

Draft Delivery Agreement for Replacement Local Development Plan

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:	266
Brief description:	Delivery Agreement (DA) sets out the timetable and community involvement scheme for the replacement Local Development Plan. Proposal is to report back on results of the consultation with any necessary amendments to the documents.
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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 : 23 / 24.

Summary of impact

Wellbeing Goals



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

Main conclusions

The conclusions are broadly neutral or positive. the Delivery Agreement sets out a timetable for engagement and consultation and also how this is to take place. The document itself is to be consulted upon. Many of the outcomes will be dependent upon the nature of the material consulted upon but the DA aims to ensure that everyone can have a say and that their comments will be responded to.

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	As much use as possible will be made of electronic means of engagement and consultation but some events will be held that will require travel.

Positive consequences identified:

The DA promotes electronic means of communication and seeks to make best use of the new consultation portal which may reduce the need to travel to consultation events. Documents will be deposited at libraries and one-stop shops to enable multi purpose visits.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Consultation events will still need to be held to facilitate face to face discussion and to ensure people who choose not to use electronic means of communication can have their views heard. Consultation portal was not available for this consultation.

Mitigating actions:

Consider holding events that combine with events already happening to minimise the number of separate journeys people may need to make.

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Impacts will be influenced by whether it is possible to link to other events.

Positive consequences identified:

Making all documentation available electronically will enable shorter print runs and reduce the use of paper.
By trying to link consultation events to other events multi purpose trips may be generated.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

A number of paper copies will need to be produced to supply libraries and one stop shops and to have at consultation events. If not all used there may some wasted printing.
May not always be possible to link to existing events and separate journeys may be generated.

Mitigating actions:

Use of the consultation portal should assist in coordinating events.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Impacts will depend upon the content of the consultations.

Positive consequences identified:

Events will be held in locations accessible by a range of modes of transport including walking and cycling.

Engagement and consultation can make people feel that their views matter and have been heard which can boost emotional and mental well being.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

People may choose to drive to events regardless of whether venues are accessible by other means. The LDP can be controversial and the allocation of sites can create a considerable amount of distress for individuals. Some decisions cannot be influenced and this can be hard for people to accept.

Mitigating actions:

Promote how to access venues by means other than the car as much as possible. Be very clear in what is being consulted upon and what can and cannot be influenced. Ensure decision making is transparent to reassure communities that all processes are fair.

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	Community involvement scheme highlights that extra efforts will be made to engage with different groups in society.

Positive consequences identified:

Delivery Agreement makes reference to engaging with groups that represent specific groups including those with protected characteristics. All venues to be accessible. A variety of different consultation and engagement techniques will be used to make the process as accessible as possible. Representatives are not discriminated against on the basis of any protected characteristics.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

Mitigating actions:

Younger people are less likely to engage with the process. Hold specific events to target this group.

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Some people may be happy with the outcome of engagement and consultation, others will not be.

Positive consequences identified:

Community engagement and consultation is at the heart of the LDP delivery agreement. The process enables communities to have a say in shaping future development in their areas. A common cause can build community cohesion.

Unintended negative consequences identified:

The LDP can be controversial and individuals within a community may have different views leading to conflict. Not all decisions can be made by the community and sometimes they may not like the final outcome of the process. This can create disillusionment with the Council and the LDP process overall.

Mitigating actions:

Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to have a say. Be clear and respond to each comment made. Ensure the process is transparent and fair even if not everyone is happy with the final outcome.

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	All engagement and consultation material will be produced bilingually. People can choose to respond in either Welsh or English and all representations will be treated equally.

Positive consequences identified:

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Unintended negative consequences identified:**Mitigating actions:**

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Although the wider Local Development Plan may have wider impacts the Delivery Agreement itself does not.

Positive consequences identified:**Unintended negative consequences identified:****Mitigating actions:**