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To: Planning Directorate Mailbox
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## Abergavenny and District Civic Society

## Dear Directorate

I attach for your information the near-final response of the Civic Society to Monmouthshire County Council's current consultation on the Preferred Strategy for their Replacement LDP.

I do so because the Society and other community groups across the county share great concern about the excessive scale of housing growth proposed in the plan, especially as the council maintains that the strategy conforms with Welsh Government policy and planning officers tell us that government officials have not questioned this. We believe that the strategy seriously threatens the success of Future Wales and, if adopted, would prejudice the Strategic Development Plan for SE Wales.

The Council has not been deflected from its strategy by the outcome of previous consultations and we do not expect any significant change arising from the present consultation unless Welsh Government objects or expresses strong reservations. We are particularly concerned by the possibility that the Deposit Plan could have to be withdrawn after considerably more time and resources have been spent.

We do not expect a direct response from you but hope that this letter will assist you in your consideration of the council's consultation.

Sincerely

Dick Cole Vice Chair



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