

**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION**

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Response to Inspector's Question INSP 008**

(1) Lack of objective for the protection, enhancement and management of the Borough's unique landscape (Representation No: 10D.184) and Focussed Change FC5.A

Council Response

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CCW acknowledge that this amendment is a drafting improvement rather than an improvement to the Plan's soundness. The Council does not consider this change necessary on grounds of soundness.

(11) Policy MU1 - A significant area of Rhyd-y-Blew and Bryn Serth SINC's will be lost to development. No details of how the loss of the biodiversity interests is proposed to be compensated for, and how fragmentation of the retained SINC will be avoided or mitigated (Representation No 10D.256)

Council Response

The Council welcomes CCW's support.

(12) Policy TM1.2 - Detailed landscaping proposals should be designed to ensure that the ecological interests of the 3 SINC's are maintained (Representation No 10D.278) We consider this requirement would provide a drafting improvement providing greater clarity to the Plan, but does not affect its soundness.

Council Response

The Council does not consider this change necessary on grounds of soundness.

(13) Policy TM1.3 - Blue Lakes site includes an area of Waun y Pound SINC. Concerned that development at this site will lead to the direct loss of SINC habitat, and that any retained habitat will be lost or damaged as result of increased recreational activit
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Council Response

The Inspectors attention is drawn to the Council's response contained in **ES18.7**