

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor William Powell**

**In the light of the recently advertised Review of the BBNPA Local Development Plan (2007 – 2022), how will National Park Members ensure that the Authority engages proactively with its constituent communities and their County, Town and Community Council representatives, to enhance the effectiveness and transparency of the process?**

**In particular, how will BBNPA members ensure that the LDP review is based on sustainable development principles and takes account both of deliverability of housing allocations and the adequacy of employment allocations and mixed use sites, to meet the aspirations and needs of the local community, as well as the overarching policy priorities of Welsh Government?**

**Answer**

Many thanks for this question and for giving me the opportunity to bring the consultation process to the attention of Members and the public.

The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority is currently in the early stages of developing its Review Report therefore questions pertaining to the detail of any replacement plan are premature at this stage. Once the Authority has drafted its Report, it will be consulted on publicly for a period of 8 weeks.

The Authority will be required to consult with its stakeholders and communities at various stages through the Review process and, like any other Local Planning Authority, will have to meet the 'tests of soundness' set out in Planning Policy Wales and the Welsh Government's LDP Manual. For ease of reference, these are:

- Test 1: Does the plan fit? (i.e. is it consistent with other plans?)
- Test 2: Is the plan appropriate? (is the plan appropriate for the area in light of the evidence?)
- Test 3: Will the plan deliver? (is it likely to be effective?)

I am happy to update Members as the consultation progresses if that is their wish.