

APPENDIX 1 - May 2019 (Analysis of June 2016 Engagement)

1. The comments are noted as follows
 - BLUE - Member of the Public
 - GREEN - Joint Planning Policy Committee
 - RED - Scrutiny Working Group

2. Does the SPG strengthen the priorities in terms of protecting the Welsh language in terms of the use of land or buildings?
 - The role of the SPG is to provide guidance to expand on the policies of the Local Development Plan, to assist in the Plan's implementation.
 - Policy PS5 (criterion 4) and Policy PS1 set out the need for new developments to contribute to protecting, supporting and promoting the use of the Welsh Language.
 - It is not clear from the Planning Committee's response whether or not the SPG strengthens the priorities.
 - You need to answer Yes or No and explain why.

3. Note whether or not the SPG is an appropriate tool to do this.
 - The role of the SPG is to provide guidance to expand on the policies of the Local Development Plan, to assist in the Plan's implementation.
 - Policy PS5 (criterion 4) and Policy PS1 set out the need for new developments to contribute to protecting, supporting and promoting the use of the Welsh Language.
 - It is not clear from the Planning Committee's response whether or not the SPG is an appropriate tool to do this.
 - You need to answer Yes or No and explain why.

4. How does the SPG protect Welsh-speaking communities?
 - The role of the SPG is to provide guidance to expand on the policies of the Local Development Plan, to assist in the Plan's implementation.
 - Policy PS5 (criterion 4) and Policy PS1 set out the need for new developments to contribute to protecting, supporting and promoting the use of the Welsh Language.
 - The process of preparing the Plan and its policies has ensured that the impact on the Welsh language has been considered appropriately, and that the Plan, through various policies (which includes Policy PS5 and Policy PS1) provides a framework to safeguard and promote the language.
 - The observations are vague and relate to the process.
 - They do not answer the question.

- You are making comments on the policies and not the SPG
 - You need to note how the SPG protects Welsh-speaking communities.
 -e.g. The SPG protects Welsh-speaking communities by...OR...The SPG does not protect Welsh-speaking communities....
5. How does the SPG differentiate between industrial and residential developments and large-scale and small-scale developments?
- The methodology for carrying out an assessment to be submitted in the form of a Welsh Language Statement and a Welsh Language Impact Assessment notes the factors that will need to be addressed for various developments that reach the thresholds in Policy PS1
 - There is a need to note the thresholds in the policy ...e.g. the thresholds for small industrial developments are... small residential are... large industrial are...large residential are....
6. The current SPG is not effective in terms of considering the impact on the Welsh language
- Disagree with this viewpoint in the context of the amended Guidance.
 - There is a need to add how the amended Guidance is effective in comparison with the current Guidance.
7. The current guidance is vague
- Disagree with this viewpoint in the context of the amended Guidance.
 - There is a need to note exactly where the amended Guidance is effective in comparison with the current Guidance.
8. The thresholds are open-ended and there is a need to identify types of developments that should be the subject of an assessment.
- It is criteria 1 and 2 of Policy PS1, and not the Guidance, that provide the thresholds to identify what type of development needs to be subject to an assessment.
 - The Guidance provides guidance to expand on these thresholds.
 - It is not clear whether or not you Agree or Disagree with the statement.
 - You need to note Agree or Disagree
 - Note something such as...Agree, the thresholds are open-ended.... OR... Disagree, the thresholds are clearly noted namely...
 - These are the types of developments that should be subject to an assessment...

9. The next series of comments by the Public respond to a request for suggestions on how to improve the Guidance.
10. Include an exemplar Linguistic Assessment and Linguistic Statement that is positive and negative.
 - No Circumstances relating to individual developments will vary.
 - Providing examples would not add value.
 - The Guidance focuses on providing clear methodologies to carry out the assessments
 - A more specific response is needed - e.g. No. Including exemplar Assessments and Statements would not improve the Guidance because...
 - It will not add value because....
11. Note clearly what is the significance of a negative Assessment or Statement.
 - Yes
 - The Guidance already notes this clearly as follows.....
12. Include examples of how a development can do the following to the Welsh language: Protect, Promote, Strengthen
 - No The Guidance focuses on providing clear methodologies to carry out the assessments, which identify the factors that will be important to consider to protect, promote and strengthen.
 - The Guidance also identifies possible mitigation and strengthening measures.
 - Examples cannot be included because....
13. Where has the amended SPG reduced and/or combined questions?
 - The Guidance provides new methodologies.
 - These are the questions that have been reduced...
 - These are the questions that have been combined....
 - OR... No questions have been combined or reduces because....
14. The following series of questions and observations by the Public derive from a request to see whether or not the Guidance is sufficiently clear in terms of the input of local language enterprises and language planners in assisting applicants
15. Can you explain clearly what is the input of Language Initiatives and Language Planning Experts?

- The Guidance says that the role of the competent person will be to use the methodology and advise the applicant.
 - When the competent person engages with the Language Initiative the Initiative may provide the information the competent person needs to complete the assessment.
 - The input of the Welsh Language Initiatives is...
 - The input of Language Planning Experts is...
16. This should not be a matter of assisting the applicant but a matter of evaluating the situation
- The Guidance says that the role of the competent person will be to use the methodology and advise the applicant.
 - Yes, this is a matter of assisting the applicant by... OR...No, this is not a matter of assisting the applicant.
 - Yes the Language Initiative's role is a matter of evaluating the situation by...Experts by... OR...No, they do not evaluate the situation.
17. The following series of questions and observations by the Public derive from a request for any other comments about the content of the current SPG.
18. Conditions regarding the use of the Welsh language should be strengthened in relation to signage, etc.; and also preventing old Welsh names from being changed into English.
- Criterion 4 in Policy PS 1 set out the requirements for a bilingual Signage Plan.
 - Criterion 5 in Policy PS1 provides encouragement to use Welsh language names on property and streets, although naming properties and streets is not a land use planning matter.
 - The role of the SPG is to provide guidance to expand on the policies of the Local Development Plan, to assist in the Plan's implementation.
 - This response is relatively goodbut could be more specific...e.g.
 - There are strong conditions already in place....OR.....It is not possible to strengthen the conditions because...
 - The SPG prevents the changing of names by....OR.... It is not possible to prevent changing names because....
19. We should consider who will be filling the gap (empty house) as local Welsh-speaking people buy new houses.
- Yes

- Consideration is given to this by.... OR...This cannot be considered because...
20. It should be noted at the beginning of the new SPG the key importance of Gwynedd as the Welsh language's strongest heartland and the need for specific policies to protect its unique characteristics and to ensure a sustainable future for the language.
- Yes
 - This is considered at the beginning of this new SPG... OR...This cannot be considered because...
21. The objectives of the Gwynedd Language Strategy should be noted in the new SPG which aims to secure a 5% increase in the Welsh-speaking population by 2021.
- Yes
 - This is noted as follows...OR...This is not noted because....
22. The Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development Plan objectives should be noted in the new SPG which aim to increase the number of communities where over 70% of their population are able to speak Welsh.
- Yes
 - This is noted as follows...OR...This is not noted because....
23. The objectives of the Welsh Government's Strategy should be noted in the new SPG which aim to increase the number of Welsh-speakers to a million by 2050
- Yes
 - This is noted as follows...OR...This is not noted because....
24. The objectives of Technical Advice Note 20 which are based on the language provisions of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 should be noted in the new SPG.
- Yes
 - This is noted as follows...OR...This is not noted because....
25. Every proposed Development needs to be evaluated according to how in-keeping it is with the above objectives (points 20-24). It should therefore be ensured that every development in question either makes a positive contribution towards achieving the objectives or, at least, that it would not on any account hinder the efforts to achieve them
- Using the methodologies given to carry out assessments will be a means of reaching a conclusion on the impact of developments that reach the thresholds provided in Policy PS1 on the Welsh Language in Communities.

- It is not possible to evaluate every Development in this way because...OR...The objectives are evaluated by...
 - It is noted that every Development makes a positive contribution towards achieving the objectives by...OR...not hinder the efforts to achieve them by...OR...This cannot be achieved because...
26. In terms of the specific questions on the form, it is not possible, in our opinion, to respond in a meaningful way to them in the review of the current Supplementary Planning Guidance - Planning and the Welsh Language, without knowing to what extent the guidance has succeeded since it became operational in 2009.
- This is not a matter for the amended Guidance
 - This is not a matter for the amended Guidance because...
 - The questions may be responded to meaningfully by...
 - There is no need to know to what extent the Guidance has succeeded since 2009 because...
27. Before proceeding, a linguistic assessment of developments from 2009 to this day should be undertaken, in order to ascertain whether the current version of the guidance has contributed towards safeguarding, promoting and reinforcing the Welsh language.
- This is not a matter for the amended Guidance
 - This is not a matter for the amended Guidance because...
 - An assessment of developments from 2009 showed that the guidance has contributed by...OR.....has not contributed because...
28. Stop using the Community and Linguistic Statement and make it mandatory for developers to prepare a Linguistic Impact Assessment in the cases where a Statement is mandatory at present.
- The role of the SPG is to provide guidance to expand on the policies of the Local Development Plan, to assist in the Plan's implementation.
 - Policy PS1 sets out the need to make an assessment and to submit it in the form of a Welsh Language Statement and a Welsh Language Impact Assessment.
 - We will note the requirement to provide a Language Impact Assessment in accordance with your comment...OR...this cannot be done because...
29. That it is required for a linguistic impact assessment to be produced by those who have knowledge and expertise in the field.
- Yes
 - Agree. The Guidance addresses this as follows...OR...Disagree. This is not needed because...

30. Consulting with community councils, language initiatives and language organisations is an integral part of a Linguistic Impact Assessment.

- Yes
- Agree. The Guidance addresses this as follows...OR...Disagree. This is not needed because...