



Revised Delivery Agreement for Replacement Local Development Plan:

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: 266

Brief description: Delivery Agreement (DA) sets out the timetable and community involvement scheme for the replacement Local Development Plan. Due to delays caused by Covid 19 and a number of other factors it has become necessary to revise the DA. The revised DA sets out a new timetable and updates the community involvement scheme.

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Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? Anyone engaging in the LDP process.

Was this impact assessment completed as a group? Yes

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 : 35 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The LDP seeks to manage land use in the County in a sustainable manner. Allocating appropriate development sites to meet identified needs and protecting the environment. The DA ensures that all sectors of the community and other stakeholders can engage with the LDP process. The CIS sets out how this engagement can be carried out, looking to minimise the need to travel and print documents whilst ensuring everyone can contribute.

Prevention

The DA aims to ensure that communities are educated and aware of the LDP process. The CIS looks at methods of engagement and consultation that minimise the need to travel and to print documents.

Integration

The LDP is one of the key mechanisms via which the corporate priorities can be delivered. Land use planning is integral to promoting well-being. There is extensive stakeholder engagement with other public bodies throughout the LDP process to ensure that the aims and objectives align across the public sector.

Collaboration

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The LDP is a long term land use plan. There is engagement with other key stakeholders throughout the process to ensure compatibility of aims and objectives.

Involvement

The Community Involvement Scheme sets out the whom, when and how of engagement and consultation with regard to the LDP. It embodies the application of the National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales.

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A prosperous Denbighshire	Neutral
A resilient Denbighshire	Positive
A healthier Denbighshire	Neutral
A more equal Denbighshire	Neutral
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. 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.

Further actions required

Consider holding events that combine with events already happening to minimise the number of separate journeys people may need to make. Hold any events at different times of day to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

The DA promotes electronic means of communication and seeks to make best use of the 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.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

The DA itself will have little impact but it's approval will allow progression of the replacement LDP which will seek to ensure that appropriate infrastructure is developed.

Economic development

The DA itself will have little impact but it's approval will allow progression of the replacement LDP which will seek to ensure that appropriate economic development is facilitated.

Quality skills for the long term

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The DA itself will have little impact but it's approval will allow progression of the replacement LDP which will seek to ensure that appropriate training is developed.

Quality jobs for the long term

The DA itself will have little impact but it's approval will allow progression of the replacement LDP which will seek to ensure that appropriate economic development and jobs growth is developed.

Childcare

The DA itself will have little impact but it's approval will allow progression of the replacement LDP which will seek to ensure that appropriate infrastructure and services are developed. Any consultation events will be held at various times and places to ensure that as many people as possible can attend. Making all documentation available on-line will also enable more people to engage.

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

A limited number of consultation events in key areas of change may 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.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

None identified

Economic development

None Identified

Quality skills for the long term

None identified

Quality jobs for the long term

None identified

Childcare

If all events are held during the day then there may be additional pressures on childcare.

A resilient Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Impacts will be influenced by whether it is possible to link to other events. Awareness of the environment will be raised throughout the process. Flood risk management is integral to the LDP.

Further actions required

Use of the consultation portal should assist in coordinating events. Encourage and support communities to make use of non printed materials. Ensure any consultations venues are accessible by means other than the private car.

Positive impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

By facilitating increased on-line consultation methods and information sharing printing and travel will be reduced which will be beneficial for the natural environment.

Biodiversity in the built environment

By facilitating increased on-line consultation methods and information sharing printing and travel will be reduced which will be beneficial for the biodiversity in the built environment.

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

Making all documentation available electronically will enable shorter print runs and reduce the use of

paper.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

By trying to link consultation events to other events multi purpose trips may be generated.

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

The LDP raises awareness of the environment and biodiversity through policy development and land protection allocations.

Flood risk management

flood risk management is integral to the site allocation strategy and policy framework in the LDP.

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

To ensure all sectors of the community can engage some physical events that require travel will be necessary and the printing of documents to ensure those without online access will be necessary.

Biodiversity in the built environment

To ensure all sectors of the community can engage some physical events that require travel will be necessary and the printing of documents to ensure those without online access will be necessary.

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

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.

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

May not always be possible to link to existing events and separate journeys may be generated.

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

none identified

Flood risk management

none identified

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

Impacts will depend upon the content of the consultations.

Further actions required

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.

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

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

Access to good quality, healthy food

none identified

People's emotional and mental well-being

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

Access to healthcare

none identified

Participation in leisure opportunities

none identified

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

People may choose to drive to events regardless of whether venues are accessible by other means.

Access to good quality, healthy food

none identified

People's emotional and mental well-being

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.

Access to healthcare

none identified

Participation in leisure opportunities

none identified

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

Community involvement scheme highlights that extra efforts will be made to engage with different groups in society. Access to events and printed documents will be easier in urban areas. Rural areas will present greater challenges.

Further actions required

Younger people are less likely to engage with the process. Hold specific events to target this group. In rural areas link consultation events to other events in the community to try to maximise engagement and minimise additional journeys.

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

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People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Any consultation events will be free to attend. Venues will be accessible and sited to minimise travel. All documentation will be available without charge.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Events can be located to ensure ease of access to areas of socio economic disadvantage without the need to travel. Documents and free internet access will be made freely available in local libraries.

Negative impacts identified:

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People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Can be more difficult to get people impacted by disadvantage to engage in a process they may not see as relevant to them. In rural areas travel to events or access to documents may be more difficult.

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Rural areas will be more challenging to ensure access to events that don't require travel.

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.

Further actions required

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.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

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 including community safety.

Community participation and resilience

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The attractiveness of the area

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Connected communities

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Rural resilience

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Negative impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

The LDP can be controversial and individuals within a community may have different views leading to

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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.

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A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

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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.

Further actions required

ensure anyone attending a consultation event can speak with a Welsh speaker.

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

All material will be available bilingually. Welsh speaking officers will be available at all consultation events

Promoting the Welsh language

All material will be available bilingually. Welsh speaking officers will be available at all consultation events

Culture and heritage

There may be potential to link consultation events to cultural events that are happening at the same time to broaden engagement and raise awareness of how the LDP can contribute to protecting and enhancing culture and heritage.

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

The availability of Welsh speaking officers may be limited and people may have to wait for a short period if they are already engaged with another person.

Promoting the Welsh language

The availability of Welsh speaking officers may be limited and people may have to wait for a short period if they are already engaged with another person.

Culture and heritage

None identified.

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.

Further actions required

Make every effort to engage with any sectors of the community that find it difficult to participate.

Positive impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

The approval of the DA will have very limited impacts but the progression of the LDP to adoption will have a positive impact as policies can be included requiring local labour agreements for example.

Human rights

The DA seeks to give equal opportunity to everyone to participate.

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

The DA itself will have limited impact but the progression of the LDP is key to assisting with the delivery of the objectives of other partner organisations.

Reducing climate change

Approval of the DA will allow progression of the LDP which will include policies to tackle climate change, the ecological emergency and assist in the drive towards net Carbon zero.

Negative impacts identified:

Local, national, international supply chains

none identified

Human rights

some sectors of the community may be reluctant to engage in the process.

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

none identified.

Reducing climate change

none identified