

Conwy Deposit Local Development Plan 2007 – 2022 (Revised edition 2011)



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Collaborative Working with Neighbouring Councils

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper is one of a series of background papers accompanying the Revised Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP) document. When the Council publishes its Revised Deposit LDP, it must explain how the relevant policy has been formulated based on the evidence base available to the Council at the time. This BP details the collaboration undertaken with neighbouring Councils.

2. Collaborative Working with Neighbouring Councils

- 2.1 In preparation of the Conwy LDP, there has been substantial collaboration and consultation with Snowdonia National Park, Denbighshire and Gwynedd Councils, and with other essential organisations, in order to consider the cross-boundary issues and wider context.

- 2.2 Collaborative work between Councils has informed the LDP preparation in the following areas:

- **Planning Policy Liaison:** Regular Policy Officer Liaison meetings to discuss matters relating to population change and household formation, including population projections. Further regular liaison with neighbouring Councils has taken place in the preparation of documents and involvement in regular meetings:
 1. Regular Officer meetings
 2. Conwy Denbighshire Sub Regional Study
 3. Regional Housing Market Assessment
 4. Conwy LDP Focus Group Event in July 2005
 5. Regional Waste Strategy
 6. North Wales Pathfinder Group
- **Economic opportunities:** This has included the general location of strategic employment sites in partnership with neighbouring Councils which has led to the identification of Foryd Harbour as a Marina location. Further cross boundary collaboration has taken place with Snowdonia National Park to promote the former Aluminium Works at Dolgarrog as mixed use tourism and leisure site which takes account of the natural environment.
- **Transport links and accessibility:** The plan promotes the integration of transport modes including Public Rights of Way, Coastal Paths and Sustrans routes between Conwy, Denbighshire and Snowdonia National Park.

- **Rural change:** An approach has been agreed to ensure that rural settlements and their facilities and services are protected. Conwy and Snowdonia National Park have worked closely in preparing similar settlement hierarchies to ensure that the objectives of shared settlements are compatible.
- **Broad measures of housing need and distribution:** An agreed framework for the delivery of AHLN in the rural cross boundary settlements between the Snowdonia National Park and Conwy Council. Policies have been formed to ensure deliverability of AHLN in shared-settlements where land is unavailable as a result of various constraints.
- **Affordable housing viability:** Joint working and collaboration between the SNPA and CCBC has been paramount in drawing up the Conwy Affordable Housing Viability Study (AHVS).