

Title of plan/programme	Pembrokeshire County Council Local Development Plan
Plan purpose	To set the framework for development in the County
What prompted the plan (e.g. legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions)?	Legislation - Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (The Act) requires the Council to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP)
Plan subject (e.g. transport)	Planning
Period covered by plan	2011 – 2021
Frequency of plan updates	Review every 4 years
Plan area (e.g. sq kms)	1,015 sq kms
Summary of nature/content of plan	The Local Development Plan (LDP) will set out the strategy and policy framework for the development and conservation needs of Pembrokeshire (excluding the area of National Park designation) for a 10 year period, from 2011 to 2021. It will detail policies and proposals for the development and use of land in Pembrokeshire, and will be used by the Council to guide and control development, providing a basis for the consistent determination of planning applications
Date of screening	23 August 2007
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SEA required Y/N?	Y

This document seeks to screen plans and programmes to establish whether an assessment is required in order to comply with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 1656 W170). The Responsible Authority has considered the criteria included within Schedule 1 of the Regulations as detailed below and has determined that the production of the LDP for Pembrokeshire County Council is likely to have significant effects on the environment and will therefore be subject of a Strategic Environmental Assessment as required by European Directive 2001/42/EC (The SEA Directive).

Section 1 determines whether the plan or programme is relevant under the SEA Directive. Section 2 allows for a description of the likely significant effects.

The Council's determination of each of the stated criteria is detailed on the following pages.

SECTION 1: Criteria for determining whether the document is a plan or programme under the SEA regulations.	Pembrokeshire County Council comments:
1.) The plan or programme (PP) is subject to preparation or adoption by an authority at national, regional or local level OR prepared by an authority for adoption through legislative procedure by Parliament or Government (2.1.a and 2.1.b).	The Local Development Plan (LDP) will be prepared and adopted by Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC).
2.) The PP is required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions (2.1.c).	Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (The Act) requires the Council to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP)
3.) The preparation of the PP began on or after 21/7/2004 (5.1.a).	Yes
4.) The preparation of the PP began before the 21/7/2004 and its adoption or submission to legislative procedure will be after 22/7/2006 (6.1.a).	No
5.) The PP is for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use (5.2.a) and sets the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annex I or II of Council Directive 97/11/EC (amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC) (5.2.b).	The LDP is a town and country planning document and a land use plan. It will set the framework for the future development consent of the type of projects listed in the EIA Directive.
6.) The PP is, in view of its likely effect on sites, determined to require an assessment in accordance with the Habitats Directive (5.3).	There are 11 European designated protected areas in, partly in and adjoining Pembrokeshire (10 SACs and 1 SPA), therefore it is likely that the LDP will require an assessment in accordance with the Habitats Regulations.
7.) Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of projects (5.4.b)?	The LDP will set the framework for future consent to develop land.
8.) Does the PP determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a PP subject to Art. 3.2 (where the Member States determine that they are likely to have significant environmental effects)?	Yes – The LDP will, amongst other things, determine the use of small areas at a local level.
9.) Is the PP sole purpose to serve national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial or budget PP, OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGF programmes?	No

SECTION 2: Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.	Comments
8.) Assessing whether the PP is likely to have significant environment effect (5.4.c).	The criteria for assessing significant environmental effect are listed in Schedule 1 of the Regulations which are addressed below.
9.) Characteristics of the PP having regard to: (a) The degree to which the PP sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources. (b) The degree to which the PP influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy. (c) The relevance of the PP for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development. (d) Environmental problems relevant to the PP. (e) The relevance of the PP for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment.	The LDP will provide the strategic and detailed policy framework within which provision will be made for development in the plan area between 2011 and 2021. The LDP will identify development sites as well as sites of natural resources and biodiversity and make provision for their development and/or protection and enhancement. It will also include a number of general and criteria-based policies relating to the main types of development. The LDP will take account of and be influenced by existing international, national and regional regulations, plans and programmes. When complete and during production the LDP will influence and be influenced by other major Council policy documents as well as those of other organisations operating in the plan area, in particular those of the Community Plan partnership / any future Local Service Board. The LDP will address issues relating to a wide range of land uses including all aspects of biodiversity and protection of the environmental and historic resources. The LDP and any supporting SPG will promote sustainable development in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDP will seek to integrate land use and social pressures with the need to conserve the considerable heritage of both man made and natural features and resources. The LDP will strive to take account of any environmental problems and provide the policy framework to support sustainable development including an improved environment. The LDP will be influenced by the requirements of existing and developing Community legislation in areas such as waste management, water protection,

	sustainable development and climate change.
10.) The characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard to: (a) The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects. (b) The cumulative nature of the effects. (c) The transboundary nature of the effects. (d) The risks to human health or the environment. (e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).	The LDP will be the primary land use planning document within Pembrokeshire (excluding the area of National Park designation) between 2011 and 2021. Once adopted, planning applications received by the Council will be determined in accordance with its provisions unless other material considerations indicate otherwise. It is therefore likely that there will be some permanent physical impacts on the area. The duration of these effects will be long term and the frequency and reversibility of the effects depend on the individual policies of the LDP and the nature of the sites at which they are applied. Each proposal will need to be considered in this context. The LDP will be the principal planning document within Pembrokeshire (excluding the National Park designation) between 2011 and 2021 and will set development needs, opportunities and constraints that will need to be addressed. It is likely that major or incremental changes will occur. There will be a need to integrate these changes and any resultant pressures that may occur with the need to conserve the considerable heritage of both manmade and natural features and resources within the County. The effects of the plan will be considered against other plans or projects. The Council will need to be aware of issues between any member states. The LDP will seek to minimise risks to human health associated with development, for example non-compatibility of adjoining uses, air pollution, noise disturbance etc. The LDP will affect an area of 1,015 square kilometres with a population of 91,589 people (ONS, 2001), i.e. the County excluding the area of the National Park. Indirectly, the LDP may also have implications for adjoining authorities and these will be considered from the outset.

(f) The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; and (iii) Intensive land-use.	Pembrokeshire's landscape ranges from parts of the coastline to open hills, valleys and woodland and secluded tree-lined rivers and estuaries to areas with industrial development and populated villages and towns. The LDP will have to integrate development pressures with the need to conserve the special characteristics of the area. (i) Pembrokeshire (excluding the area of National Park Designation) has entirely or in part, 11 European sites designated for habitats and species (SACs and SPAs), 34 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, 1632 listed buildings, 236 scheduled ancient monuments, 20 Historic Parks and Gardens, 24 Conservation Areas and 2 Townscape Heritage Initiatives which make up the special natural characteristics and cultural heritage of the area which require protection and enhancement. (ii) This is largely unknown however it is likely that due to the wide range of issues and development that will be addressed by the LDP that environmental standards will form part of the consideration on future planning applications. (iii) The LDP will be the primary land use planning document within Pembrokeshire (excluding the National Park designation) between 2011 and 2021. Once adopted, planning applications received by the Council will be determined in accordance with its provisions unless other material considerations indicate otherwise. The plan will make provision for the development needs of the plan area while at the same time ensuring that the most sensitive areas are as far as possible safeguarded from intensive land-use.
(g) The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.	The coastal area of Pembrokeshire, excluding the National Park designation, is a small length of coastline (east of Amroth, parts of the Milford Haven Waterway, and parts of the Teifi Estuary). There are four sites identified as historic landscapes which are partly within the plan area. The plan will have regard to these areas and ensure the status is not prejudiced.

SECTION 3: Consultation	
Consultees	Comments
Cadw	No comments to add in letter of 17 September 2007
Countryside Council for Wales	We agree with the appraisal set out in this screening report. However, transboundary in this context refers to across member states rather than unitary authority boundaries. We welcome the proposals to consult neighbouring authority plans though. Letter received 1 October 2007
Environment Agency Wales	No comments to add in letter of 11 September 2007
Welsh Assembly Government	Copy sent for information only – no comments