

Procedural Tests

	Test	Key Questions	Y/N	Evidence
P1	Prepared in accordance with the Delivery Agreement and Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)	Have all relevant consultation/participation procedures set out in the CIS been carried out?		Should list and tick off.
P2	SA & SEA have been carried out on the plan and policies	Has SA incorporating SEA been carried out in relation to the LDP?		

Consistency Tests

	Test	Key Questions	Y/N	Evidence
C1	It is a land use plan, which has regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas.	Does the plan put forward proposals for use and development of land that adequately take account of the relationship with the plans/policies/requirements of other organisations (e.g. utility companies) and agencies providing services in the area?		
		Does this include their future plans or strategy and any requirement for land and premises, which should be prepared in parallel?		
		Is it clear how the plan relates to other plans and strategies (e.g local transport plans) which influence delivery of policies and proposals in the plan?		
C2	It has regard for national policy	If plan contains any policies or		

		proposals not consistent with national policy, is there local justification?		
		Does it avoid wasteful/unnecessary repetition of national policy?		
C3	It has regard to the Wales Spatial Plan	Does plan contain any policies or proposals not consistent with the broad strategies in the WSP - if so, is there local justification?		
		Does the plan take account of relevant area collaborative work undertaken for the WSP?		
C4	It has regard to the relevant community strategy/strategies	Does the LDP have regard to the community strategy, setting out policies and proposals which deliver key components of that strategy, which are consistent with higher-level planning policy and relate to the use and development of land?		

Coherence and Effectiveness Tests

	Test	Key Questions	Y/N	Evidence
CE1	The plan sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and, where cross boundary issues are relevant, it is compatible with the development plans prepared by	Do policies and allocations clearly relate to the aims and objectives in the strategy set out in the submitted plan? (Are policies cross-referenced to the key aims and objectives?)		

	neighbouring authorities			
		Are the policies within the LDP consistent?		
		Are there any obvious gaps in the coverage of the plan, having regard to its purpose and requirements of national policy?		
		Is it clear how plan relates to neighbouring authorities and how cross-boundary issues have been addressed?		
		Where are the overlaps - are these consistent/complementary?		
CE2	The strategy policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust and credible evidence base	Is it clear that relevant options and alternatives have been considered? Note: Not expected to deal with every possible alternative, but will be expected to consider those put forward during preparation and engagement process.		
		Are assumptions in the LDP set out clearly and supported by evidence?		
		Does the evidence clearly support the strategy and policies?		
		Is evidence robust, credible, and prepared in accordance with national policy and good practice guidance?		
		Where a balance has been struck in taking decisions		

		between competing alternatives - is it clear how these decisions have been taken?		
CE3	There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring.	Does plan contain realistic targets and milestones, which relate to the delivery of the policies?		
		Is it clear how these are to be measured and how they are linked to the production of the annual monitoring report?		
		Are delivery mechanisms and timescale for implementation for the policies clearly identified?		
		Is it clear who is intended to implement each policy? (Where actions are controlled outside the authority, is there evidence that there is necessary commitment from the relevant organisation?)		
		Do the processes of measuring the success of the plan accord with national planning policy and best practice guidance?		
		Does the plan set out the factors essential to the delivery of the key policy objective?		
CE4	Is it reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances	Is the plan flexible enough to respond to a variety of, or unexpected changes, in circumstances?		
		Are the development control policies written in a form to enable them to provide a robust		

		and consistent framework for considering planning applications?		
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