



Local Development Plan 2 (2017 – 2033)

**Feedback from Members and Stakeholder April 2018
Seminars: Draft Vision**

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Local Development Plan Review (LDP2: 2017 – 2033) – Vision

Introduction

Seminars were held with County Councillors (23rd April 2018) and Stakeholders (26th April 2018) to engage them in the review of the Local Development Plan and included a specific focus on the type of Vision that the Replacement LDP should include. The current LDP Vision was presented at the seminar (see Appendix 1) and information was also provided on key documents that will inform the Replacement LDP, including: the current Wales Spatial Plan, the PCC corporate Vision, the Pembrokeshire Well-Being Plan priorities, the revised Planning Policy Wales Edition 10 (consultation draft) and the Pembrokeshire Economic Profile (see Appendix 2). Attendees were asked, in breakout groups to:

Think about the previous section on the Issues – the Vision should set out what sort of place Pembrokeshire will be in 2033.

- What elements of the Current Vision should remain for the Replacement LDP?
- Are there any new elements that should be introduced?

Comments were recorded on flipcharts and fed back to the room, providing an opportunity to amend or add to the comments.

Summary of Comments received

The comments are summarised in Appendix 3. The table includes commentary and identifies which comments have been incorporated into a draft Vision for the Replacement LDP.

Draft Vision for the Replacement LDP 2017-2033:

In 2033 Pembrokeshire is a place with strong resourceful communities, where challenges of rurality are successfully tackled. A distinctive sense of place exists based on its natural, cultural, built and linguistic heritage. Homes are provided for all and a strong economy enables people of all ages to live, work and thrive in the County. Employment opportunities linked to start-up businesses, tourism, rural diversification, the green energy industry and the strategic opportunities provided by the Milford Haven Waterway and links to Ireland are promoted. Town Centres are vibrant places where a range of uses take place. Rural communities are supported

to deal with changing agricultural practices. Across the County Green Infrastructure and biodiversity are enhanced with accessible and healthy environments delivered for both people and wildlife.

Next steps

An informal consultation on the Issues the LDP should address, the draft Vision and draft Objectives alongside Growth options for the LDP Strategy will take place between July and September 2018. This will involve specific workshops with Members, Stakeholders and Community Councils, but all papers will also be published on the website with the opportunity for members of the public to comment. Following this informal consultation, the Preferred Strategy will be published in December 2018, which will be subject to a formal public consultation.

The LDP Vision:

“To ensure that Pembrokeshire is prosperous and that it remains vibrant and special by creating: a network of strong urban and rural communities in Hub Towns, Service Centres, Service and Local Villages supported by a robust, sustainable, diverse high value-adding economy underpinned by the Area’s unique environment, maritime access to the Milford Haven Waterway and Fishguard Harbour and internationally important energy and tourism opportunities.”

Appendix 2: New documents of relevance to a Replacement Vision for the Revised LDP:

PCC Corporate Plan (2017 – 2018) Vision:

“Working together to improve life in Pembrokeshire”

Pembrokeshire Well-Being Plan Priorities:

Living & Working.

Resourceful Communities.

Tackling Rurality.

Protecting the Environment.

Key statements:

“Pembrokeshire is a thriving, wealthy county where people choose to live and work, and where businesses invest.”
Well-being Plan Pg 14.

“By ensuring that as a county, we are demonstrating our commitment to sustainability and long term social, economic, environmental and cultural viability we will make Pembrokeshire an attractive place for people to live, work and invest.”
Well-Being Plan Pg 17.

All our communities are fully engaged in community initiatives to reduce carbon emissions.
Well-Being Plan Pg 18.

“Promoting the environment as a health asset to improve health and well-being, addressing social isolation, improving mental health and wider health benefits through projects such as social and green prescribing”
Well-Being Plan Pg 22.

Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10 – DRAFT for Public Consultation)

Overriding Policy objective to support Place-making.

- **Five key Planning Principles:**
- **The Right Development in the Right Place**
- **Best Use of Resources**
- **Accessible and Healthy Environments**
- **Creating and Sustainable Communities**
- **Environmental Protection**

Pembrokeshire Economic Profile (June 2015):

“Pembrokeshire’s longer-term goal is to stimulate organic growth through investment in skills, research and innovation. The region’s strengths include clean energy, sustainable tourism and the rural economy.” Pg 1.

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<p>To ensure that Pembrokeshire is prosperous and that it remains vibrant and special by sustaining strong urban, rural and maritime communities, supported by a robust economy, underpinned by the areas unique environment.</p> <p>Should retain reference to sustainable communities Should retain reference to unique environment Remove reference to Hub Towns, Service Centres, Service and Local Villages. Need to ensure a Prosperous Pembrokeshire/Robust rural economy Homes for all</p>	<p>Note the preference for a simplified vision that does not include reference to the levels of the settlement hierarchy. Also note that the three key areas identified for retention are sustainable communities, unique environment and prosperous Pembrokeshire. The suggestion of ‘Homes for all’ captures the issue of needing to address affordable housing as well as housing for young people, the elderly and families.</p>	<p>Look at a simplified approach to the Vision which incorporates the three key areas identified from the current Vision. The Well-being Plan priorities for Pembrokeshire use the term resourceful communities rather than sustainable communities. Consider the introduction of the term Homes for all into the Vision.</p>
<p>Pembrokeshire: a place that is prosperous, green, vibrant and proud. Where rural and urban communities support sustainability, aspirations and the local economy to enhance Pembrokeshire for its energy and tourism opportunities</p> <p>Items raised for inclusion were</p>	<p>Note the introduction of the term green into the Vision and the focus on the economy in terms of a hardworking county, skilled workforce, well paid jobs and sustainability.</p>	<p>Ensure that a reference to greenness and a focus on the economy which picks up on the issues around enabling job opportunities in the County.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect and enhance the environment - Hardworking county - Stronger communities - Skilled workforce - Well paid jobs - sustainability 		
<p>Current vision covers all key points, but needs re-wording (to make it more succinct / punchy). No need to mention the Settlement Hierarchy – that is too detailed. Remove references to the Haven Waterway and Fishguard and add in more general references to cultural heritage and maritime influences. Make reference to affordable housing, assisted living and regeneration of town centres. Refer to Pembrokeshire being a healthy place to live and work. Mention the high quality environment in Pembrokeshire. Refer to sustainable travel.</p>	<p>Note suggestion that the Vision should be more succinct and that this is accompanied by the suggested removal of a reference to the settlement hierarchy.</p> <p>Note the references to cultural heritage, maritime influences, affordable housing and regeneration. Health is not currently referenced in the Vision and this point is an important one. Second group to refer to a ‘homes for all’ concept.</p>	<p>Support reduction in size of the Vision. Support suggested new references to cultural heritage, healthy environments for people and town centre regeneration. Reference to ‘Homes for all’ should encompass affordable housing.</p>

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<p>Refer to the ‘homes for all’ concept.</p>		
<p>Retain all of it. Happy with its length and thought that shortening it might leave something important out.</p> <p>A reference to micro businesses, clean energy, broadband, electric cars, welsh language, exemplar schemes such as ty solar and agriculture More flexibility to allow rounding off and sensible drawing of settlement boundaries Suggested that the vision go out to consultation to all members and public specialists and visionaries Celebrating and enhancing a world record environment</p>	<p>Note the concern that a Vision that is too reduced might leave something out. Note suggested new references which include micro business, clean energy, broad band, electric cars, welsh language, exemplar schemes and agriculture. The reference to settlement boundaries is an issue that will be picked up in later discussions around the Strategy. Support suggestion of early engagement on the Vision.</p>	<p>Support reference to a green economy which would encompass clean energy and electric cars. Support specific reference to language and agriculture.</p>
<p>Perhaps have a bulleted list rather than a statement Think about whether a diagram or picture might get the message</p>	<p>Note the suggestion of a bulleted list and diagram or picture. Reference to spatial aspects and accessible and healthy environments are helpful and will be included. Note</p>	<p>Include a reference to accessible and healthy environments. Consider references to climate change, health, well-being clean/green energy and heritage.</p>

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<p>over more effectively (and if so, what these might look like) Emphasise the spatial aspect – as this is what makes land use planning different to many other types of policy interventions Emphasise accessible and healthy environments The current vision is a bit dated, so look at the fit with current approaches – in other words, bring it up to date Make sure there are references to climate change, health, well-being, clean / green energy and heritage Make the statement more generic and less detailed Consider the need for new cemeteries</p>	<p>suggestions regarding references to climate change, health, well-being clean/green energy and heritage. The detailed consideration of a need for cemeteries will be picked up when the community facility policy is reviewed.</p>	
<p>Take out reference to hubs High value adding – does not address the economy and reality of Pembs. The exception is the Haven waterway which is of national importance</p>	<p>Note that this is the third group to support removing references to specific elements of the spatial hierarchy. Note reference to the national importance of the Haven waterway and the need to making rurality work and supporting local economies alongside this. Sun rise business would</p>	<p>Remove reference to Hubs. Retain reference to the Haven Waterway. Consider reference to making rurality work and supporting local economies. Include reference to Pembrokeshire's heritage, culture and welsh language.</p>

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<p>Need to support local economies (not a city centric approach and making rurality work) Make Pembrokeshire an amazing place to live Attract sun rise business and address quality of life Need a simple straight forward vision.</p> <p>There is a recognition that the vision needs to fit with the role of planning Environment – need restoration and enhancement (net gains) and right development in the right place Live and work in Pembs Safeguard what’s great (heritage, culture) Encourage innovation , support creativity and ambition Improved environment Increased Welsh language speaking Community cohesion</p>	<p>mean supporting start up businesses. Note support for enhancement of the environment and use of the term ‘right development in the right place’ – this may be more suited to an objective however. Note support for promoting heritage, culture and the welsh language, not previously identified in the Vision.</p>	

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<p>Too long in some aspects - It does not need reference the settlement hierarchy or Fishguard Harbour/Milford Haven Enterprise. Key Words – prosperous, sustain, diverse, adaptable. Too generic – It needs to be specific to Pembrokeshire. A place to live for all not just visit - It needs to do more to keep the 16-40 age group from leaving, therefore, the focus should be on education & employment opportunities. Communities – Do they exist and can a policy & spatial plan realistically achieve community cohesion. Environment – If the focus was shifted to the natural environment away from communities then it could focus on enhancing both the natural and built environment (including archaeology and cultural heritage). Tourism – What type? Mass tourism for permanent jobs.</p>	<p>As with other groups, note desire to reduce size and remove reference to the settlement hierarchy. Note key words proposed. Support suggestion that the Vision reflects the need to address loss of the 16-40 age group. Note comments on environment and achievability.</p>	<p>Remove specific references to hierarchy. Incorporate key words where possible and include references to opportunities for all to work in the County.</p>

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<p>Needs to be achievable – See communities & environment above. Focus on Pembrokeshire – It should not be possible to ‘copy and paste’ to other regions.</p>		