

Revised Carmarthenshire  
Local Development Plan 2018-2033

# Summary Introduction



## What is the LDP ?

Carmarthenshire County Council is starting to prepare a new Local Development Plan, or the LDP as it is commonly known. The LDP will guide development in the County up until 2033. The LDP will set out how much growth is needed and where it will be located within the County.

It will seek to protect certain areas from inappropriate development to support the landscape and countryside.

The LDP consists of a policy document called the “Written Statement” and maps which illustrate what is proposed and where.

This document describes our main aims for Carmarthenshire for the period up to 2033.

*The LDP shapes the future of our communities through until 2033. Current and future generations will be living and working in a better Carmarthenshire shaped by our vision. This is why it is important we get your opinions, views and concerns.*



## About Carmarthenshire

*Carmarthenshire is a diverse county with the agricultural economy and landscape of the rural areas contrasting with the urban and industrial south-eastern area.*

*The population density of Carmarthenshire is low at 75.7 people per square kilometre when compared to Wales' population density of 140 people per square kilometre.*

*Carmarthenshire is made up of a mix of settlements*

- ✓ Large towns such as Carmarthen, Llanelli & Ammanford.
- ✓ Smaller towns which play an important role to the community and surrounding areas.
- ✓ Rural villages which have their own facilities and services.
- ✓ Other smaller villages and hamlets with no or little services.

## The Local Development Plan Process



# Planning Areas



# How will Carmarthenshire Grow ?

## Population and Households



16 to 44 years of age

31.3% in Carmarthenshire

35.4% in Wales



Population over 65 years

23% in Carmarthenshire

21% in Wales

Carmarthenshire has a population of

185,610



We will estimate how many people will live in the County by the end of 2033. When working this out we will look at a number of factors such as:

- 📌 The number of people moving in and out of the County;
- 📌 Birth and death rates;
- 📌 The number of houses built in recent year;
- 📌 Long-term regeneration schemes.

We really want to make it easier and more attractive for young people to stay, live and work in Carmarthenshire. So, we will make it a key part of our Plan to have more new houses at affordable prices and more opportunities for getting work locally.



## Housing

The LDP will identify the amount of land that will be required for housing between 2018 and 2033. Land will be distributed in many of the County's town and villages.



## Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing is a key issue in the preparation of the LDP. Having affordable homes will create sustainable and balanced communities.

These affordable homes can be provided in a number of different ways: on the development site; on a different site; or as a financial contribution towards supporting affordable housing provision in the locality.



# Economy and Employment

## Creating a Strong Vibrant Economy for Carmarthenshire.

✓ To provide land for different employment uses to create jobs and enhance skills.

### Carmarthenshire Facts:

In 2016, 84,700 people were employed in Carmarthenshire.  
72.2% of the working age workforce were employed



30%

of the workforce are in Public Administration, Education, Health and Social Services



11.9%

of the workforce are in Manufacturing



16.4%

of the workforce are in Wholesale and Retail



92%

of businesses are micro enterprises (employ less than 10 people)



15,200 people are self-employed in 2015 and 2016



28%

of all businesses are categorised as 'agriculture, forestry and fishing'



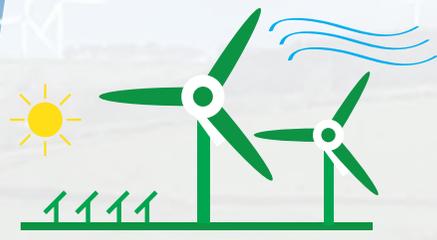
We need to build a knowledgeable and creative economy by creating jobs and providing high quality apprenticeships, training and work experience opportunities.



## The Environment

Improving the quality of the environment is important for our health and for wildlife and plants. New development must consider its effect on the natural environment and its value to us.

### How will we adapt to environmental change?



Design and plan buildings that promote renewable energy developments and reduce energy consumption where we can.

Support walking and cycling alongside sustainable transport. Reduce car journeys where possible.



Manage flood risk in built up areas.

Protect habitats, species and green spaces from inappropriate development.



## The Built Environment

We want to make sure that Carmarthenshire's old buildings are looked after and improved to a high standard. New buildings should be built in a way that suits where they are located.

The LDP's policies will protect and enhance our built heritage from inappropriate development.



## Tourism



The LDP will set out policies which support tourism development in the County. This will include looking at the location of new tourist development, the design of any new buildings and how they impact on highways or the landscape.

### Carmarthenshire's Vision for its tourism economy

*"To develop a prosperous visitor economy in Carmarthenshire based on its unique strengths and character, which generates higher spend and local income, enhances its image and reputation and improves the quality of life for local communities."*



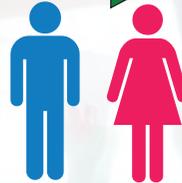
# The Welsh Language

The Welsh language plays an important role in the social, cultural and economic life of Carmarthenshire's residents and visitors.

Carmarthenshire has the highest number of Welsh speakers in Wales at

**80,700**

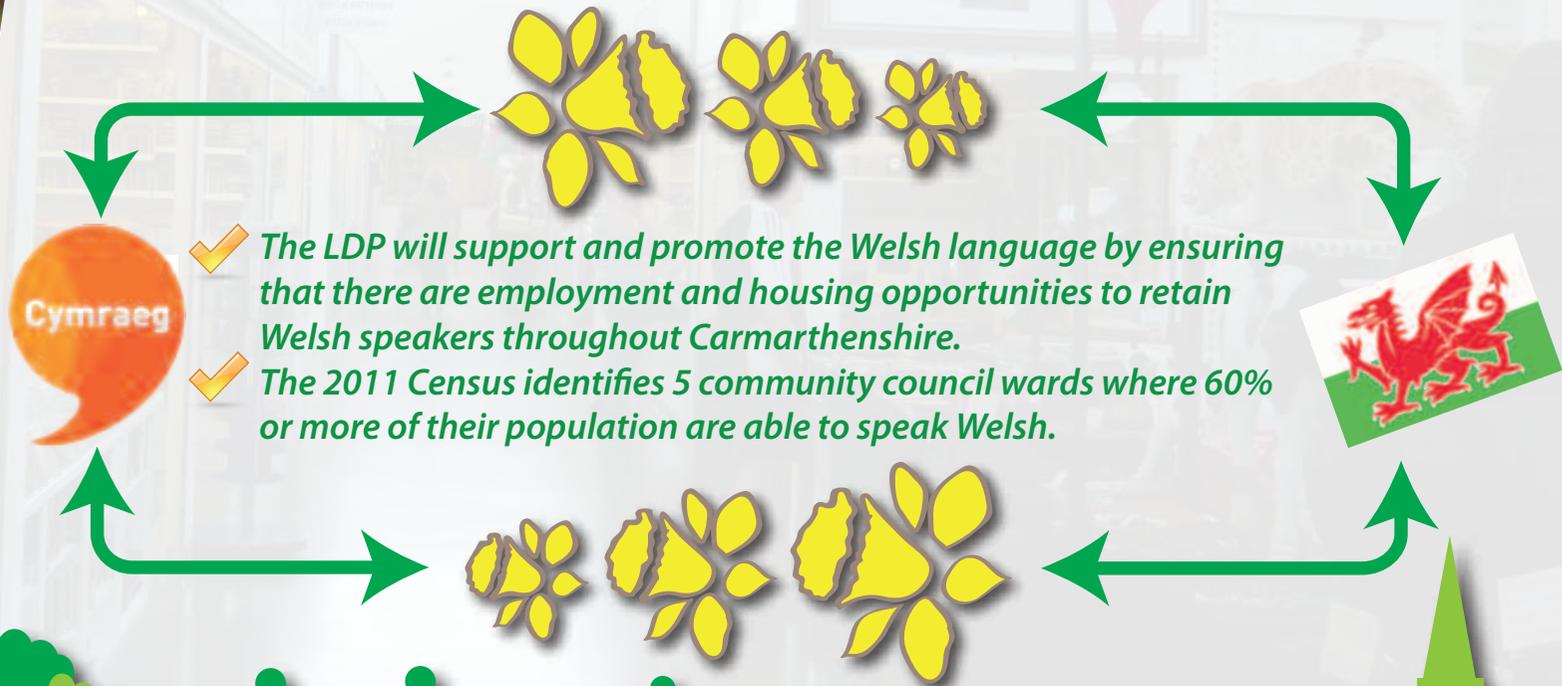
Welsh Language Use Survey 2015



20% Wales' population can speak Welsh



45% Carmarthenshire's population can speak Welsh



✓ The LDP will support and promote the Welsh language by ensuring that there are employment and housing opportunities to retain Welsh speakers throughout Carmarthenshire.

✓ The 2011 Census identifies 5 community council wards where 60% or more of their population are able to speak Welsh.



## Retail and Town Centres

The LDP will seek to develop vibrant town centres for shopping, entertainment and leisure.

It will promote retail provision on both a large and small scale to meet the needs of Carmarthenshire's residents, and will protect the role of the principal retail centres in Carmarthen, Llanelli and Ammanford.



The LDP will support town centre regeneration projects by guiding development to certain areas of the towns.

- ✓ *£75m: Spent on St Catherine's Walk Retail development in Carmarthen.*
- ✓ *Regeneration of Llanelli's Eastgate, which comprises a cinema, cafes, restaurants, bars and offices.*
- ✓ *Ammanford has seen significant investments in the streetscape and landscapes and shop frontage improvements.*



## Minerals

Our society needs, and will continue to need a wide range of minerals for a number of uses including large construction projects, such as roads, buildings, bridges etc. The LDP sets out a balance between providing adequate supplies of minerals whilst protecting the environment and the amenity of Carmarthenshire's residents from inappropriate mineral practices.



### Minerals in Carmarthenshire

- 📌 Carmarthenshire has around 25 quarries, although this figure is monitored annually and can fall where inactive or dormant sites are unlikely to be worked again;
- 📌 The current hard rock landbank for the County is at least 68 years (a minimum of 10 years is required);
- 📌 The combined sand & gravel landbank is 18 years (a minimum of 7 years is required).

## Waste

The LDP will seek to contribute towards sustainable Waste management by promoting recycling and reuse, instead of landfill. It will ensure that there is land available for new waste recycling and processing facilities, and that the impact of waste on the environment and human health is kept to a minimum.



Most preferred option  
↑  
Least preferred option

### The Waste Hierarchy

Prevention  
Preparing for Reuse  
Recycling  
Other Recovery e.g. Energy  
Disposal

