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“Theme 1: Create a Network of Sustainable Vibrant Valley Communities.

1. *By 2021, Ebbw Vale will be the main service and retail hub for the County Borough supported by a network of vibrant district/local hubs that provide a range of local services and facilities for their local communities. The district hubs will be well linked to the main hub of Ebbw Vale through sustainable modes of transport. (See Strategic Policies 1, 2, 3 & 6)*
2. *By 2021, the population will have increased from 69,300 to 71,100 as a result of natural change and other people being attracted to the area. The overall population structure will be generally in line with that of Wales. (See Strategic Policies 4 & 5)*
3. *By 2021, 3,666 new houses will have been built, approximately 800 of which will be affordable. New housing sites, alongside improvements to existing houses, will have helped create sustainable communities. (See Strategic Policies 4 & 5)*
4. *By 2021, the use of sustainable modes of transport, particularly public transport, walking and cycling, will have increased and the quality and frequency of the public transport system improved. (See Strategic Policy 6)*
5. *All developments have been built in accordance with design guidance, are sustainable, safe by design, and appropriate to their context and have helped improve the quality of the physical and natural environment. (See Strategic Policy 7)*
6. *New development has minimised further climate change contributions and, where appropriate, mitigated or adapted to its predicted effects. This has been achieved by:*
 - *Maximising the use of land;*
 - *Promoting the re-use and restoration of derelict land and buildings;*
 - *By focusing development away from areas vulnerable to flooding;*
 - *By reducing energy consumption through improved design and locating development close to hubs and public transport routes; and*
 - *By increasing the supply of renewable energy. (See Strategic Policy 7)*

Theme 2: Create Opportunities for Sustainable Economic Growth and Promote

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'Preferred Strategy' for the Local Development Plan. *'the first step in preparing the*
document intended to promote debate focused on the issues of strategic significance' *'a discussion*

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“...before the consideration of mitigation measures, there was a risk that delivery of 8 out of the 13 Deposit LDP strategic policies could potentially have adverse effects on the integrity of the sites concerned. However, after the introduction of mitigation measures these risks were removed... The Appropriate Assessment has identified that, before the consideration of mitigation measures, four European sites could potentially be affected by the delivery of the LDP when considered on its own. However, after the introduction of mitigation measures the AA did not identify any of the European sites which could potentially be affected by the delivery of the LDP.”