

WELSH GOVERNMENT

Position Statement

Examination Hearings: June/July 2012

**Hearing Session 1: Development Strategy /
Vision**

Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan

SESSION 1: DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/ VISION

Question 1.

1a. Does the Plan provide an appropriate spatial strategy for Blaenau Gwent?

1b. To what extent can it be considered to be locally distinctive?

Yes, the Plan provides an appropriate spatial strategy for Blaenau Gwent of 'growth and regeneration' (Ch5 LDP).

LDP Wales (paras2.10-2.12) states that the spatial strategy of any LDP should: reflect the "unique economic, environmental and social characteristics, opportunities and issues of the area", seek to achieve the plan's key aims and objectives, and, indicate the broad locations for development.

The Plan appears to do this.

1c. Might the strategy be considered to be an aspiration rather than one that is credible and capable of being delivered over the Plan period?

1d. Can the spatial strategy therefore be considered to be sound?

Whilst the Plan's strategy for regeneration and gro

