



PLANNING for CLIMATE CHANGE – Delivering Sustainable Buildings THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Maximising Opportunities To Go Higher

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The role of the Development Plan

Structure of presentation

- Planning and Climate Change
- Policy framework and Material Considerations
- Policy Development
- Good Practice
- Implementation
- Conclusions



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Planning and Climate Change

“Sustainable development is not an option that will go away – it’s the only way forward” – Rhodri Morgan

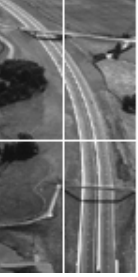
- Think global, act local
- Part of the toolkit



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Policy Framework and Material Considerations

- The importance of policy in decision making
- The Development Plan
- Planning Policy Wales
- TANs
- Supplementary Planning Guidance



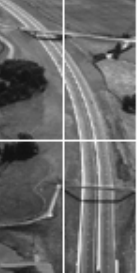
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Policy Development

- Merton rule
- How it came about
- Targets v Guidance
- Embedding renewable policies in mainstream planning
- Adoption



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Good Practice

- Merton
- Woking
- North Devon

Features

- 10% renewables on site
- 10% reduction of carbon emissions
- Threshold of 10 dwellings and 1000sq m



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Good Practice – Beyond Merton

- Arun
- Leicester
- Southampton
- Merton plus

Features

- Higher targets
- Higher targets for larger developments
- Targets that increase over time



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Implementation

- A policy is only as good as its implementation
- Development controllers and elected members must give weight to the policy
- Communication and engagement
- SPGs
- Training and technical knowledge



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Response of the Industry

- Development industry will respond positively
- Require certainty and consistency
- Targets encourage innovation and technological advances



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Conclusions

- Workable
- Clarity and consistency
- Training and advice
- Implementation
- Strong leadership
- Part of a wider strategy
- Work together