

Brecon Town Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance

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| Name of Committee | National Park Authority |
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| Purpose of Report | To request members approve the Brecon Town Plan |
| Single Integrated Assessment | The LDP has been subject to SIA and found to provide positive impacts across the four pillars of sustainability. Brecon Town Plan seeks to implement the objectives of the LDP at the local level, therefore we conclude positive benefits. |
| List of Enclosures | Enclosure 1 Brecon Town Plan – Draft supplementary planning guidance |
| Public Interest Test | N/A |
| Recommendation(s) | a) Members approve the Brecon Town Plan as Supplementary Planning Guidance |

1.1 Introduction or Background

The draft Brecon Town Plan was approved for consultation on 11th February 2020, initially for an eight week consultation period. This consultation was extended due to the deficit created by the Covid 19 pandemic. The final consultation responses were incorporated into the document during 2021 and due to the latest NRW advice on Covid the plan required a Habitats Regulation Assessment by NRW.

NRW stated “Thank you for providing a copy of your Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for the Brecon Town Plan. We have read both the Town Plan and the HRA screening document and offer the following comments.

We note that the Town Plan contains a number of ‘general statements of policy’ and cross references back to the Brecon Local Development Plan (LDP) policies. On this basis much of the Plans content has been screened out in your HRA. Having considered each section of the Town Plan and reviewed Appendix 2 (Screening conclusions) of your HRA, we agree that there are no specific projects or plans listed within the

documents that we consider require further detailed HRA screening and consideration of whether they are likely to have an adverse effect on the River Usk Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

We note that projects that could increase the discharge of phosphorous into the River Usk SAC catchment should be assessed on their own merits under LDP policies and should be subject to individual HRA screening either alone or in combination with other plans and projects as recognised on page 6 of the plan.

Having considered the plan in full and the screening of each element, we agree with your overall conclusion in the HRA that the plans is not likely to have a significant effect, either alone or in combination and will have no adverse impact upon the integrity of the SAC. “

While Covid has led to a delay in the final plan approval many of the actions contained in the plan have been/are being progressed. Once approved by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Brecon Town Council and Powys County Council will be asked to approve the plan, although both have been fully involved as members of the Brecon 20:20 Steering Group.

1.2 Proposals

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1.3 Implications and risk

There are no significant risks to the Authority in relation to the proposed draft Supplementary Planning Guidance

1.4 Conclusion

Brecon 20:20 have undertaken extensive work with the community to develop a comprehensive action plan for the future wellbeing of residents of Brecon. This document will ensure that future planning applications within Brecon are determined in accordance with community aspirations. Moreover this is only the third plan of its kind within the National Park, its success will provide inspiration for other communities to undertake similar work and so further the NPA's understanding of our communities need.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Members approve the Brecon Town Plan as Supplementary Planning Guidance

