

Consultation Document - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Note: Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of a proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number:	297
Brief description:	This guidance is primarily targeted at individuals proposing new development and for decision makers involved in the management of the AONB. The intention is to heighten awareness of the importance of the AONB, and, in so doing, raise the standard of new development and landscape design. It provides some general design principles which should be followed to assist new development proposals whether planning permission is required or not.
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IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we 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."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

Could some small changes in your thinking produce a better result?

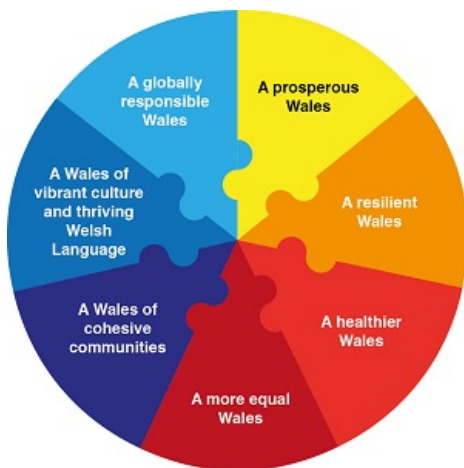


(3 out of 4 stars)

Actual score : 21 / 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



A prosperous Denbighshire	Neutral
A resilient Denbighshire	Positive
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Neutral
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Neutral
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

The Well-being Assessment has shown that the draft SPG will assist in realising the seven well-being goals in a either neutral or positive way. Not all seven topics are applicable because of the very nature of the document, content, and specific limited audience – planning professionals and prospective applicants. It must also be kept in mind that Supplementary Planning Guidance is a material planning consideration but not a policy. Identified unintended negative consequences should, if they appear depending on implementation, be dealt with through legislation and planning policies. There will be a need to revisit this Well-being Impact Assessment when the public consultation has been closed and amendments were made to the draft document.

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	'A Prosperous Denbighshire' - topic area is not reflected in the content of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

n/a

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The purpose of the draft SPG is to support the conservation and enhancement of the AONB's natural beauty and local landscape features, including the natural and the built environment.

Positive consequences identified:

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Unintended negative consequences identified:

Promoting the reflection of local architecture, building materials or particular landscape features in new development could prevent the introduction of new design also aiming to enhance the natural beauty but in an alternative way.

The draft SPG is written for a limited audience, i.e. planning professionals and interested parties, and the guidance provided for them is confined to the boundaries of the AONB and surrounding areas.

Mitigating actions:

It's in the nature of the draft SPG document to be limited to a specific audience and spatial area. Individual actions to be taken to minimise identified negatives will depend on the particulars of implementation of individual guidance. However, mitigating adverse effects on the natural environment and built environment will be dealt with in line with legal / policy provisions.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB is likely to have a positive effect on the mental well-being of people enjoying the area.

Positive consequences identified:

Natural beauty is generally perceived as having a positive effect on the health and well-being of local people. Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area will also raise the attractiveness of the area for walkers, cyclists, and runners. The purpose of the draft SPG is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area which is perceived as having a positive effect on emotions and mental well-being.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Pressure on local infrastructure, including the environment, from increasing number of people participating in leisure opportunities.

Mitigating actions:

Minimising potential adverse effects on the local infrastructure caused by increased number of visitors should be addressed in a separate tourism strategy or the adopted AONB management plan.

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	'A more equal Denbighshire' - topic area is not reflected in the content of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Positive consequences identified:

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

If negative effects should occur as a result of guidance contained in the document, i.e. discrimination, those matters would be addressed with help of the Equality Act 2010 and related Regulations.

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The draft SPG does not deal with safe communities and community participation. There is a specific SPG on this topic - Planning for Community Safety.

Positive consequences identified:

AONBs are designed because of their natural beauty which is also understood as the attractiveness of the area.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

n/a

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The draft SPG looks at preserving and enhancing the natural and built environment and, consequently, maintaining the heritage of a Welsh area but it does not specifically provides for the Welsh language.

Positive consequences identified:

The 'natural beauty' of the AONB is defined by a mixture of natural and built environment which has been shaped by human activities over the last centuries and, hence, reflects local heritage.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

n/a

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The Council, the Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate will give substantial weight to approved SPGs which derives from, and is consistent with the LDP, and has been subject of consultation. (Planning Policy Wales, Edition 9, paragraph 2.3.4)

Positive consequences identified:

The adopted SPG will assist Planning Officers in the DCC Development Management section and the AONB Joint Advisory Committee in determining planning applications for the area.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

It is written for a specific, limited audience - planning professionals and prospective applicants.

Mitigating actions:

It's in the nature of the document to be limited to a specific audience.