

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the replacement plan preparation process, the Council invited land-owners, developers and the public to put forward 'candidate sites' to be considered for development, redevelopment or protection in the Monmouthshire Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP).
- 1.2 Stage 1 of this process involved an Initial Call for Candidate Sites for a 16-week period from the 30th July 2018 to 19th November 2018. The purpose of inviting candidate site submissions at this stage was to assist the Council in understanding what land was available to inform the RLDP Preferred Strategy. A total of 204 candidate sites were submitted for development/redevelopment for a range of uses, including residential, employment and recreation uses and 16 sites were submitted for protection.
- 1.3 The candidate sites submitted for development/redevelopment during the Initial Call for Candidate Sites were subject to a high-level assessment and a Review of Candidate Sites against the Preferred Strategy (June 2021) was prepared to identify which sites were considered to be in conformity with the Strategy.
- 1.4 Stage 2 of this process involved a Second Call for Candidate Sites which took place alongside the consultation on the Preferred Strategy for a 9-week period from the 5th July 2021 to 31st August 2021. The purpose of the Second Call for Candidate Sites was to invite the submission of new sites for potential inclusion in the RLDP that accord with the Preferred Strategy (together with supporting information), and to seek the submission of additional supporting information for existing Candidate Sites submitted during the Initial Call that accord with the Preferred Strategy and satisfied the high-level assessment.
- 1.5 The Second Call for Candidate Sites generated a total of 159 candidate site submissions for development/redevelopment for a range of uses, including residential, employment and recreation uses. A total of 20 candidate sites for protection have been submitted during both calls for sites. Candidate sites submitted for protection during the Initial Call have been kept in the register and will be given further consideration during the preparation of the Deposit Plan.
- 1.6 All sites submitted during the Second Call for Candidate Sites have been published in the Candidate Sites Register which updates and replaces the register published following the Initial Call for Candidate Sites. Sites that were not resubmitted following the Initial Call for Candidate Sites are not included in the updated Register. It is important to note that the submission of a candidate site and its inclusion in the Register should not be interpreted as a commitment that such sites will be taken forward into the RLDP. Not all Candidate Sites submitted for development will be needed to meet our future growth requirement.

- 1.7 The Register provides a location map of each candidate site, together with basic site information including a unique reference number, site name, site proposer, ward, settlement and, where appropriate, current use, proposed use and size in hectares. It should be noted that all information and site boundaries in the Register are as stated in the submissions received. The sites are arranged by settlement in the Register.

Candidate Sites Register Consultation and Assessment

- 1.8 As part of the Preferred Strategy consultation 5th December 2022 to 30th January 2023, we invited comments on the candidate sites listed in the Candidate Sites Register which sets out the sites submitted during the Second Call for Candidate Sites. Consultation comments can be viewed in the **Initial Consultation Report: Preferred Strategy and Candidate Sites Register (October 2024)**.
- 1.9 In accordance with the **Candidate Sites Assessment Methodology (updated July 2023)**, the candidate sites listed for development and protection in the register have been subject to a Candidate Site Assessment which has identified those sites that have progressed to the Deposit Plan. These findings are outlined in the **Candidate Assessment Report 2024**. These documents should be read alongside the Candidate Sites Register.