





## **2. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS**

**18 May 2012** - deadline for submitting any technical reports that are likely to form part of an individual or organisation's statement of case.

**18 May 2012** - deadline for submitting additional short papers (see note below) and for CCW to clarify its statement of common ground.

- confirms if CCW agrees with the findings of the Habitats Regulation Assessment which the Council has commissioned.

### **3.4 Vacant housing**

The Council is directed to prepare a short paper:

- estimating the current proportion of housing that is vacant, and confirming the basis for reaching this figure;
- identifying any geographic concentrations of housing in the county and where they are (identified on a map);
- offering a plausible explanation for concentrations of vacant properties (for example, its location, house size, structural issues, proximity to local services);
- confirming whether there are concentrations of vacant housing by tenure (private or socially rented); and
- ultimately, offering a view on whether there is a realistic prospect of this housing being re-occupied in current economic conditions or over the lifetime of the plan. If not, what other options are open to the Council?

### **3.5 Brecon Beacons National Park**

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNP) is invited to prepare a short paper that will be of use when considering minerals issues in Blaenau Gwent. The paper should clarify:

- the statutory basis for the designation of the national park, explaining the implications for development proposals adjoining or visible from the park;
- the relevance to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council of its obligations under Section 62 (2) of the Environment Act 1995;
- the current position of the BBNP in its UDP with regard to minerals and its draft LDP position (including extracts of any current or draft policies); and
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