacceptable adverse effects on the special qualities of the National Park.**

**Where it can be demonstrated that proposals are of national significance, applications should be accompanied by technical and financial feasibility studies.**

- 4.334 This policy is intended to guide telecommunications developments to the least obtrusive location possible, taking into account the technical requirement of each individual application, including its function within the network. Both the individual and cumulative impact of proposals will be of importance. The planned system of provision should include a strategic programme for the location of masts showing how the proposal fits into the network. To assess the proposal under criterion b) applicants will also be required to demonstrate that an appraisal of alternative sites and options has been undertaken, taking into account the possibilities of mast sharing, attachment to a building or other suitable structure when providing a justification for the preferred site. The Authority will expect the information to clearly demonstrate in quantifiable terms why alternative locations or options are impractical relative to the site chosen.
- 4.335 The effect of telecommunications developments on amenity is an important consideration (see Policy 30).
- 4.336 The National Park's special qualities are defined in Policy 8. There is a potential for negative impacts on species, (e.g. bats), however a determination of effect cannot be made without the scale and location of the development being known. Consideration of environmental impacts will include designated sites, such as Natura 2000 sites and undesignated sites.





## 5. Monitoring

5.1 The Local Development Plan's objectives and policies will be monitored through an Annual Monitoring Report.<sup>159</sup> These reports will monitor progress against key indicators and targets<sup>160</sup>. The report will reflect the success of the Local Development Plan and show if targets are being met. These indicators and targets are in addition to those which are to be used in the Sustainability Appraisal monitoring.




5.2 In the Annual Monitoring Reports the following areas will be covered:

- Key Findings and recommendations
- Significant contextual change
- Policy monitoring

5.3 The analysis will be grouped under the overarching National Park Purposes and Duty (and spatial strategy) and then the six key priority areas:

- Special qualities
- Major development, the potential for growth
- Climate change, sustainable design, flooding, sustainable energy
- Visitor economy, employment, and rural diversification
- Affordable housing and housing growth
- Community facilities, retailing, transport

5.4 First the key outcomes anticipated will be listed under each priority area, and then any significant contextual changes during the year will be analysed. The aim of the monitoring framework (set out below) will be to assess the extent to which policies are being implemented as intended, and whether objectives are being achieved. As a visual aid in monitoring the effectiveness of policies and to provide an overview of performance, key indicators and outcomes are highlighted as follows:

Targets / objectives are being achieved.	
Targets have not been achieved or poor performance, but no concerns over implementation of policy / objectives.	
Monitoring indicates area of concern over implementation of policy / objectives.	

5.5 Triggers are included within the policy analysis to ensure that a detailed investigation is undertaken of the effectiveness of the policy when the

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<sup>159</sup> See 6. Glossary of Terms

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trigger is met. Any recommendations for a review of the policies or Plan as a result of the detailed assessment will be set out in the Annual Monitoring Report.

- 5.6 The Annual Monitoring Report will also include an analysis of the effectiveness of policies and Supplementary Planning Guidance when dealing with Appeals. The Annual Monitoring Report will also contain a section on Sustainability Appraisal monitoring and a section which monitors progress with site specific allocations. Any actions needed to address issues will also be set out.

## National Park Purposes and Duty and the Spatial Strategy

Policy Area		Indicator 1.	Target
All		Approvals contrary to recommendation.	0 approvals contrary to recommendation.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 3% of planning applications decided contrary to recommendation in any one year<sup>161</sup>.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To identify patterns over the Annual Monitoring Report period.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 2.	Target
Policy 1		National Park Purposes & Duty: Developments which engage the Sandford Principle – where conflict between the two National Park purposes becomes irreconcilable, the first one must prevail. Carrying out the socio-economic duty in National Parks must be in pursuance of the purposes to Policy 1( <b>overarching indicator</b> ).	Target - 0 approvals within or impacting on the National Park which breach the Sandford principle or which result in conflicts between the duty and purposes. <b>(overarching target)</b>
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 0 applications approved contrary to the Sandford Principle or which result in conflicts between the duty and purposes in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Sandford Principle and the requirement for the duty to be pursuant to the purposes are central components of the National Park purposes and 1995 Environment Act.</p>			

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<sup>161</sup> Full, outline or reserved matters applications.

<b>Policy Area</b>		<b>Indicator 3.</b>	<b>Target</b>
Policy 7 Policy 43 Policy 44 Policy 48 Policy 54		Policy 7, Policy 43, Policy 44, Policy 48, Policy 54 - prioritise community uses.	0 approvals contrary to policies.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Approval of 2 or more planning applications contrary to a policy in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The National Park does not contain many sites used for employment or community facilities and any loss to other uses must continue to support the local community. Such sites are valuable to individual communities and a stringent threshold is appropriate.</p>			

## 2A Special Qualities

Policy Area	Indicator 4.	Target
Policy 8	Special Qualities: Approvals contrary to Strategy Policy 8 Special Qualities. Approvals contrary to Recommendation.	0 approvals
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 developments permitted contrary to any criterion in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Special Qualities are central to National Park Purposes set out in the Environment Act 1995.</p>		

Policy Area	Indicator 5.	Target
Policy 13	Welsh Language: Proposals approved contrary to Policy 13	0 approvals
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more developments contrary to Policy 13.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To ensure consistency of approach with national planning guidance.</p>		

Policy Area	Indicator 6.	Target
Policy 14	Landscape & Seascape: Proposals contrary to Policy 14	0 approvals
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more developments contrary to Policy 14 with its supporting Supplementary Planning Guidance.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Special Qualities (Environment Act 1995) of the National Park could be significantly affected by such development.</p>		

Policy Area		Indicator 7.	Target
Policy 15 Policy 16		Amount of greenfield and open space lost to development (ha) which is not allocated (for other purposes) in the Plan. Amount of Green Wedge lost.	Greenfield - 0% except for land released in accordance with the Plan's policies.
			Open Space lost - 0 % except where, with playing fields, facilities can be best retained and enhanced through the redevelopment of a small part of the site or alternative provision can be made of equivalent benefit or there is excess provision in the area.
			Green Wedge – 0% lost
<b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more developments granted permission contrary to recommendation in any one year. <b>Reason:</b> The cumulative loss of green field land should be assessed to ensure that opportunities for brownfield development are not being overlooked.			

The loss of open space unless justified leads to the undermining of the sustainability of local communities.  
Local planning authorities should attach substantial weight to any harmful impact which a development would have on a green wedge.

## 2B Major development, the potential for growth

Policy Area	Indicator 8.	Target
Major development	Approvals of proposals that engage Major Development Test	0 approval of major development unless exceptional circumstances are proven.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Approval of 1 major development where no exceptional circumstances are shown in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To ensure a consistent approach with the first purpose of National Parks and Planning Policy Wales Major Development test.</p>		

Policy Area	Indicator 9.	Target
Minerals	Applications for minerals development	0 approval for new minerals development unless exceptional circumstances are proven.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 new or extended mineral site permitted when exceptional circumstances are not shown in any one year. The trigger would not include borrow pits.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> This would have a major impact on the minerals strategy.</p>		

Policy Area	Indicator 10.	Target
Policy 27, Policy 28	Waste Management Facilities Approvals contrary to the principle of local waste management facilities predominantly serving the National Park area.	0 approvals
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more developments contrary to recommendation.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To ensure consistency of approach with national planning guidance by resisting inappropriate or unsuitable waste management facilities within the National Park.</p>		



## 2C Climate change, sustainable design, renewable energy, flooding

Policy Area		Indicator 11.	Target
Policy 29		Sustainable Design Approvals contrary to Strategy Policy 29 'Sustainable Design' on the grounds of criterion c), e), g), h) or i).	0 approvals.
<b>Trigger:</b> 3 or more decisions contrary to Policy 29 c), e), g), h) or i).			
<b>Reason:</b> To monitor the Plan's contribution to sustainable design in all development.			

Policy Area		Indicator 12.	Target
Policy 33		Renewable Energy Capacity of renewable energy schemes permitted and completed.	<p>Planning permissions to contribute to an overall Renewable Heat Target for the National Park of 9.8 GWh.</p> <p>This target is aspirational, dependent upon a range of factors in the future such as government changes in policy, funding opportunities/constraints, as well as other external factors.</p>

Policy Area		Indicator 13.	Target
Policy 33		Renewable Energy Capacity of renewable energy schemes permitted and completed.	<p>Planning permissions to contribute to an overall Renewable Electricity Target for the National Park of 38.9GWh.</p> <p>This target is aspirational, dependent upon a range of factors in the future such as government changes in policy, funding opportunities/constraints, as well as other external factors.</p>

Policy Area		Indicator 14.	Target
Policy 33		Renewable Energy Policy 33 and Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance and Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines on Landscape and Visual Amenity Supplementary Planning Guidance	All decision making is consistent with the Authority's Renewable Energy Policy as supported by the Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance and Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines on Landscape and Visual Amenity Supplementary Planning Guidance
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 3 or more decisions contrary to Policy 33 Renewable Energy in conjunction with its supporting Supplementary Planning Guidance.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Although the contribution provided by renewables is important it is difficult to monitor (see above). A more meaningful measure is how effective Policy 33 Renewable Energy is and it's supporting guidance. Deciding applications contrary to the Policy as supported by Supplementary Planning Guidance should trigger a review.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 15.	Target
Policy 34		Flooding: Amount of development (by TAN 15 paragraph 5.1 development category) permitted in C1 and C2 floodplain areas not meeting all TAN 15 tests (paragraph 6.2 i-v)	Development is not permitted where the long term scenario (in the next 100 years) would fail the tests set out across.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 development permitted contrary to Policy 34.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> There can be severe consequences of inappropriate development. This is a Welsh Government indicator.</p>			

## 2D Visitor economy, employment and rural diversification

Policy Area		Indicator 16.	Target
Policy 38		Recreational Activities: Proposals for recreational activity contrary to Policy 38.	0 approvals
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more recreational activity developments contrary to Policy 38 in conjunction with the Recreational Activities Supplementary Planning Guidance.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The special qualities (Environment Act 1995) could be significantly affected by such development.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 17.	Target
Policy 39		Hotel Accommodation	Maintain except where loss of hotel proven.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more developments contrary to recommendation in any one financial year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The impact of such development changes on National Park purposes. There is a need to maintain current provision unless loss is justified.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 18.	Target
Policy 40		Self Catering Development: Prioritising affordable housing over self-catering.	Target - 0 approvals contrary to policies that prioritise certain uses seen to sustain communities in the Plan.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Approval of 2 or more applications contrary to Policy 40 in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> This policy provides a windfall opportunity for affordable housing and with limited land available for development early scrutiny of the policy is appropriate.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 19.	Target
Policy 41		Caravan & Camping Proposals contrary to Policy 41.	0 approvals
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more developments contrary to the Policy 41 with its supporting</p>			

Supplementary Planning Guidance.

**Reason:** The Special Qualities (Environment Act 1995) of the National Park could be significantly affected by such development.

Policy Area		Indicator 20.	Target	
Policy 43 Employment		Proposals for employment	Authority decisions are consistent with Policy	0 Approvals
<b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more applications are approved contrary to recommendation.				
<b>Reason:</b> To analyse the effectiveness of the Policy.				

Policy Area		Indicator 21.	Target
Policy 44		Loss of employment sites	0 approvals of loss of employment sites except where justified within the terms of the policy.
<b>Trigger:</b> Loss of two or more employment sites or 500 sq. metres contrary to recommendation.			
<b>Reason:</b> Small employment sites can make an important contribution to sustainable communities.			

## 2E Affordable housing and housing growth

Policy Area		Indicator 22.	Target
Housing		The housing land supply taken from the current Housing Land Availability Study (TAN1)	Minimum 5 years effectively available supply.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Less than a 5 year supply in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> It is important to deliver the affordable housing strategy.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 23.	Target
Policy 47, Policy 48, Policy 49		The number of net additional affordable dwellings built (TAN 2).	362 affordable dwellings built over the Plan period.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Completions 10% below the target expected by the formal Plan review period (see - Appendix 3). Undertake research to establish reasons and dependent on findings consider whether actions are necessary to increase supply.</p> <p>Completions 25% less than targets – determine actions to increase supply of affordable housing, including consideration of additional housing allocations.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The delivery of affordable housing is a key outcome of the Plan. To allow land that can deliver affordable housing an opportunity to come forward means an assessment at this stage would be appropriate.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 24.	Target
Policy 46 Policy 47 Policy 50		The number of net additional general market dwellings built.	960 general market dwellings built over the Plan period at an average rate of 62 dwellings per annum over the Plan period (as indicated in the Housing Trajectory) for example:

			221 completions by April 2019 283 completions by April 2020 345 completions by April 2021 407 completions by April 2022 469 completions by April 2023 531 completions by April 2024 593 completions by April 2025 655 completions by April 2026 717 completions by April 2027 779 completions by April 2028 841 completions by April 2029 903 completions by April 2030 965 completions by April 2031
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Completions 10% below the target expected by the formal Plan review period (see Appendix 3). Undertake research to establish reasons and dependent on findings consider whether actions are necessary to increase supply.</p> <p>Completions 25% less than targets – determine actions to increase supply of housing to deliver affordable housing, including consideration of additional housing allocations and a review of Centre boundaries.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The delivery of general market housing to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing is a key outcome of the Plan. To allow land that can deliver affordable housing an opportunity to come forward means an assessment at this stage would be appropriate.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 25.	Target
Policy 47 Policy 48		House Prices, Build costs, Affordable rents	Targets for affordable housing delivery for each local market housing area are maintained.
<p>The following key indicators will be monitored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) House prices – data which includes second hand as well as new properties and provides a robust indicator of price trends.</li> <li>b) Build costs – Pembrokeshire benchmark build costs and relevant BCIS index; and,</li> <li>c) Affordable rents – Local Housing Allowance data.</li> </ul> <p><b>Trigger:</b> The Authority will consider if there is a 10% change (plus or minus) in any one indicator sustained over a 12 month period or if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) There is a plus or minus change of between 5-9% in any two indicators sustained over a 12 month period; or,</li> <li>b) There is less than 10% change in indicator(s) but change is being sustained or if evidence indicates that sustained change has occurred in other development costs e.g. finance costs, developer return required.</li> </ul> <p>This assessment will be carried out annually and published in the Annual Monitoring Report on the Authority's website. The Authority will consider if changes are needed and whether this would require a selective review in advance of the 4-yearly formal requirement. An analysis will be undertaken for each Annual Monitoring Report.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The delivery of affordable housing is a key outcome of the Plan but must take account of economic circumstances.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 26.	Target
Policy 53		Gypsy and Traveller and Show People Sites:  Proposals for sites contrary to Officer recommendation.	Authority decisions are consistent with Policy.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more applications are approved contrary to recommendation.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To analyse the effectiveness of the Policy.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 27.	Target
Policy 51		Average density of housing development permitted in Centres.	30 per hectare target in the Plan's Centres achieved.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more housing developments not achieving 30 dwellings to the hectare unless an alternative density is justified under Policy 51.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To make the best use of available land.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 28.	Target
Policy 52		Mix of housing types to create balanced communities.	Authority decisions are consistent with Policy.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 or more housing developments approved contrary to Policy 52.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To achieve the objective of balanced mixed and sustainable communities.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 29.	Target
Policy 2 to Policy 7		Spatial distribution of housing development	90% of housing completions are focussed in the Plan's Centres.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 20 % of completions are in the Countryside by the formal Plan review period. Undertake research to establish reasons and dependent on findings consider whether actions are necessary to the spatial strategy.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To monitor housing completions each year in line with the growth strategy and the settlement hierarchy.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 30.	Target
Policy 52		The tenure of affordable housing completions.	80% of affordable houses permitted are affordable rented properties.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> An annual review of all planning permissions granted in that year show that the affordable housing element includes less than 75% affordable rented properties. Undertake research to establish reasons and dependent on findings consider whether actions are necessary to increase supply.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Affordable rented units account for over 83% of need identified in the Local Housing Market Assessment, with the remainder showing a need for Low Cost Home Ownership (or similar scheme).</p>			



## 2F Community Facilities, Retailing and Transport

Policy Area		Indicator 31.	Target
Policy 54		Community Facilities & Infrastructure Requirements.	Authority decisions are consistent with Policy.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Approval of 1 or more planning applications contrary to Policy 54 in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Any loss of a community facility that is not justified as required by Policy 54 needs to be investigated. Facilities are valuable to individual communities and a stringent threshold is appropriate.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 32.	Target
Policy 55		Number of Planning Obligations for community facilities secured from development (or financial contributions).	S106 agreements secured in line with Supplementary Planning Guidance
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 2 applications decided contrary to the recommendation in any one year.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To secure improvement in community facility provision where the requirement arises from the development.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 33.	Target
Policy 56, Policy 57		Retail Hierarchy	Authority decisions are consistent with policy
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more developments approved contrary to recommendation in any one year for either Policy 56 or Policy 57.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The aim of these policies is to ensure that the Plan's Centres continue to remain attractive places to live and visit and provide a valuable role in meeting the needs of local communities and visitors.</p>			

Policy Area		Indicator 34.	Target
Policy 56		Percentage of vacant retail floor space.	No greater than 10%.
<p><b>Trigger:</b> Greater than 10% vacant A use class floor space within retail centres for 2 consecutive years.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Vacancy in centres naturally fluctuates and allows for new ventures to come forward. Sustained relatively high vacancy for National Park centres should be assessed further.</p>			

<b>Policy Area</b>		<b>Indicator 35.</b>	<b>Target</b>
Policy 59		Transport: Approvals for development causing significant concerns regarding potential transport impacts.	0
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more applications approved contrary to recommendation.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Significant concerns will impact on communities and will require further assessment.</p>			

## Supplementary Planning Guidance

Policy Area	Indicator 36.	Target
Supplementary Planning Guidance	To adopt Key Supplementary Planning Guidance within 1 year of the Plan's adoption.	0
<p><b>Trigger:</b> 1 or more guidance documents are not adopted within 1 year of the Plan's adoption.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Supplementary Planning Guidance listed is key to the delivery of the Plan's strategic policies.</p>		
Key Supplementary Planning Guidance		Background Paper or Local Development Plan 1 Guidance
Landscape Character		Landscape Character Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted June 2011
Seascape Character		Seascape Character Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted December 2013
Renewable Energy		Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted April 2014
Caravan Camping and Chalets <sup>162</sup>		Caravan, Camping and Chalet Landscape Capacity Assessment
Affordable Housing (joint guidance with Pembrokeshire County Council anticipated)		Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted November 2014
Planning Obligations (joint guidance with Pembrokeshire County Council anticipated)		Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted September 2016

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<sup>162</sup> See footnote to Policy 41 Caravan, Camping and Chalet Development for types of development.

## 6. Glossary of Terms

<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Accessibility	The extent to which a property, locality or facility is readily approachable and usable by as many people as possible, including individuals with disabilities.
Adopted	The final confirmation of the Plan or Supplementary Planning Guidance or Strategy.
Affordable housing	Affordable housing is housing for sale or rent at prices below the market rate. It will be reserved in perpetuity by the use of Section 106 agreements or conditions as affordable housing where a private developer is involved. Housing Associations will not be required to enter into such obligations but may wish to enter into voluntary lettings agreements. Affordable housing will be provided for local people in unsuitable housing who cannot afford to resolve their housing needs in the open market.
Affordable Housing Need	Assessed by examining the suitability of present housing and the ability of households to afford market priced housing.
Affordable housing exception sites	These are small housing sites within or adjoining Centres for the provision of affordable housing to meet local needs. The affordable housing provided on exception sites should meet the needs of local people in perpetuity. Sites must meet all the other criteria against which a housing development would be judged. Affordable housing exception sites are not appropriate for market housing.
Allocation	Land which will be proposed for development or restraint, which will be identified in a Proposals Map in the Deposit and the Adopted versions of the Local Development Plan.
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	This will assess the extent to which policies in the Local Development Plan are being successfully implemented.
BREEAM	The BREEAM family of assessment methods and tools are all designed to help construction professionals understand and mitigate the environmental impacts of the developments they design and build.
Brownfield Site/ Land (Previously Developed Land)	See Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 (2018), starts paragraph 3.51
Candidate Site	Candidate Sites are those nominated by anyone for consideration by the local planning authority as allocations in the Local Development Plan.
Candidate Site Register	Register of candidate sites prepared following a call for candidate sites by the local planning authority.
Case-by-case basis	Considering or dealing with each instance separately, taking into account its individual circumstances and

<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	features.
'Centre'	Means either a 'Service and Tourism Centre' or a 'Local Centre' or a 'Rural Centre'.
Community Facilities	Community facilities provide for the health, welfare, social, educational, spiritual, leisure and cultural needs of the community. Facilities are usually located within a village or town that is regularly used by the local community. These can include convenience shops, public houses, cinemas, petrol filling stations, children's formal play areas, playing fields, doctors' surgeries, schools, village/community halls, nursing homes, churches, allotments, etc.
Conserve	To keep from harm, decay or loss.
Consultation	A formal process in which comments are invited on a particular topic or set of topics, or a draft document.
Cultural Heritage	The cultural heritage of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park includes all evidence of past human activity, as well as people's responses to, and associations with those activities. It includes the aesthetic appreciation as well as the physical evidence of people's activities, and is embodied in language, art, and the meaning and interpretation which we give to our landscape and historic environment. It is all around us, providing a context for our daily lives and influencing regional and local identity.
Delivery Agreement	A document comprising the local planning authority's timetable for the preparation of the Local Development Plan together with its Community Involvement Scheme, submitted to the Welsh Government for agreement.
Deliverability	Where a site is realistically expected to be developed in the Plan period. It is important to be able to demonstrate that there are no fundamental impediments to the development of the sites allocated in the Plan and to be able to specify the timescales within which constraints will be overcome.
Deposit Plan	A formal stage during which organisations and individuals can make representations on the detailed policies and proposals.
Employment Land / Site	Land that typically forms part of an industrial estate or business park, which is occupied by one or more of the following: offices, manufacturing, research and development, storage and distribution.
Enhance	To improve, heighten or intensify.
Evidence	Base Interpretation of the present state of an area (i.e. baseline) or other information/ data to provide the basis for planning policy and against which to measure change.
Greenfield Sites	These are sites which have never been previously developed or used for an urban use, or are on land that has been brought into active or beneficial use for agriculture or forestry i.e. fully restored derelict land.

<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Greenways	Pembrokeshire Greenways is a partnership initiative to promote access and enjoyment for all by bus and train travel, walking, cycling and horse riding rather than by the use of the private car. It comprises public and community bodies involved with the promotion and delivery of sustainable travel in Pembrokeshire and includes the National Park Authority, Pembrokeshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales, Public Health Wales, Pembrokeshire Tourism, Pembrokeshire Access Group and Sustrans.
Green Infrastructure	Green Infrastructure is a network of multi-functional green space, both new and existing, both rural and urban, which supports the natural and ecological processes and is integral to the health and the quality of life of sustainable communities. Green Infrastructure also encompasses river systems and coastal environments.
Historic Environment	The historic environment of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park encompasses all those material remains that our ancestors have created on land and coast. It ranges from historic landscapes, parks and gardens, distinctive field patterns and thoroughfares through to historic settlements, traditional buildings, ancient monuments and buried archaeological sites. It provides a constant reminder of past human enterprise, a source of enjoyment and learning and combines with the natural environment and habitats of the National Park to give us a unique sense of place, daily inspiration and an important asset for the future.
Implementation	Implementation is the carrying out, execution, or practice of a plan, a method, or any design for doing something. As such, implementation is the action that must follow any preliminary thinking in order for something to actually happen.
Indicator	An indicator is something that helps you understand where you are, which way you are going and how far you are from where you want to be. A good indicator alerts you to a problem before it gets too bad and helps you recognise what needs to be done to fix the problem.
Infrastructure	Water supply and sewerage facilities, roads and transportation, local community, shopping and other facilities required as framework for development.
Intervisible	Mutually visible. Each in sight of the other.
Landscape Capacity	The ability of the National Park landscape to absorb development for this Plan period is tested using the methodology set out in the Background Paper 'Candidate Site Assessment Methodology'.
Landscape Sensitivity Assessment	Advises on the sensitivity of landscape areas to different scales of development.
Local Development Plan (LDP)	The required statutory development plan for each local planning authority area in Wales under Part 6 of the

<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) have to set out their objectives in relation to development and use of land in their area and set out the general policies for the implementation of those objectives within their Local Development Plans. As well as having regard to national planning policy, the local planning authority has to take into account of regional planning policy and the authority's community strategy and the social, economic and environmental factors relating to the local area and global environment, by undertaking a sustainability appraisal of the Local Development Plan.
Local Wellbeing Plans	Under The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Public Service Boards will be established for each local authority area; it is intended that each will prepare a Well-being Plan by April 2018 (s.39).
Marine Conservation Zone	An area of national or international importance for the purpose of conserving especially important marine habitats and wildlife and other features along the foreshore and seabed.
Mitigation	Measures that avoid, reduce, remediate or compensate for the negative impacts.
Natura 2000 Sites	<p>Natura 2000 is a European network of protected sites which represent areas of the highest value for natural habitats and species of plants and animals which are rare, endangered or vulnerable in the European Community.</p> <p>The Natura 2000 network includes two types of area. Areas may be designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) where they support rare, endangered or vulnerable natural habitats and species of plants or animals (other than birds). Where areas support significant numbers of wild birds and their habitats, they may become Special Protection Areas (SPA). SACs are designated under the Habitats Directive and SPAs are classified under the Birds Directive. Some very important areas may become both SAC and SPA.</p>
Retail Hierarchy	Planning Policy Wales requires development plans to establish a local retail hierarchy which identifies the nature, type and strategic role to be performed by retail and commercial centres.
Single Integrated Plan	Discharges statutory duties identified by Welsh Government ("Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery", WG 2012), including Community Strategies; prepared by a Local Service Board. See "Local Well-being Plans" which are to replace Single Integrated Plans".
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	A conservation designation denoting a protected area in the United Kingdom. SSSIs are the basic 'building block' of nature conservation legislation, and most other legal nature/geological conservation

<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	designations are based upon them, including National Nature Reserves, Ramsar Sites (there are none designated in this National Park), Special Protection Areas, and Special Areas of Conservation.
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	Designated under the European Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna for the conservation of sites of international conservation importance.
Special Protection Area (SPA)	Designated under the European Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds for the protection of wild birds and their habitats.
Soundness	A concept comprising procedure, consistency, coherence and effectiveness against which a Local Development Plan will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector.
Stakeholders	Interests directly affected by the Local Development Plan – involvement generally through representative bodies.
Statement of Common Ground	The purpose of a Statement of Common Ground is to establish the main areas of agreement between two or more parties on a particular issue.
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	Generic term used internationally to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes.
Strategy	A strategy is a long term plan or method designed to achieve a particular goal or objective.
Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)	Supplementary information in respect of the policies in a Local Development Plan. Supplementary Planning Guidance does not form part of the Development Plan and is not subject to independent examination but must be consistent with the Plan and with national policy.
Sustainability Appraisal	A Sustainability Appraisal is an appraisal of the economic, environmental, and social effects of a plan from the outset of the preparation process to allow decisions to be made that accord with sustainable development.
Sustainable Development	<p>“Sustainable development” means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the Welsh Government’s well-being goals.</p> <p>Acting in accordance with the sustainable development principle means that a body must act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</p>
Trajectory (Housing)	For market and affordable housing the trajectory illustrates the expected rate of housing delivery.
Transport	These provide the information necessary to assess the



<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Assessment	suitability of an application in terms of travel demand and impact. The assessment should set objectives and targets relating to managing travel demand for the development and set out the infrastructure, demand management measures and financial contributions necessary to achieve them. (See Technical Advice Note 18: Transport (March 2007) for further information.)
Unacceptable adverse effect	An unacceptable harmful impact that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.
Utilities	Services provided such as water supply, sewerage, gas and electricity.
Use Class Order	<b>Class A1 Shops</b> of all types including superstores and retail warehouses; also includes hairdressers, sandwich bars (except those selling hot food), travel agents, launderettes, dry cleaners, showrooms, except car showrooms.
	<b>Class A2 Financial and Professional Services</b> to visiting members of the public, including banks, building societies, estate agents, betting offices.
	<b>Class A3 Food and Drink</b> including restaurants, pubs, wine bars, and takeaways.
	<b>Class B1 Business Class</b> including offices (other than those falling in Class A2), research and development, and industrial processes, provided the use could be carried out in any residential area without detriment to amenity by reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit.
	<b>Class B2 General Industrial</b> processes other than ones falling into Class B1.
	<b>Class B8 Storage and Distribution</b> warehouses including wholesale cash and carry.
	<b>Class C1 Hotels</b>
	<b>Class C2 Residential Institutions</b> including hospitals, nursing homes, residential schools and colleges.
	<b>C2A Secure Residential Institution</b> Use for a provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as a military barracks.
	<b>Class C4 Houses in multiple occupation</b> Use of a dwellinghouse by not more than six residents as a house in multiple occupation. In broad terms, this use occurs where tenanted living accommodation is occupied by 3 to 6 people as their only or main residence, who are not related and who share one or

<b>Term Used</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	more basic amenities.
	<b>Class D1 Non-residential Institutions</b> including religious buildings, public halls, museums, medical services.
	<b>Class D2 Assembly and Leisure</b> including cinemas, bingo halls, casinos and indoor sports.
	<b>Sui Generis</b> Many uses do not fall within any Use Class and are therefore described as <i>Sui generis</i> - a class on their own. For example, theatres, amusement centres, car showrooms, petrol filling stations, and car hire offices are among uses which are specifically excluded from any of the defined Classes.
Wales Spatial Plan (WSP)	A plan prepared and approved by the National Assembly for Wales which sets out a strategic framework to guide future development and policy interventions, whether or not these relate to formal land use planning control. Local Development Plans must have regard to the Wales Spatial Plan.
Waste Management Facilities	Facilities for storing, sorting, treating and disposing of waste. They include, for example, Household Recycling Centres, waste transfer stations, landfill sites, composting facilities and various methods of recovering energy.
Windfall	The term 'windfall sites' is used to refer to those sites which are considered appropriate for development but have not been specifically identified on the Proposals Map.
Workaday	Relating to or suited for ordinary working days.

## Appendix 1 Land with Planning Permission or Development Consent Order

Below is a list of planning applications which were granted planning permission between April 2012 and April 2017 which were advertised as 'major development' in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012. These planning permissions are shown on the Proposals Map.

"Major development" means development involving any one or more of the following—

- (a) the winning and working of minerals or the use of land for mineral-working deposits;
- (b) waste development;
- (c) the provision of dwellinghouses where —
  - (i) the number of dwellinghouses to be provided is 10 or more; or
  - (ii) the development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5 hectares or more and it is not known whether the development falls within sub-paragraph (c)(i);
- (d) the provision of a building or buildings where the floor space to be created by the development is 1,000 square metres or more; or
- (e) development carried out on a site having an area of 1 hectare or more.

Also shown are Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects with a Development Consent Order which was extant as at April 2017.

Ref:	Description	Permission Date
NP/13/0441	Demolition of existing motel & replace with 40 bed hotel with adjoining restaurant & associated parking & landscaping – <b>Roch Gate Motel, Roch</b>	30/01/2015
NP/14/0574	Construction of new reinforced concrete foundation to support a 15m tower, the erection of a 15m high triangular lattice steel tower, installation of ground level access ducting and construction of a new concrete plinth (approx. 3m x 4m) – <b>Maritime &amp; Coastguard Agency Radio Site, Monkstone Point, Saundersfoot</b>	30/01/2015
NP/15/0085	Change of use of fort & island to visitor attraction uses including C1, D1 and D2 with gift, food & drink & retail uses A1 and A3. Change of use of generator house to ticket and retail use A1 & A3. Restore/replace railings, install 2 cranes, 2 boat landings, construct security residence use C3, construct toilet & pumping facilities, install cliff nature walk, signage, path lighting, operations lighting, replace fort entrance bridge, install services, repair stairs & install new, install CCTV – <b>St Catherines Island, Tenby</b>	06/07/2015
NP/15/0086	Cattle accommodation building & open yard area – <b>Velindre, St Nicholas</b>	14/07/15

Ref:	Description	Permission Date
NP/15/0145	10 dwelling houses – <b>Old Cottage Hospital site, Trafalgar Road, Tenby</b>	28/09/15
NP/15/0194	Residential development of 35 dwellings (including 14 affordable units) incorporating open space & new access points of Feidr Eglwys and Feidr Bentinck – <b>land off Feidr Eglwys, Newport</b>	20/06/16
NP/15/0693	One Planet Development including a single family dwelling – <b>Land at Carn Ingli, Newport</b>	25/07/16
NP/16/0170	Construction of new Marine Centre, including marine workshops, marine/outdoor action retail, cafe & restaurant, offices for harbour administration & Wales Tourism, RYA Academy, Teaching Rooms, Coastal Storm Education Centre, bedrooms & disabled accommodation – <b>Harbour Office, The Harbour, Saundersfoot</b>	01/07/16
NP/16/0219	New housing development of 13 units – <b>land adjacent to Primary School, Trewarren Road, St Ishmaels</b>	20/09/16
NP/16/0266	Redevelopment & relocation of 117 existing bases & creation of 58 additional bases for static visitor caravans; reduction in number of touring & tent pitches; removal of 11 existing staff caravans & their utility connections; creation of 2 bases for static caravans for staff, demolition of shop (and relocation to Entertainment Complex) & removal of laundrette; relocation of maintenance block & service yard; removal of car parking spaces totalling 94 spaces & creation of car park spaces totalling 138 spaces; upgrading of pedestrian access to the park & ride for access into the town centre; works to & extension of existing attenuation pond; removal of crazy golf facility; relocation of play area & associated landscaping, drainage & access infrastructure works – <b>Kiln Park Holiday Centre, Tenby</b>	10/05/17
Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 2846	<b>The South Hook Combined Heat and Power Plant Order 2014.</b> The authorised development must commence within 5 years of the date of this Order.	23rd October 2014

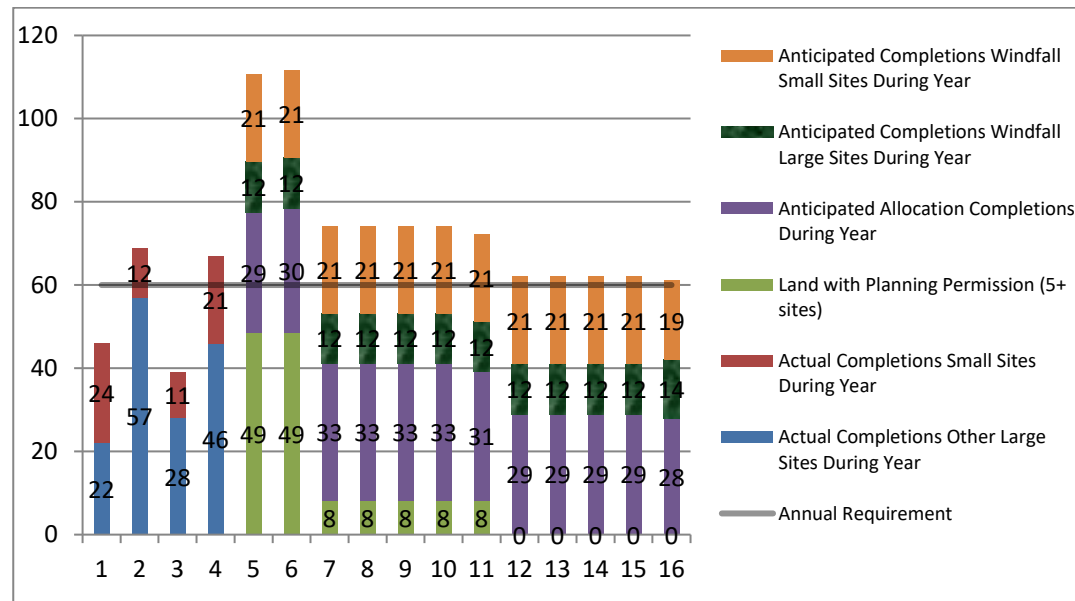
## APPENDIX 2 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

	<b>Title</b>	<b>LDP 2 Indicative Timetable</b>
1.	Affordable Housing	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
2.	Archaeology	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
3.	Biodiversity	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
4.	Caravan, Camping and Chalet	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
5.	Coal Works – Instability	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
6.	Conservation Areas	Autumn 2020
7.	Landscape	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
8.	Lighting	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
9.	Loss of Community Facilities	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
10.	Loss of Hotels	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
11.	Parking	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
12.	Planning Obligations	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
13.	Recreation	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
14.	Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
15.	Renewable Energy	Adoption with LDP 2 circa end of December 2019.
16.	Safeguarding Mineral Zones	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
17.	Seascape Character	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
18.	Shopfront Design	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
19.	Siting and Design of Farm Buildings & Slurry Lagoons	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
20.	Sustainable Design	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
21.	The Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.
22.	Place Plans	Adoption of SPG mid 2020.

## Appendix 3 Land Availability

	Plan Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>A</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29</b>	<b>2029/30</b>	<b>2030/31</b>
B	Remaining Years @Year End	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>C</b>	<b>LDP Housing Requirement</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>
D	Actual Completions Allocations During Year																
E(1)	Actual Completions Other Large Sites During Year	22	57	28	46												
E(2)	Actual Completions Small Sites During Year	24	12	11	21												
F	Land with Planning Permission (5+ sites)					49	49	8	8	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
G	Anticipated Allocation Completions During Year					29	30	33	33	33	33	31	29	29	29	29	28
H(1)	Anticipated Completions Windfall Large Sites During Year					12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	14
H(2)	Anticipated Completions Windfall Small Sites During Year					21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	19
I	Total Annual Completions @ Year End D+E+F+G+H (minus 16% flexibility allowance from 2019)	<b>46</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>
J	Total Cumulative Completions @ Year End	46	115	154	211	304	398	460	522	585	647	708	761	814	868	921	973
K	Residual Housing Requirement @ Year End C - J	914	845	806	749	656	562	500	438	375	313	252	199	146	92	39	-13

L	Revised Annual Requirement For Remaining Years K / B	61	60	62	62	60	56	56	55	54	52	50	50	41	42	44	45
M	<b>Land Requirement For Following 5 Year Period L * 5</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>227</b>
N	Land Available For Following 5 Year Period(Allocations)				158	162	163	159	155	151	147	144	115	86	48	24	0
O	Windfall 5+ Availability For Following 5 Year Period				60	60	60	60	60	60	60	62	50	38	22	12	15
P	Small Site Availability For Following 5 Year Period				105	105	105	105	105	105	105	103	82	61	34	16	21
Q	Land with planning permission (5+ sites)				122	81	41	33									
R	<b>Total Availability For Following 5 Year Period N+O+P(minus 16% flexibility allowance)</b>				<b>374</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>232</b>
S	<b>Land Supply (Years) Q / L</b>				<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>
	<b>Supply</b>	<b>2018 to 21</b>	<b>2021 to 26</b>	<b>2026 to 31</b>	<b>Totals</b>												
	Forecast (planning permission) - allocations with permission are included.	97	41	0	138												
	Forecast (allocations)	59	163	144	366												
	Forecast (windfall 5+) - see Table 10 LDP row E	24	61	61	146												
	Forecast (small sites) - see Table 10 LDP row F	42	104	104	250												
	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>900</b>												





## Appendix 4 Requirements for Housing Allocations and Large Windfall Sites

The requirements set out below is based on the information available regarding constraints, design and infrastructure requirements and planning obligations at the time of Plan preparation.

For those sites highlighted with a '♦' an initial assessment using data sourced from the Welsh Government, Department for Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)'s emerging Draft Predictive Agricultural Land Classification Map for Wales (2017) shows that soil within the site is high-grade agricultural land (Grades 1,2 or 3a). Further analysis will be required to check the accuracy of the data and the use of conditions on any planning permission granted may be necessary to ensure that the soil resource can continue to provide identified benefits.

**Table 1 Housing Allocations and large sites (5 units or over within the 5-year land supply) – Site Requirements**

Ref	Site Name and location	Recent Relevant Planning History	Constraints	Design and infrastructure Requirements	Planning Obligations	Estimated Site Completion
<b>NEWPORT</b>						
HC1	Land at Feidr Eglwys, Newport  (Candidate site reference: 141)	NP/15/0194	None known. Site under construction (March 2019)	See details of planning permission	Affordable housing Contributions required for, transport, education and open space	By end 2024
HC2	Newport Pottery and Depot  (Candidate site references: 065A/067A)	NP/17/0301	None known. Site under construction (March 2019)	See details of planning permission	Affordable housing Contributions required for education.	By end 2024
HA1	Land north of the Business Park  (Candidate site references: 068/088A/089A/090A)	None	Low voltage electricity cable diversion may be required. There are several recorded heritage assets in close proximity to the site, which is also at the edge of the medieval town. There is potential for archaeological deposits/features to extend into the site. Further assessment will be required as part of any planning application to develop the site.	Off-site sewers will be required. Careful consideration of layout and massing will be required to integrate any development with the neighbouring business park. The retention and strengthening of hedgebanks as well as providing new ones to define the site will be required. Maintenance of greenspace to break up development will also be required. The adjacent wooded area has potential for providing a supporting habitat for bats, or as part of a strategic commuting route or flight line. Further survey work will be required in this regard. Development proposals for this site must demonstrate compliance with Policy 10 of the Plan (Sites and Species of European Importance).  There are several recorded heritage assets in close proximity to the site, which is also at the edge of the medieval town. There is potential for archaeological deposits/features to extend into the site. Further assessment will be required as part of any planning application to develop the site.	Affordable housing.  Contributions required off-site open space provision. Transport infrastructure obligations– can be used for provision of viable walking/cycling opportunities to the site.	10 units by end 2031 5 units after 2031
<b>SAUNDERSFOOT</b>						
HA2 ♦	Land at Sandy Hill	None.	Water main crossing the	Roadway along the length of the western site boundary will require	Affordable housing. Sustainable Transport	34 by end 2026

Ref	Site Name and location	Recent Relevant Planning History	Constraints	Design and infrastructure Requirements	Planning Obligations	Estimated Site Completion
	(Candidate Site reference: 015)		site will need to be taken into account (easement or diversion).	widening and a pedestrian footway created linking to the existing path along Sandy Hill Road. This may require third party land. Additional landscaping along the southern boundary of the site to strengthen the edge of the built area is required. Provision of pedestrian access into the site from the north will need to be achieved.	requirements. Informal open space to be required on-site. Contributions required for off-site provision of Local Equipped Area for Play and Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play.	+ 34 by end of 2031
HA3 ◆	North of Whitlow (Candidate site reference: 031A)	None		<p>A buffer between the woodland and the housing can be created through an appropriate site layout and the creation of a footpath around the perimeter of the wider site. This could link the existing public right of way along the western side of the site with the footway along the eastern side of the site, required by the Highway Authority.</p> <p>A layout for this site could include preserved access to land to the west of the allocated site lying outside the Centre boundary. This is not a requirement of the planning authority. The suitability of this land for development would need to be considered at the appropriate time.</p>	Affordable housing. Sustainable transport provision. On-site provision of informal open space.	27 by end 2026 + 27 by end 2031
HA4 ◆	Penny Farm (Candidate site reference: 037)	None	Access constraints – limited to 12 units from North Close. The access would require 3 <sup>rd</sup> party land for which agreement in principle has been agreed with the landowner. Access from Fan Road limited to 36 units.	<p>Off-site sewers required.</p> <p>Off-site water mains required.</p> <p>Fan Road access will need to be enhanced. Highway boundary land to be reviewed to ensure the provision of viable, unobstructed visibility splays can be achieved.</p> <p>Consider a possible extension of the 30mph zone to achieve visibility splays and improve highway conditions.</p> <p>Traffic impact assessment required to ensure capacity at new and existing junctions is not compromised.</p>	Affordable housing. Financial contribution towards provision of a footway/footpath route to Saundersfoot Railway Station. Informal open space to be provided on site. Financial contributions required for Local Equipped Area for Play and Neighbourhood Equipped Area.	18 by end 2026 + 18 by end 2031
<b>ST DAVIDS</b>						
HC3 ◆	West of Glasfryn Road (Candidate site references: 021A/099A)	NP/18/0051	None known.	See details of planning permission	Affordable housing. Contributions required for sustainable transport, education and open space.	By end 2024
<b>BROAD HAVEN</b>						
HC4	Land off Walton Road, Broad Haven (South of Driftwood Close) (Candidate site reference: 006)	NP/17/0315	None known. Site under construction (March 2019)	See details of planning permission	Affordable housing. Contributions for open space.	By end 2020
HA5 ◆	North, east and south of Marine Road  Candidate site reference: 039/041)	None	Upgrading of the sewage treatment works at Broad Haven required to cater for this development. 11kV overhead	Feasibility study required to determine if there is sufficient capacity in the public sewer system. If it proves difficult to secure a connection to the public system a small domestic package treatment works may be located alongside the western boundary of the site. Part of the site is in a high-risk coal mining area and so a Coal Mining	Affordable housing. Provision of viable walking/cycling opportunities to improve sustainability of the site.	35 by end of 2026 + 30 by end of 2031

Ref	Site Name and location	Recent Relevant Planning History	Constraints	Design and infrastructure Requirements	Planning Obligations	Estimated Site Completion
			cable crosses the site. This will need to be taken into account through site layout, including maintenance zones.	Risk Assessment Report will be prepared. Trail trenching and borehole testing are recommended. Access to the site is via land in 3 <sup>rd</sup> party ownership. A new roundabout and road will be required to access the site. Temporary allotments will need to be relocated. Pedestrian links to the open land to the north of the south, along the western site boundary and beyond are required.		
<b>HERBRANDSTON</b>						
HC5	Site of the former Sir Benfro Hotel	NP/07/344	None known. Site under construction (March 2019)	See details of planning permission	None remaining.	By end 2019
<b>JAMESTON</b>						
HA6 ◆	Opposite Bush Terrace  (Candidate site reference: 022)	None	None known.	Planting to the south of the site would help to assimilate development on the skyline and reduce the obtrusive farm buildings nearby to the west. This requires a substantial planting belt with new hedgebank boundary features which would help to preserve and enhance the character of the landscape. Landscaping and planting, sensitive architectural design, density and a development pattern which reflects existing building within Jameston will be important considerations in mitigating impact on the historic environment.	Affordable Housing Contributions for secondary education. Highway contributions towards traffic calming.  On-site open space.	By end 2024
HC6	Green Grove	NP/15/0287	None known. Site under construction (March 2019)	See details of planning permission.	Affordable housing.	By end 2024
<b>LYDSTEP</b>						
HA7 ◆	West of The Green  (Candidate site reference: 086A)	None	None known.	Site access from the A4139 may require 3 <sup>rd</sup> party land to achieve the visibility splays. Extension of the 30mph zone would be required. A pedestrian link via The Green would be supported. A footway link eastwards from the site entrance towards Lydstep would be required.  A layout for this site could include preserved access to land to the west of the allocated site lying outside the Centre boundary. This is not a requirement of the planning authority. The suitability of this land for development would need to be considered at the appropriate time.	Affordable housing. Contributions for transport infrastructure including provision of viable walking and cycling opportunities. Contributions for off-site provision of informal open spaces, Local Equipped Area for Play, Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play and Multi-Use Games Area.	By end 2031.
<b>MANORBIER STATION</b>						
HC7	Field opposite Manorbier VC School (Candidate site reference: 029)	NP/17/0283	See details of planning permission.	See details of planning permission.	None. Development proposal is for all affordable housing.	By end 2024
<b>NEW HEDGES</b>						
HC8	Off Trevayne Road (Rear of Cross Park)	NP/17/0048	None known Site under construction (March 2019).	See details of planning permission.	None remaining	By end 2019
<b>SQUARE AND COMPASS</b>						
HA8 ◆	Glasfryn Field  (Candidate site)	None	Foul sewer traversing the site. The line	A feasibility assessment would be required to determine whether a suitable vehicle access could be	Affordable housing. Sustainable transport.	4 by end 2031.

Ref	Site Name and location	Recent Relevant Planning History	Constraints	Design and infrastructure Requirements	Planning Obligations	Estimated Site Completion
	reference: 014A)		is not identified and would require further investigation.	established.		
HA9 ◆	Land adjacent to Bryngolau  (Candidate site reference: 106)	None	A public right of way runs along the western boundary. Any development will need to avoid causing unacceptable detrimental impacts to the amenity of this existing public right of way. There is a foul drainage connection crossing the site. A 11kV underground cable runs adjacent to the site and may require diversion. Japanese knotweed is present on site.	A new hedgerow will be required to consolidate the rear boundary and contain development to the north. A feasibility assessment would be required to determine whether a suitable vehicle access could be established. Provision of viable walking/cycling opportunities to improve sustainability of the site.	Affordable housing. Contribution for off-site provision of informal open space, Local Equipped Area for Play, Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play and Multi-Use Games Area. Sustainable Transport	4 by end 2031.
<b>ST ISHMAELS</b>						
HC9	Adjacent to the school  (Candidate site reference: 055A)	NP/16/0219	None known.	See details of planning permission.	Affordable housing. Education. Open Space.	By end 2024
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HA10 ◆	Land off Cefn Gallod  (Candidate site reference: 050)	None		When viewed from the south visual impact will need to be minimized by ensuring all existing boundary hedgerow is retained with additional planting provided. Access should be provided via Cefn Gallod to concentrate development in a linear form along the southern boundary. Green space should be provided to the north. Roof heights should remain within the context of neighbouring residential development. Off-site sewers required.	Provision of viable Affordable housing. Walking/cycling opportunities to improve site sustainability. Contributions for off-site provision of informal open space, Local Equipped Area for Play, Neighbourhood Equipped Area and Multi User Games Area.	7 by end 2031.
<b>COUNTRYSIDE</b>						
HC10	Land at Whitchurch	NP/05/509	None known	See details of planning permission.	None.	By end 2024

**Table 2 Potential Large Windfall Housing Sites (5 or more dwellings) - Requirements**

<b>Location Site Name</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
Dinas Cross	
Land to the Rear/West of Spring Hill	The deliverability of this site is uncertain (Land Implementation Study December 2017). Access would be required from the A487 to the north via the demolition of existing development in respect of highway safety and landscape visual impact considerations. Development would need to emulate the linear layout of Spring Hill to the east to remain in keeping with the existing built context. Candidate Site References: 054/013A/074A/095A/135A
Lawrenny	
Adjacent to Home Farm	Deliverability of this site is uncertain (Land Implementation Study December 2017). Development of this site would require retention of a soft landscape edge to the north. Suitable relocation of the existing farm buildings would be required prior to development proceeding. The existing private sewer requires upgrading to accommodate any development within this site. Further consideration is also required in respect of disposal of wastewater due to the likelihood of discharge direct to the Pembrokeshire Marine Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Development proposals for this site must demonstrate compliance with Policy 10 of the Plan (Sites and Species of European Importance). Candidate Site Reference: Site 045♦
Solva Bank House	Deliverability issues arise in relation to legal covenants on the site. Should a proposal come forward the proposal will need to take into account that this site is the walled garden of Bank House, a Listed Building. The wall is a curtilage feature and therefore included in the listing – the roadside wall in particular is a prominent feature. Development will need to respect the setting of the Listed Building. Candidate Site Reference: 102