

## **Pembrokeshire County Council**

### **Caravan, Camping and Chalet Landscape Capacity Assessment Supplementary Planning Guidance**

#### **Explanatory note, July 2024**

The Caravan, Camping and Chalet Landscape Capacity Assessment for Pembrokeshire County Council's planning area was prepared by White Consultants in November, 2019.

It is now intended that it should be taken forward as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to support Policy GN 56 – Caravan, Camping and Chalet Development, of the Pembrokeshire County Council replacement Local Development Plan (LDP 2).

The guidance provides a systematic assessment of the capacity of existing Landscape Character Areas (LCAs), in the part of Pembrokeshire outside the National Park, to accommodate a range of different types of caravan, camping and chalet developments and other emerging types of visitor accommodation. It provides advice on an LCA basis as to whether existing sites can be upgraded, extended to increase accommodation, extended to improve appearance and / or whether new sites can be accommodated.

However, please note that very small scale development such as single caravans in a curtilage and matters relating to licensing are outside the scope of the guidance.

Pembrokeshire's landscapes are varied in character. The SPG is intended to define the extent of their ability to accommodate this type of development without significant change in character or adverse effects.

The County's landscapes outside the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park are a seamless continuation of the landscapes and seascapes within the National Park, the latter covering the majority of the coast, as well as the Preseli Hills and the Daugleddau. Whilst in some places, there is a clear topographical change in character at the National Park boundary, often there is intervisibility, and the County's landscapes form an important backcloth and context to the designated coastal landscape.

The National Park is outside Pembrokeshire County Council's planning jurisdiction and the National Park Authority, in its role as a separate Local Planning Authority, has published separate SPG on Caravans, Camping and Chalets to support the National Park Local Development Plan 2.<sup>1</sup>

This item of draft Pembrokeshire County Council SPG provides information on landscape character, elaborating on LDP 2 policy GN 56, to allow an informed assessment to be made of any proposals to change existing caravan, camping and

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<sup>1</sup> [Caravan and Camping Supplementary Planning Guidance - Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#)

chalet sites and to introduce new caravan, camping and chalet developments within the Council's planning area. This will ensure that such developments take place in locations where there is capacity for them to be accommodated satisfactorily within the landscapes of the Council's planning area and taking into account the potential effects of such developments on the National Park's statutorily protected landscape.

This draft SPG is subject to public consultation alongside the Deposit Version of Pembrokeshire's Local Development Plan 2, Deposit Plan 2.

The document is structured to explain the methodology used (section 2), give an overview of the issues identified in the assessment (section 3), summarise the sensitivity and capacity of the LCAs (section 4) and assess each LCA in turn (section 5).

The appendices deal with a glossary of terms (Appendix A), generic guidance for siting, design and mitigation (Appendix B) and the definition of a caravan (Appendix C).

Existing camping and caravan development in Pembrokeshire is indicated in Figure 1 of the SPG document. However, this is in part broader contextual information and the SPG will only apply outside National Park locations in Pembrokeshire.