



Online consultation form

BWEA RESPONSE TO RHONDDA CYNON TAFF PREFERRED OPTIONS

Paragraph 6.34

BWEA considers that wording 'where appropriate' should be deleted from this paragraph as it is unnecessary and has negative connotations. BWEA believe that implementation of the guidance contained within TAN8 and a robust development control policy for renewable energy developments will ensure that developments are 'appropriately located'

BWEA also consider the wording in the final sentence is negative and suggests that schemes will produce negative impacts. BWEA recommend the following changes to this wording:

"The wider environmental, social and economic benefits of harnessing energy from renewable sources will be given significant weight and balanced with any potential unacceptable effects."

Policy SP14

BWEA support policy SP14 although would recommend that the wording "no unacceptable impact" is changed to read "no unacceptable effect"

Energy

6.34 The provision of electricity from renewable sources coupled with energy efficiency and conservation measures are key to elements of the UK energy policy. The strategy recognises the role Rhondda Cynon Taf can play in achieving Government targets. The strategy will therefore encourage, where appropriate, the harnessing of renewable energy from a range sources including biomass, anaerobic digestion, wind farms and small hydro schemes. The need to harness energy from renewable sources will be carefully balanced with the impact on local communities, the landscape and ecological interest.

6.35 To compliment this approach the strategy will also provide a positive approach to energy efficiency and conservation measures in both the siting and design of new developments.

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

SP 14 – Renewable Energy

Development proposals which contribute to meeting national renewable energy and energy efficiency targets will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that there is no unacceptable impact upon the interests of agriculture, conservation, areas of ecological, wildlife and landscape importance and residential amenity

Development proposals should be designed to minimise resource use during construction, operation and maintenance