

Supplementary Planning Guidance - Caravans, Chalets & Camping

Well-being Impact Assessment Report


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

Assessment Number:	122
Brief description:	The proposal is to adopt the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance 'Caravans, Chalets & Camping' for use in determining planning applications.
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Responsible Service:	Planning & Public Protection
Localities affected by the proposal:	Whole County,
Who will be affected by the proposal?	Individuals or businesses wishing to develop caravan, chalet or camping sites in the county.
Was this impact assessment completed as a group?	No

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

 (3 out of 4 stars) Actual score : 23 / 30.

Implications of the score

This assessment is an update of the previous assessment carried out prior to the public consultation stage and the score has improved. The proposal is to adopt the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on 'Caravans, Chalets and Camping' for use in planning applications, therefore there is limited scope to make further improvements as this is the last stage in the process.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals

A prosperous Denbighshire

A resilient Denbighshire

A healthier Denbighshire

A more equal Denbighshire

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Positive

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral



Main conclusions

The SPG will have positive impacts on the local economy through providing guidance on new tourist accommodation proposals. There may be both positive and negative impacts on biodiversity as there may be new development in rural areas/open countryside but also opportunities to improve biodiversity in urban areas. The SPG includes guidance and requirements on the protection of biodiversity in new developments - this will depend upon the site. Amendments have been made to the document to reduce potential impacts on the landscape.

The scoring does not reflect an unsustainable approach, rather that some of the questions are not applicable or appropriate for the content and type of document being assessed.

Evidence to support the Well-being Impact Assessment

- We have consulted published research or guides that inform us about the likely impact of the proposal
- We have involved an expert / consulted a group who represent those who may be affected by the proposal
- We have engaged with people who will be affected by the proposal

THE LIKELY IMPACT ON DENBIGHSHIRE, WALES AND THE WORLD

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Positive
Justification for impact	The SPG will support the development of visitor accommodation, which will contribute to local economies.
Further actions required	Promoting high quality visitor accommodation may mitigate some issues of seasonality and job quality.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society	May increase the number of camping and glamping facilities, which have a lower impact in comparison to built developments.
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	The SPG includes requirements relating to access to public transport and footpaths/cycleways.
Economic development	Will contribute to the provision of visitor accommodation in the county, which will contribute to local economies.
Quality skills for the long term	None identified.
Quality jobs for the long term	May indirectly provide additional jobs related to the visitor economy.
Childcare	None identified.

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society	May increase the number of visitors to the county, likely to travel by car.
Quality communications, infrastructure and transport	Rural sites are likely to be reliant on car use.
Economic development	None identified.
Quality skills for the long term	None identified.
Quality jobs for the long term	Additional jobs may be limited by seasonality.
Childcare	None identified.

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	There are opportunities to improve or negatively impact upon biodiversity and the natural environment but this largely depends upon the specific location.

Further actions required	The document states the protection of the quality of the environment will be a primary consideration. Amendments have also been made to improve the consideration of design and appearance to reduce landscape impact of sites.
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Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	The use of previously-developed or vacant sites will provide opportunities for improved landscaping and creation of new habitats as part of site design.
Biodiversity in the built environment	The use of previously-developed or vacant sites will provide opportunities for improved landscaping and creation of new habitats as part of site design.
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	None identified.
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	Locating new developments close to public transport and footpaths/cycleways may reduce motorised travel.
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	Developments in rural areas may increase visitors interaction and awareness of the natural environment.
Flood risk management	None identified - proposals will be subject to national policy directing development away from areas of flood risk.

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment	Additional development in rural areas/open countryside will have an impact on the natural environment and biodiversity (eg loss of hedgerows, trees etc).
Biodiversity in the built environment	The redevelopment or demolition of vacant buildings and sites may result in a loss of habitats for some species (eg bats).
Reducing waste, reusing and recycling	New or extended sites will result in an increased demand for waste collection and recycling services.
Reduced energy/fuel consumption	The development of new sites may increase the number of visitors arriving by car and train.
People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity	None identified.
Flood risk management	None identified - proposals will be subject to national policy directing development away from areas of flood risk.

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Providing planning guidance for the location and design of caravan and camping sites is considered to have limited impact on promoting a healthier Denbighshire.
Further actions required	Providing planning guidance for the location and design of caravan and camping sites is considered to have limited impact on promoting a healthier Denbighshire.

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	None identified.
Access to good quality, healthy food	None identified.
People's emotional and mental well-being	None identified.
Access to healthcare	None identified.
Participation in leisure opportunities	Improving and increasing visitor accommodation, particularly in rural areas, can help promote access to outdoor activities and the countryside.

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being	None identified.
Access to good quality, healthy food	None identified.
People's emotional and mental well-being	None identified.
Access to healthcare	None identified.
Participation in leisure opportunities	None identified.

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	Providing planning guidance for the location and design of caravan and camping sites is considered to have limited impact on promoting a more equal Denbighshire. All types of development in the county will have to comply with the general design requirements of LDP policy RD 1 'Sustainable development and good standard design' which includes the requirement to 'provide safe and convenient access for disabled people'.
Further actions required	Providing planning guidance for the location and design of caravan and camping sites is considered to have limited impact on promoting a more equal Denbighshire. All types of development in the county will have to comply with the general design requirements of LDP policy RD 1 'Sustainable development and good standard design' which includes the requirement to 'provide safe and convenient access for disabled people'.

Positive impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation	None identified.
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	None identified.
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	New visitor accommodation proposals may indirectly improve local economies and economic benefits to residents/employees.
People in poverty	None identified.

Negative impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation	None identified.
People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage	None identified.
Areas with poor economic, health or educational outcomes	None identified.
People in poverty	None identified.

A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact	Neutral
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Justification for impact	The SPG has limited direct influence on ensuring cohesive communities in the county. There is potential for positive impacts, however, this will depend upon specific site locations and implementation.
Further actions required	All new developments must comply with the Council's adopted SPG 'Planning for Community Safety'.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	Developments can contribute to community safety through the good design, appropriate lighting and improving natural surveillance.
Community participation and resilience	The SPG will provide communities with clear guidance with the development of caravan and chalet sites, which they can expect to be met.
The attractiveness of the area	Providing guidance on the design and layout of caravan and camping sites will ensure a higher standard of design and that sites are appropriately integrated within their setting.
Connected communities	None identified.

Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals	None identified.
Community participation and resilience	None identified.
The attractiveness of the area	The development of previously undeveloped land or very rural areas will have some impact on the appearance of the surrounding area.
Connected communities	None identified.

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The SPG has limited direct influence on Welsh language and culture. There is potential for both positive and negative impacts, however, this will depend upon specific site locations and factors outside the control of planning policy.
Further actions required	All new developments must comply with the Council's adopted SPG 'Planning and the Welsh language'.

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh	None identified.
Promoting the Welsh language	New visitor accommodation provides an opportunity to promote awareness of the Welsh language through naming, signage etc. The SPG makes reference to the requirement for development to comply with LDP policy RD 5 'The Welsh language & the social and cultural fabric of communities', which states that any development causing significant harm to the language balance of a community may be refused.

Culture and heritage	Supporting the tourism industry may increase visitors awareness of local culture and heritage.
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Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh	Increasing the number of visitors may alter the language balance within a community but this will fluctuate and be dependent on external factors.
Promoting the Welsh language	None identified.
Culture and heritage	Increasing numbers of visitors may increase pressure on physical assets and landscape of cultural importance.

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact	Neutral
Justification for impact	The SPG provides planning guidance relating to the location and design of caravan, chalet and camping sites and is considered to have limited influence on this well-being goal. New developments will be delivered by private businesses and individuals, and used by those visiting the county for a short period of time.
Further actions required	The SPG provides planning guidance relating to the location and design of caravan, chalet and camping sites and is considered to have limited influence on this well-being goal. New developments will be delivered by private businesses and individuals, and used by those visiting the county for a short period of time.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	None identified.
Human rights	None identified.
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	None identified.

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains	None identified.
Human rights	None identified.
Broader service provision in the local area or the region	None identified.