

**YNYS MON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT STATEMENT FOR PRE DEPOSIT PLAN**

**1.0 FOREWORD**

1.1 The County Council is preparing a **Local Development Plan** (LDP) for Anglesey in line with the provisions, and associated regulations, of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. So far the Council has:

- Agreed a **Delivery Agreement** with the Welsh Assembly Government, (and varied the timetable of that agreement in line with the progress made on the plan),
- Published an **Evidence Base** in September 2006 along with an update in May 2008, to establish the economic, environmental and social conditions at the baseline of the plan.
- Conducted initial participation work by consulting with local stakeholders over **vision, objectives and options** for the new LDP.
- Engaged with stakeholders on the development of a **preferred strategy** to underpin the plan and ensure it is “sound”,
- Commenced work on a **Sustainability Appraisal**, also accounting for the need for **Strategic Environmental Assessment** and **Appropriate Assessment**. The Council is also carrying out work on **Language Impact Assessment** and **Health Impact Assessment**.

1.2 In appraising the effects of the LDP it is good practise to consider the impacts of the emerging plan on the health and well being of local communities. To assist in this process preliminary work has been undertaken to provide a health impact assessment for the LDP.

1.3 This work will evolve alongside the LDP so that at the time of public deposit, before examination by an independent Inspector, the potential impacts and effects of the plan have been considered and made explicit.

**2.0 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – A NEW STYLE OF LAND USE PLAN**

**a) New Style of Plan**

2.1 As a new style of development plan the LDP is required to focus on **strategic policy**, contain a **preferred strategy** showing **key areas of change** and identify the **key sites** that will help deliver the changes required for the future well being of Anglesey.

**b) Soundness**

2.2 Any individual or an organisation wishing to make a representation on the pre deposit plan are strongly advised to make themselves familiar with the **tests of soundness**. A key focus in the new system of plans is ensuring the plan is produced in a sound manner and the subsequent examination of the submitted plan by independent inspectors will largely relate to ensuring the

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plan meets the tests of soundness. The production of a health and well being assessment will assist in providing a sound plan.

- 2.3 Representations on the plan, and objections to specific proposals, must focus on how the soundness of the plan can be improved as it moves from the current pre deposit period, through deposit to the examination and final adoption.

### **Time Period (2006-2021)**

- 2.4 The time period for the LDP is the fifteen year period **2006-2021**. While part of the plan period will therefore have expired at the time of plan adoption it means the LDP will commence seamlessly at the point at which the Isle of Anglesey County Council stopped work on the former Unitary Development Plan (December 2005). It will still have some ten years to operate at the point of adoption. The new LDP will however be subject to an **annual monitoring** report to assess whether early review is required.

### **3. EVIDENCE BASE – DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

- 3.1 The evidence base that underpins the LDP made reference to the health and well being strategies of the Council. **Appendix one** to this report highlights the key determinants of health and well being which can influence the land use choices to be made through an LDP.

- 3.2 This can be primarily related to two strands of policy :

- Anglesey Health and Well Being Strategy
- Community Strategy – The Island of Choice (2005)

There is also a range of other evidence about the benefits to health and well being of the mutual benefits between the environment and health and well being strategies which should influence the LDP including strategies promoted by bodies such as the Countryside Council for Wales.

- 3.3 Based on this work a health and well being assessment tool has been developed for Anglesey and was applied for the purpose of a preliminary assessment of the emerging LDP (see Appendix two). A cross cutting group of advisors, lead by the Council's Health and Well being Strategy Officer carried out a workshop assessment of the emerging plan and identified key messages for the land use plan. The core policy statements which frame the context for the questions of the HIA are :

“Health is much more than not being ill. It is a resource for everyday living and allows people to fulfil their potential. Health is a state of physical, mental and

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social well-being - not just the absence of illness” (World Health Organisation 1984), and

“This framework will strive to promote healthy and energetic individuals and communities” (Anglesey Community Strategy).

- 3.4 The questions asked in the assessment framework allow the key impacts of the plan to be considered and mitigation and adaptation considered as part of an iterative process. For the pre deposit plan the focus has been mostly on identifying potential impacts and these will be given further consideration after the consultation period on the plan that will ensure health and well being is promoted in preparation for the deposit and examination of the plan.

### **4. KEY FINDINGS**

The framework prompted a number of key discussion points that can be summarised as follows. The final section provides the assessment of the ‘preferred strategy’ for the pre deposit plan. Further work will take place on the specific policies as the plan evolves from pre deposit to deposit stage.

#### **Section 1 - Vulnerable Groups**

Need to be aware of geographic patterns e.g vulnerable groups in Amlwch area and the age profile in coastal settlements (Benllech, Treaddur etc).

- Income related Groups

Significant proportions in the ‘hubs’ but must also be aware of dispersed profile of rural areas.

- Discrimination/Disadvantaged groups

Insufficient data and evidence in the plan. More work required.

#### **Section 2 – Lifestyles**

Policies and allocations must encourage healthy lifestyles. Key issues identified :

- Walking distance to services etc – build in site selection process.
- Encourage provision of allotments for healthy living.
- Risky activities – could consider zoning higher risk activities to reduce risks e.g quad bikes, scramblers etc.

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**Section 3 – Social and Community Influences on Health**

- Family structures are changing and need differing forms of housing. Mix and type of dwellings important.
- Consultation process can empower people and must focus on seldom heard voices.
- Schools rationalisation and service rationalisation (e.g Post Offices) can impact on social networks.
- Poverty can increase mental health issues and needs a focus through the strategy of the plan.
- Social isolation more challenging in rural communities.
- Community safety and well being depends on designing quality environments and safe streets etc.

**Section 4 – Living and Environmental Conditions**

- Plan can focus on healthy design and development patterns with sufficient green spaces for play and recreation.
- Must consider environmental requirements of people with disabilities.
- Plan can focus on bad neighbour activities to achieve best outcomes.
- Infrastructure needs improving Anglesey but water and air quality generally good.
- Firmer evidence required of how plan will address waste issues.
- Plan should consider evidence around issues like 'Home zone' and assess appropriateness to Ynys Mon.
- Plan will protect existing play areas. Should more spaces be secured in new estates etc.

**Section 5 – Economic Conditions affecting Health**

- The potential allocations could have a positive effect on employment and activity rates.
- Rural areas need more consideration.

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- Creation of work and better incomes assists health and well being.
- Types of work available can be improved and idea of prestige sites is positive.
- Workplace conditions can be improved through good design.
- Access to new work opportunities will be important. Link rural areas to these opportunities for maximum effect.

**Section 6 – Access and Quality of Services**

- Plan could help deliver sites for improved services in places like Holyhead, Llanfairpwll (LHB estates strategy).
- Need to check position with other services (Fire, Ambulance).
- Land may be required for groups with specific disabilities. More evidence required.
- Retail and commercial needs of rural areas not explicit in strategy.
- Transport infrastructure must be adequate to support strategy e.g access to hubs or isolation will increase.
- School rationalisation must be considered and changes in specific areas. However former schools premises can be kept for community use.
- IT – must consider issues like bandwidth and services for rural areas.

**Section 7 – Macro economic factors etc**

- LDP strategy shows links to spatial plan etc.
- Need integration, and balance, between hubs and rural areas.
- Social justice requires adequate access to services.
- Climate change and carbon reduction strategies. Plan could say more.
- Bilingualism – too early to form a clear view but the language impact assessment will be useful.

**Agreed Outcomes**

The results below represent the agreed outcomes of the LDP preferred strategy being tested against the Health Impact Assessment Tool.

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Key: ++ Very Positive, + Positive, NEUT Neutral, - Negative, -- Very Negative, N/A Not Applicable

HIA Category	Overall Contribution	Explanation
1. Vulnerable groups	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Poblogaeth hyn yn cynyddu a'r boblogaeth plant a phobl ifanc yn dirywio – mae'r LDP yn adnabod hyn. Mae'r LDP yn adnabod anghenion pobl mewn ardaloedd trefol a gwledig, ond angen mwy o sylw i faterion 'peripherality' a thlodi gwledig – gall peidio a gwneud hyn gynyddu anghyfartaleddau (sef yr elfen negatiff) Angen mwy o ystyriaeth i Sipsiwn a DDA
2. Individual Lifestyles	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ar y cyfan ddim yn berthnasol, ond mae elfen bositif i hyrwyddo gweithgarwch corfforol sef y '400m Proofing' a mynediad i ofod Gwyrdd. Hefyd angen adnabod anghenion efo gweithgareddau peonodol e.e. quad biking a scramblers
3. Social and community influences on health	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yn gyffredinol yn bositif o ran cryfhau cysylltiadau cymunedol, ond mae angen rhoi mwy o sylw i effaith ffactorau megis cau Ysgolion a gwarchod cymunedau gwledig bychan e.e. hybu defnydd o dir ar gyfer cyfleusterau cymdeithasol yn y cymunedau yma
4. Living/environmental conditions affecting health	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yn gyffredinol bositif, ond angen mwy o dystiolaeth parthed: - amgylchedd adeiladol - amgylchedd mewnol - ansawdd dwr / aer - rheoli gwastraff - perygl ffyrdd - ansawdd llefydd chwarae
5. Economic conditions affecting health	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positif o ran annog cyflogaeth mewn lleoliad lleol, er fod her i ddylanwadu ar ddenu sywddi o safon. Dim effaith ar gaffaeliad.
6. Access and quality of services	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positif yn gyffredinol, ond angen rhoi sylw pellach i: - potensial I.T. i wella ansawdd bywyd a mynediad i wasanaethau - dyfodol siopau mewn llefydd gwledig - angen sicrhau defnydd i'r gymuned o'r Ysgolion cymunedol os byddent yn cau h.y. polisi gwarchod - dylanwad trafniadaeth ar fynediad i wasanaethau a'r hubs
7. Macro-economic, environmental and sustainability factors	++    +    NEUT    -    --    N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Positif ar y cyfan, ond angen tystiolaeth pellach o ran: - Cydbwysedd datblygu economaidd o fewn ardaloedd gwledig a threfol - Effaith ar hinsawdd e.e. lleihau risg gorlifo, lleihau defnydd o geir ayyb. - Effaith ar laith a diwylliant – angen i 70% o'r boblogaeth yn siarad Cymraeg i sicrhau dyfodol i'r laith (Sensws 2011), hefyd cyswllt cryf efo denu pobl ifanc yn nol i Fôn (tai fforddiadwy a swyddi o safon)

**Summary Comments:** (Indicate that this is a general summary, but also indicate any significant disagreements that may have arisen during testing): Mae angen i'r LDP roi sylw pellach i'r materion sydd dim efo digon o dystiolaeth iddynt eisioes; heb y dystiolaeth yma mae'n anodd gwneud penderfyniadau ynglyn a'u heffaith ar iechyd.

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APPENDIX ONE – WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Figure 1

The health map

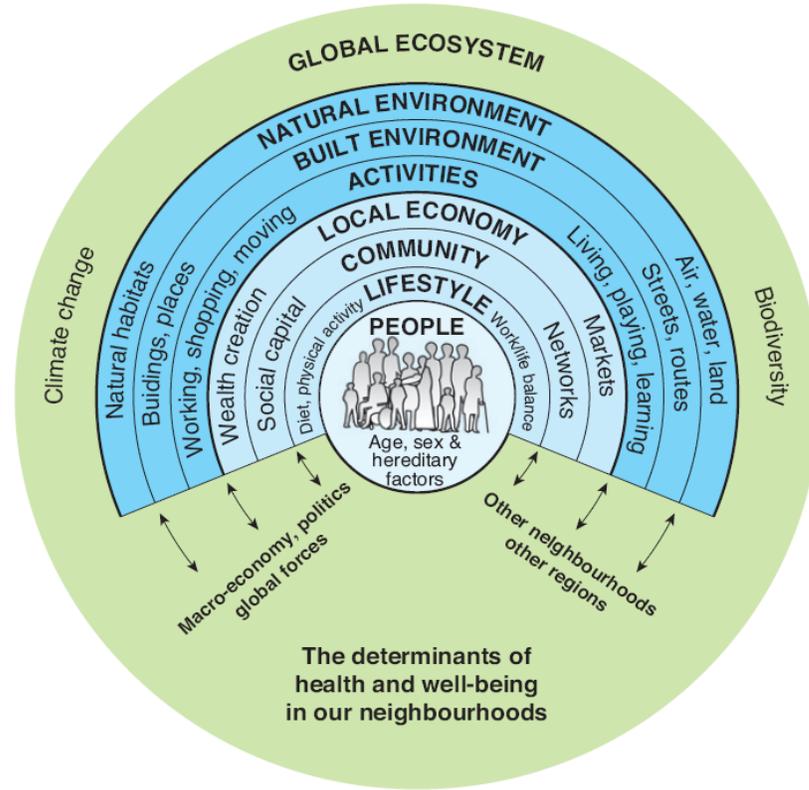


Diagram by Barton, H & Grant M, 2006, derived from Whitehead, M and Dahlgren, G. *The determinants of health and well-being*. 1991