

Appendix 4

WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Project Description (key aims):

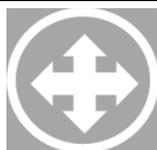
To acquire and remediate “The British” site in Talywain, in order to maximise the opportunities from this site for the well-being of communities in North Torfaen by:

- Addressing the health and safety risks on the site,
- Re-greening and promoting the site as an opportunity for outdoor recreation and biodiversity enhancement
- Exploring the longer-term opportunities for clean energy generation and potential for reasonably-priced housing

The project offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to acquire the largest remaining site of industrial dereliction in South East Wales, ending the “cycle of speculation” that has for so long been the greatest barrier to its regeneration. The initial project objectives are:

- **IO1:** Appropriately manage the health and safety risks
- **IO2:** Strengthen the aspirations of communities to provide opportunities for future generations
- **IO3:** Support health and wellbeing goals by improving green infrastructure and promoting access to the natural environment
- **IO4:** Enhance environmental resilience by safeguarding and improving biodiversity
- **IO5:** Explore potential longer-term opportunities for private/third sector investment, jobs & growth
- **IO6:** Explore potential longer-term opportunities for future housing development
- **IO7:** Explore potential longer-term opportunities for latent green energy
- **IO8:** Protect and promote heritage and culture

Section 1) Complete the table below to assess how well you have applied the 5 ways of working.



Integration

1. How does your project / activity deliver economic, social, environmental & cultural outcomes together?

Balancing economic, social, environmental and cultural outcomes has been a key driver in setting the vision for the British masterplan which is to create: “**A Sustainable Community; a Dramatic Natural Landscape with a Wealth of Historic Character**”.

The masterplan projects reflect this vision. It includes projects which promote **economic** wellbeing (such as the potential development areas; sustainable energy generation and activity centre); creates opportunities to develop **social** capital (through community led environmental management projects, and meeting spaces), enhances the **environment** (through the landscape corridor, sustainable energy generation and community food growing zone); and protects the **cultural heritage** (through the ironworks heritage trail; Cwmybyrgwm heritage trail and entrance to the British projects).

	<p>2. Are there any potential conflicts between your objectives – if so how will you resolve, manage and mitigate them?</p> <p>The various elements of the masterplan have been designed to complement one another as part of an holistic approach to the use and management of the site. The layout of the site allows for potential small-scale housing development and economic opportunities in the East of the site. To the west there is approximately 500 hectares of non-developable areas to be managed for the purposes of promoting environmental and cultural access, recreation and biodiversity. All competing uses can all be accommodated on a site of this size. There are some areas of potential conflict – such as vegetation clearance from historic structures (i.e. a potential conflict between environmental and historic objectives); residential development (a potential conflict between community aspirations and economic development); and sustainable energy generation (a potential conflict between ecological and environmental/economic objectives).</p> <p>3. Will your objectives impact on the well-being objectives of another organisation?</p> <p>The project is being delivered in partnership with the British Liaison Group, Friends of the British, Gwent Wildlife Trust and the Council. There are a wide range of other partners who are involved in the project on an ad hoc basis. These include Cardiff University, Keep Wales Tidy, Coal Authority and Green Growth Wales. The objectives will be achieved by taking a partnership approach where possible, and working in accordance with WCFG Act, Environment Act, Active Travel Act and, where relevant, the Planning Act. The scheme will comply with the Wellbeing objectives of the Council and will support the well-being objectives of Welsh Government, and Natural Resources Wales. Discussion are taking place with Gwent Wildlife Trust around the management of areas of the site.</p>
 <p>Long-term</p>	<p>4. How does your project / activity balance short-term need with the long-term and planning for the future?</p> <p>The project will work in partnership to establish sustainable long-term management arrangements for the site. The project will seek to establish partnerships to sustain the objectives beyond the project period, particularly in the following areas::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy generation: to ensure the most beneficial use of the energy generating potential of the site for existing and future communities on the site and in the wider North Torfaen area - Housing: working with Welsh Government and other partners to ensure that housing is appropriate, high quality and will cater for the demands of future generations, including exploring opportunities for low or carbon neutral homes, and exploring opportunities for the site to be an exemplar of sustainable development. The development of housing is not a direct output of this project and any viable housing opportunities will be delivered outside the project period. <p>Environmental Management: exploring partnership opportunities with Gwent Wildlife Trust and others to ensure that the biodiversity of the area is protected and enhanced, and that public access to the outdoors is secured and extended, providing long-term benefits for both the current community and communities across Torfaen in future.</p>

Equality: by creating economic development opportunities, improving the aesthetic appearance and encouraging investment/purchase of new homes, the scheme will help to reduce inequality between that part of Torfaen and areas to the South. Within any contracts, we will incorporate appropriate social procurement clauses to support local contractors and examine the potential for training schemes that encourage local unemployed people to gain skills that make them more employable



Prevention

5. How does your project / activity put resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse?

The project aims to address long-standing challenges that are having a significant impact on the health, well-being and economic potential of communities in North Torfaen.

Key problems identified in North Torfaen that this project will help to address include:

Problem	Impact that this project is aiming to make
Public health challenges. For example, Torfaen currently has the second highest obesity rate in Wales at 26% of the population	This project will enable the Council, for the first time, to actively promote the British as a source of outdoor recreation opportunities. The site contains two valleys and almost 500ha of land that is not currently promoted due to safety concerns but which would become available for open access activities. This will include walking, cycling, horse-riding and potentially watersports activities. Increased public involvement will deliver a wide range of health benefits for physical and mental health
The value of the environment and of biodiversity is not widely understood or valued.	By sustainably managing access to the natural environment, this project will seek to increase public understanding of the rich variety of habitats, flora and fauna found in Torfaen. Working with partners, the Council will empower the local community to act as champions in preserving the unique habitats of the British, ensuring that the site will remain an attractive venue for future generations. Moreover, with the land in public ownership, the Council will be better equipped to ensure that any development of the site is sympathetic to its ecology and seeks to manage its natural resources sustainably.
There is a shortage of high quality reasonably priced housing across Torfaen	Opportunities to work in partnership with housing associations to deliver an appropriate mix of reasonably priced housing on

	<p>Employment and income levels are lower than other areas of South East Wales. This is linked to skills levels, community aspirations and employment opportunities.</p>	<p>the eastern part of the site. Opportunities for energy efficient properties which minimise fuel poverty and provide resilience against rising energy prices will be explored through the project</p> <p>This scheme aims to raise community aspirations by tackling head on one of the greatest blights that has faced this community for over 3 decades. Through the remediation work, the scheme has the potential to create employment and training outcomes. Long-term, opportunities will be explored for potential small-scale employment uses on the site. In addition, the energy generating potential of the site will be explored.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>6. How does your project / activity involve working together with partners (internal and external) to deliver well-being objectives?</p> <p>The governance structures for the delivery of the masterplan encompass a wide range of Council service areas, including officers from, regeneration, economic development, environment, energy, heritage, Communities First, forward planning, drainage, housing strategy, asset management, legal, education, arts and culture and finance.</p> <p>Delivery of the project will involve a wider collaboration with external agencies, including the Welsh Government, local Registered Social Landlords, potential regeneration companies, Natural Resources Wales, and Welsh Water.</p> <p>We will seek to work with the Welsh School of Architecture within Cardiff University to explore potential opportunities for innovative sustainable homes utilising the latest research to implement the most recent technological methodologies in sustainable housing design. Adjoining local authorities of Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly will be engaged as part of the site falls within the SE Wales Upland Natural Resource Management Plan.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p>	<p>7. How does your project / activity involve stakeholders with an interest in achieving the well-being goals? How do those stakeholders reflect the diversity of the area?</p> <p>The masterplan has been the subject of extensive public and stakeholder engagement as set out in the above report.</p>	

Section 2) Assess how well your project / activity will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals		
Description of the Well-being goals	How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?
<p>A prosperous Wales An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>This project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The masterplan provides approximately 10 acres of land that could be suitable for development, including potential opportunities for housing - Will raise community aspirations and develop social capital by addressing a major blight on the communities of North Torfaen - Provides opportunities for training through employability projects linked to the capital works. - Included an allocation in potential growth sectors such as green energy generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximise positive impacts by exploring partnerships with Welsh Government's innovative housing team, community renewable energy generation companies and Cardiff University.
<p>A resilient Wales A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>The project will promote and support the sustainable management of the rich and varied natural landscape of the site. Actions will enhance and maintain biodiversity locally and help contribute to a resilient Wales.</p> <p>It will promote the importance of eco-system services for a wide range of public benefits such as encouraging tourism, community food / food projects, promoting healthy lifestyles and employability projects, pollination, managing flooding and using water and ground heat for energy</p> <p>Proposals will be subject to ecological surveys before being finalised and contracts prepared.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximise positive impacts by exploring partnerships with Gwent Wildlife Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government and others.

<p>A healthier Wales A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p>	<p>The masterplan will improve access to over 500ha of green space.</p> <p>The masterplan will promote public access to and use of the outdoors for recreation, including walking, cycling, horse riding.</p> <p>Volunteering will also provide opportunities for local people to undertake physical activity to improve their physical and mental well-being.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximise positive impacts by exploring partnerships with Groundworks Wales and the NET programme - Working with the existing community to promote the area in a positive fashion in partnership with the existing community, highlighting its potential, through activities such as Community events, citizen science and litter picks.
<p>A more equal Wales A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</p>	<p>This scheme will promote access for all to the natural environment.</p> <p>The project team will seek to incorporate appropriate social procurement clauses to support local contractors and examine the potential for training schemes that encourage local unemployed people to gain skills that make them more employable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximise positive impacts by engaging with the employability team on any construction projects. - Working with the existing community to promote the area in a positive fashion in partnership with the existing community, highlighting its potential - Explore links to Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Groundworks.
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</p>	<p>This project will create attractive and safe new public spaces on a site that is currently largely inaccessible because of safety constraints.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any housing opportunities on the site will be considered with the aim of creating attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities. - The team will work in partnership with the communities of North Torfaen to develop strong connections between themselves and the opportunities on the British site - Explore opportunities for tackling landscape and heritage crime linked to the RDP Resilient Uplands project.

<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</p>	<p>The site includes a number of Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Listed buildings. By acquiring the site, this project will pave the way for potential future funding applications to restore and promote these sites of historic/cultural interest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage with Cadw early in the development of the project - Seek to include existing heritage volunteers such as the BWHEGs.
<p>A globally responsible Wales A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p>	<p>The scheme will maximise opportunities for renewable energy generation and carbon capture with the aspiration of creating a carbon neutral scheme.</p> <p>Materials will be used efficiently and any waste minimised. Where relevant, contracts will include a site waste management plan to minimise the waste produced from any development activities</p>	

Section 3) Will your project / activity affect people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Explain what will be done to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts.

Protected characteristics	Will your project / activity have any positive impacts on those with a protected characteristic?	Will your project / activity have any negative impacts on those with a protected characteristic?	Is there any way to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts?
Age	<p>Yes. Young people have been engaged in the design of the masterplan and key projects such as the creation of landscape corridors have emerged from this engagement.</p> <p>The masterplan includes projects which encourage easy access for older residents and those with mobility issues to the British landscape.</p>	No impact	Further engagement of young and older residents groups during the design stage of masterplan projects.
Disability	The masterplan includes projects which encourage easy access to the British landscape for residents with mobility issues.	No impact	Creation of demonstrator / showcase environments at easy-to-access parts of the site to supplement improvements to walking routes.

Gender	No impact	No impact	Projects could be explored to improve the gender balance in sectors that will operate on the site such as construction.
Gender reassignment	No impact	Impact	-
Marriage and civil partnership	No impact	No impact	-
Pregnancy and maternity	The masterplan includes projects which improve access for those with mobility issues including residents with pushchairs and young children		-
Race	No impact	No impact	-
Religion or Belief	No impact	No impact	-
Sexual orientation	No impact	No impact	-

Section 3) Identify decision meetings for project/ activity e.g. Cabinet, Council or delegated decisions taken by Executive Members and / or Chief Officers.

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