

2. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS

18 May 2012 - deadline for submitting any technical reports that are likely to form part of an individual or organisation's statement of case.

18 May 2012 - deadline for submitting additional short papers (see note below) and for CCW to clarify its statement of common ground.

- confirms if CCW agrees with the findings of the Habitats Regulation Assessment which the Council has commissioned.

3.4 Vacant housing

The Council is directed to prepare a short paper:

- estimating the current proportion of housing that is vacant, and confirming the basis for reaching this figure;
- identifying any geographic concentrations of housing in the county and where they are (identified on a map);
- offering a plausible explanation for concentrations of vacant properties (for example, its location, house size, structural issues, proximity to local services);
- confirming whether there are concentrations of vacant housing by tenure (private or socially rented); and
- ultimately, offering a view on whether there is a realistic prospect of this housing being re-occupied in current economic conditions or over the lifetime of the plan. If not, what other options are open to the Council?

3.5 Brecon Beacons National Park

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNP) is invited to prepare a short paper that will be of use when considering minerals issues in Blaenau Gwent. The paper should clarify:

- the statutory basis for the designation of the national park, explaining the implications for development proposals adjoining or visible from the park;
- the relevance to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council of its obligations under Section 62 (2) of the Environment Act 1995;
- the current position of the BBNP in its UDP with regard to minerals and its draft LDP position (including extracts of any current or draft policies); and
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