

# **Appendix - Overview of Consultation Responses on SA/SEA and HRA**

## **Sustainability Appraisal Responses**

The Sustainability Appraisals (SA) of Local Development Plans include an assessment of the likely effects of the plan on the use of the Welsh language. Objections were raised in relation to a clerical error, and to the housing allocation impact on the Welsh language. These objections were also raised as responses to consultation on the deposit plan. The SA objections were disagreed, and no changes have been made to the SA as a result.

The SA has made the following response to the Welsh language representation.

Under the duty imposed by the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Authority has an obligation to promote 'A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language', and is required to promote and protect culture, heritage and the Welsh Language. In line with this act and PPW 10, and the Welsh Language Requirements under TAN 20, the authority has considered the likely effect of development plans on the use of Welsh language as part of the Sustainability Appraisal. In accordance with this, the authority has sought to ensure a broad distribution and phasing of development that considers the ability of the area or community to accommodate development without adversely impacting use of the Welsh language.

The SA identified that predicted increase in the numbers of young persons is likely to have positive effects on the Welsh language. It is the authority's intention to promote the retention of younger people and encourage growth of the Welsh language and culture. Adequate housing provision, and the job creation and skills associated with the Swansea Bay City Region, in particular Yr Egin, which house S4C's offices, will help to retain young Welsh speakers in the county.

To strengthen the authority's intention, and to mitigate any potential minor detrimental effect on the Welsh language, the authority has made provision under the following objectives and policies:

SP7 – Welsh language and Culture

SA11 – Encourage Growth of the Welsh language and culture

SA13 – Increase levels of literacy (in both Welsh and English) and numeracy

To strengthen the policies further, specific reference is made to the motion passed by Council in July 2019 for the whole county of Carmarthenshire to be considered linguistically sensitive and for Welsh language to be a material planning consideration in all developments of 10 houses or more.

Welsh language will continue to be a priority for the authority as stated in the LDP Vision: One Carmarthenshire. HRA Responses

## **HRA Responses**

There were a total of 33 Consultation responses to the HRA received from NRW and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The majority of the responses identified minor errors on names, wording and dates. Responses were also made in relation to 'screening in' of sites that had been 'screened out'. These have been agreed and later addressed at the 'appropriate assessment stage'. There are no implication for the deposit Plan. All changes have been made to the HRA document.