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Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan 2021-2036

DEPOSIT PLAN CONSULTATION

Public Consultation Representation Form

The Council is seeking your views on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) **Deposit Plan**. The Deposit Plan is the next formal stage in the development plan preparation process and expands on the Preferred Strategy which the Council consulted on in December 2023 – February 2024.

The Deposit Plan is the full draft version of the RLDP, detailing the **overall strategy, development policies, land designations** (e.g. conservation) and **specific land allocations** for development (including new housing and employment sites) over the 15-year period 2021-2036.

The public consultation will run for 6 weeks between **Wednesday 28th January 2026 and Wednesday 11th March 2026**. Representations received after this time will not be considered.

Full details of the consultation are available on the Council's website at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp or by scanning the QR code above.

The Council encourages representations on the Deposit Plan to be made via our **online consultation portal** available at <https://valeofglamorgan.oc2.uk/> however representations submitted using this form will also be accepted.

Representations are welcomed in both Welsh and English and this representation form is available in other formats on request e.g. Welsh, large print.

1: Contact Details

Your / Your Client's Details			Agent's Details (if relevant) *		
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Postcode	[Redacted]		Postcode	[Redacted]	
Email	[Redacted]		Email	[Redacted]	
Telephone No.	c/o agent		Telephone No.	[Redacted]	
Communication preference: (Please tick)	Email	☐	Communication preference: (Please tick)	Email	☐
	Letter	☐		Letter	☐
Language preference: (Please tick)	English	☐	Language preference: (Please tick)	English	☒
	Welsh	☐		Welsh	☐

*If you are acting as an Agent, please also provide details of person/organisation you are representing (Note: you will need to supply a separate form for each person/organisation you are representing).

2: Your Views

QUESTION 1:
What are your thoughts on the Deposit RLDP (e.g. policies, site allocations)?
Please state which site reference, policy or paragraph number your comments refer to. If you are commenting on more than one site, policy or paragraph, please use a separate sheet for each one.

SITE REFERENCE/POLICY/PARAGRAPH NUMBER: 5. Sustainable Growth Strategy

Agree/Support	☐	Disagree/Object	☐	Comment	☐	No Comment	☐
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Comments:

Comment - see attached letter.

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QUESTION 2: WELSH LANGUAGE

We would like to know your views on the effects that proposals in the Deposit Plan would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. Do you think that there will be any impacts, either positive or negative? Please explain

Yes

☐

No

☐

Don't know

☐

No Comment

☐**Comments:**

Please attach additional pages if required.

ABOUT YOU

The following questions will help us ensure data is representative of population of the authority and help us to target underrepresented groups. **You are not required to complete this section if you would prefer not to.**

Are you...?		What is your age group?	
Male	☐	Under 16	☐
Female	☐	16 – 24	☐
Other	☐	25 – 44	☐
Prefer not to say	☐	45 – 64	☐
What is your ethnic group?		Aged 65 or over	☐
White	☐	Prefer not to say	☐
Mixed	☐	What is your main language?	
Asian	☐	Welsh	☐
Black	☐	English	☐
Chinese	☐	Bilingual	☐
Prefer not to say	☐	Prefer not to say	☐
Other ethnic group (<i>please state</i>)	☐	Other (including British Sign Language, large print etc.) (<i>please state</i>)	☐
What is your religion or belief?		Do you have a disability?	
Christian (all denominations)	☐	Yes	☐
Buddhist	☐	No	☐
Hindu	☐	Prefer not to say	☐
Jewish	☐	What is your legal marital or same sex civil partnership status?	
Muslim	☐	Single	☐
Sikh	☐	Living with partner	☐
Humanist	☐	Married	☐
No religion or belief	☐	Separated	☐
Prefer not to say	☐	Divorced	☐
Any other religion or belief (<i>please state</i>)	☐	Widowed	☐
		Civil Partnership	☐
What is your sexual orientation?		Dissolved Civil Partnership	☐
Bisexual	☐	Surviving Civil Partnership	☐
Gay	☐	Prefer not to say	☐
Lesbian	☐		
Heterosexual	☐		
Prefer not to say	☐		
Other (<i>please state</i>)	☐		

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you for your comments. Following the consultation, the Council will consider the responses and prepare a report of consultation, which will form part of the evidence for the Replacement Local Development Plan.

Completed Representation Forms and any supporting information should be returned to the LDP Team:

BY EMAIL – ldp@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

ONLINE – By completing the electronic form at <https://valeofglamorgan.oc2.uk/>

BY POST – Planning Policy Team, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Rd, Barry, CF63 4RU

If you require any further information or have any questions, please contact the LDP Team on 01446 704681 or e mail ldp@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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How we will use your information

On 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force, placing new restrictions on how organisations can hold and use your personal data and defining your rights with regard to that data. Any personal information disclosed to us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice. A paper copy of the Council's Privacy Notice can be provided upon request or can be viewed at: https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Website-Privacy-Notice.aspx

Data Protection Notice – Please note that all comments received cannot be treated as confidential and once duly reported and considered, will be available for public inspection. We will also hold your contact details on our Replacement LDP Consultation Database for the duration of the RLDP preparation process which will keep you informed of future updates. If you would like to be removed from the database at any time and no longer wish to receive correspondence from the Council on the RLDP, then this can be requested in writing. However, any information provided will be stored safely and retained in accordance with Vale of Glamorgan Council's data retention policy unless it needs to be retained under another lawful basis.

REPRESENTATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY NO LATER THAN

23:55 ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2026

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Signed:



Date:

11.03.26

Your Ref:
Our Ref: LWP71



Email to: LDP@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Lucy White Planning Limited

The LDP Team,
The Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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11 March 2026

Dear Sirs,

VALE OF GLAMORGAN DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION PLC

These representations are prepared on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution Plc (NGED) (formerly Western Power Distribution Plc), in response to the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan Deposit Draft, which is subject to public consultation.

Introduction

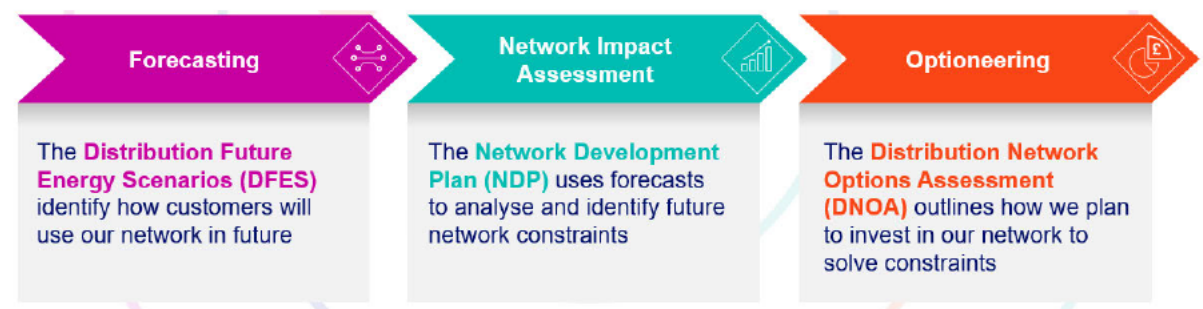
NGED owns and is responsible for electrical distribution apparatus within the area subject to this Local Plan and is the licensed network operator with statutory duties and powers including compulsory purchase powers.

In preparing development plans, local planning authorities (LPA) have a duty to safeguard the operation of National Grid's infrastructure to enable NGED to supply electricity in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. In the majority of cases this will involve retention of the existing infrastructure in situ, including overhead power lines and pylons.

Towards Net Zero

The Government is committed to achieve net zero by 2050. The shift towards electricity to heat our homes and power our cars is critical to achieving this goal and the National Grid is playing a crucial role in meeting this commitment by increasing capacity to meet the growing demand for electricity.

Our network investment planning process is the strategic approach we are taking to investing in our network, ensuring that it can meet future demand in the right place, at the right time while ensuring good value for money for customers.



To ensure that we can provide the network you need from us, your projects need to be included in our Distribution Future Energy Scenarios (DFES). We use this information to predict the future requirements on our network and decide when and where to invest in the network. This ensures that our strategic network planning provides sufficient network capacity as the country transitions to net zero.

We ask Local Authorities about their future plans, including information in your Local Plan annually (normally in May - July). This will inform our future forecasts down to Electricity Supply Area level ensuring we can connect new developments in 5 years and beyond.

NGED strongly recommends that local planning authorities feed into the DFES process on an annual basis, to ensure they have your most current growth plans and ambitions. NGED can tell you when your LPA last submitted data to DFES, by emailing nged.energyplanning@nationalgrid.co.uk.

The DFES informs planning of the network beyond 3 to 5 years into the future (post 2030). If you have a development that needs a connection sooner, please contact NGED as soon as possible to have a discussion with them about securing a connection. A 'connections surgery' can be arranged to discuss any developments you would like to connect, by emailing nged.newsupplies@nationalgrid.co.uk. NGED cannot guarantee capacity until a formal connection offer has been requested, issued and accepted.

132kV Overhead Lines

Where diversion and/or undergrounding of overhead lines is deemed necessary to enable the development of a proposed allocation, lower voltage lines (up to 33kV) supported by wooden poles can normally be undergrounded or diverted without significant concern. However, where land allocations affect lines supported by steel lattice towers, particularly 132kV, the LPA are advised to engage with NGED at the earliest opportunity in the plan-making process to confirm:

- a) whether the lines can be accommodated within the development site; or
- b) the viability and feasibility of diverting and/or undergrounding overhead lines.

This includes, where relevant, ensuring the agreement of third party landowners to the provision of new infrastructure on their land and subsequent agreement between the LPA and NGED to appropriate wording within the allocation policy.

In allocating land affected by high voltage power lines, the LPA should take into account the additional costs involved in their diversion and/or undergrounding, the need for additional new infrastructure and its visual impact, including larger terminal towers at either end of an undergrounded line, and the potential impact on timescales for delivery of the development.

LPAs should also be aware that where high voltage electricity lines are undergrounded National Grid is unable to support any development which could affect the operation of or obstruct the line, including buildings, tree planting, public highway or attenuation features. A 10m wide corridor of open ground is required above the undergrounded cables. Accordingly, the retention of overhead lines in situ provides greater opportunities to deliver an efficient and effective masterplan, with the potential to deliver a range of uses beneath the lines including green infrastructure, public highway, drainage features and some biodiversity net gain measures.

NGED cannot be held accountable for the absence of a planned solution for a proposed diversion route or undergrounding of an overhead power line or any subsequent reduction in the allocation site's development capacity, where the LPA and/or developer/landowner has not agreed proposals with NGED prior to the adoption of the Local Plan.

Planning for reinforcement

Reinforcement planning is crucial for future growth. As NGED's Network Development Plans identify the need for new substations and other assets to meet future electricity demands, LPAs should collaborate with NGED on suitable locations. Land for these substations should be safeguarded through the Local Plan, with substation delivery timescales factoring into the LPA's housing trajectory.

NGED cannot comment on network capacity for developments beyond five years. To ensure future capacity, LPAs must engage in the Distributed Future Energy Scenarios (DFES) process and review Network Development Plans to confirm their projected growth is included in NGED's plans.

Summary

NGED does not object to the allocation of land upon which its infrastructure is present, however, in the context of the Government's commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050 and the role which National Grid has to play in delivering significant new infrastructure to meet existing and future energy demands, all reasonable efforts should be made by LPAs and developers to safeguard to retain the existing grid infrastructure and the associated embodied carbon.

In preparing Local Plans, LPAs should take the following steps:

1. Ensure your LPA is responding annually to our Distribution Future Energy Scenario questionnaire that is sent out via Regen.
2. For developments that require a connection to the distribution network within the next 5 years, contact NGED as early as possible to arrange a Connections Surgery. The surgery will help you understand the timescales and costs associated with delivering the planned development. .
3. Where land is allocated, priority should be given to retention of high voltage overhead lines wherever possible, with design principles included within the allocation policy to safeguard the retained lines and incorporate sensitively into the development, whilst achieving high standards of design and an efficient use of land.
4. Where necessary, early engagement with NGED to establish whether its infrastructure can be accommodated within the development or whether diversion/undergrounding is feasible;

5. Where diversion/undergrounding is required, ongoing dialogue with NGED to agree a potential route prior to adoption of the Local Plan, as outlined above.
6. For strategic allocations and sites significantly affected by overhead lines (e.g. with 5 or more pylons on site), NGED recommends early masterplanning and the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents to demonstrate site capacity and establish principles for the retention/diversion or undergrounding of overhead lines and safeguarding of land to accommodate new sub-stations, where necessary, with the agreement of NGED.

NGED has no site specific comments on the proposed allocations within the Deposit Draft Plan.

I trust this is useful in the preparation of the Local Plan. Should Officers have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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