

Cardiff Replacement LDP Examination

Welsh Language

Action Point HS5.1

Council to review SP15

- *Phrasing “the LDP supports development proposals that seek to protect.....” to be amended to set out a clearer policy requirement*
- *Phrasing ‘where appropriate.....’ insufficiently precise & to be amended to provide a clearer trigger*
- *Phrasing ‘interests of the Welsh language.....’ to be strengthened. Appropriateness of the phrasing ‘viability, vitality and use of the language....’ to be considered in context of national policy.*
- *Final sentence to be amended. As drafted a minor strengthening of a positive impact could outweigh significant harm. Remove ‘and/or’ where it appears, introducing additional clauses if required.*

Council Response

In response to the Action Point the Council propose that Policies SP15 and WL1 be amended as follows:

SP15: SECURING AND ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW THE WELSH LANGUAGE

To secure and enhance the status and opportunities to grow the Welsh language Cardiff is designated as an Area of Linguistic Importance.

Development proposals must seek to protect, promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language and contribute towards supporting a Bilingual Cardiff.

Large major development proposals must identify positive measures to support the visibility and use of the Welsh language to strengthen the vitality of the Welsh language in Cardiff.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that development contributes positively to the conditions that support the use of Welsh.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 includes the well-being goal of a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Planning Policy Wales recognises that the planning system can contribute to the future well-being of the Welsh language by creating the conditions that allow the language to thrive and by supporting placemaking that reflects local culture and identity.

Cardiff Council has a vision for a capital of Wales that is truly bilingual. ‘Bilingual Cardiff’ is the authority’s statutory strategy that aims to significantly increase the number of

Welsh speakers, double the daily community use of Welsh and ensure that Welsh is a thriving language in the city, in line with both Welsh Government's Cymraeg 2050 One Million Welsh Speakers strategy and the Future Generations Act 2015.

Cardiff has experienced sustained growth in the number of Welsh speakers and has an important role in supporting the continued growth and use of the language. The Council's vision is to support opportunities for people to learn, use and experience Welsh as part of everyday life throughout the city.

Policy SP15 is further supported by Policy WL1 and further guidance will be prepared to inform these policies through a Welsh Language and Development Supplementary Planning Guidance.

WL1 Welsh Language

All large major development proposals exceeding 25 dwellings or above, have a site area above 0.99 hectares, or include 1999 sqm of gross floorspace must be supported by a Welsh Language Action Plan which sets out positive measures to protect, promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language.

Development proposals that would result in an unacceptable adverse impact on the vitality and use of the Welsh Language which cannot be adequately mitigated will not be permitted.

The policy seeks to ensure that Welsh language considerations are integrated into the preparation of large major development proposals from the earliest stages of design and planning. The approach is intended to be proportionate to the scale and nature of development and focused upon matters that can reasonably be influenced through the planning system.

Large major developments can have greater potential to influence the communities in which they are located. All large major development proposals are required to submit a Welsh Language Action Plan. The Action Plan should identify practical and proportionate measures through which the development will protect, promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language. Large major developments on unallocated sites are required to submit a Welsh Language Statement with the Welsh Language Action Plan. The level of detail required should be proportionate to the nature, scale and location of the proposal.

Measures may include:

- measures that improve the visibility and accessibility of Welsh within the development.
- incorporation of Welsh language features within placemaking proposals;
- bilingual development signage and information;
- bilingual marketing and promotional material;
- Welsh-language development naming;

Where development is required under other policies of the Plan to provide, enhance or contribute towards community infrastructure, the Welsh language benefits arising from

that provision will be taken into account when assessing the proposal's contribution to the objectives of Policies SP15 and WL1.

Naming and Visibility of Welsh

Development proposals are expected to support the visibility of the Welsh language within the built environment.

Development names should have regard to local history, culture and place identity and should accord with the Council's street naming procedures.

Permanent and temporary development signage, marketing material and publicly available information associated with development proposals should be bilingual and provide appropriate prominence to the Welsh language.

Further guidance on the implementation of Policy SP 15 and WL1 will be provided through a Welsh Language and Development Supplementary Planning Guidance.