



Report of the Natural Environment Section Manager

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 30 November 2020

Update on Revised Gower AONB Design Guide (Consultation Draft)

This document provides supplementary planning guidance (SPG) in support of planning policies contained in the Swansea Local Development Plan (LDP). Its purpose is to provide guidance as to how relevant policies of the LDP should be applied in order to assist in the determination of planning applications within the AONB.

The first Design Guide was adopted as SPG to the now superseded City and County of Swansea Unitary Development Plan (2008). The revised Guide takes account of the most recent changes to the legislative and strategic planning context that have arisen at both national and local level. This includes the latest Gower Management Plan (2017) and amended versions of Planning Policy Wales and supporting Technical Advice Notes produced by the Welsh Government.

Public consultation was undertaken by Swansea Council through Sept-Oct 2020 seeking views on whether the document covered an appropriate range of planning issues and provided sufficient clarity for applicants and decision makers on the important principles governing development in Gower.

The majority of the comments received were positive, with only relatively minor changes suggested in order to improve clarity. In particular, the use of more appropriate photographs and imagery and has been suggested and these are being sought for the final version of the document.

As no significant amendments have been identified from the comments received that necessitate redrafting and re-consultation it is proposed to report a revised version of the document to Planning Committee early in the New Year for adoption.

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