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Subject: FW: Inspector requests

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Hi Tracey,

I have spoken to the Conservation Officer regarding the Inspector's query and have prepared the following response for the Inspector.

With regard to historic assets of special local significance can the Council confirm how many buildings / structures need to be assessed and the timescale for preparing and adopting a definitive list these assets?

In order to respond to the Inspector's query regarding the number of buildings / structures that would need to be assessed, the Council has requested information from Clwyd-Powys Archaeological (CPAT) as to the number of buildings / structures contained on the Historic Environment Record (HER) for Powys (excluding the Brecon Beacons National Park) that are not listed or otherwise protected. The total figure provided by CPAT is 5,348. This figure does not include records relating to archaeology, however it includes buildings and structures of all conditions, including ruins.

This information provides an indication of the size of the potential resource of local historic assets in the Powys LDP area. However, given the rural nature and large scale of Powys, it would not be practical to assess all of the potential resource to determine whether or not each individual building / structure should be included on the List of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest. Therefore, it is likely that this work would need to focus on specific geographical areas and/or historical themes. As a starting point, the LDP refers to examples of local historic assets that could be assessed, a thematic example being buildings and structures associated with historical transport routes (see para. 4.2.76 – ED083g LDP Composite Version) which could include the non-listed buildings and structure associated with the Montgomery Canal.

In liaison with stakeholders and interested parties, a strategy will need to be developed and established as part of the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) in respect of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest, but it is likely that the preparation of the local list would be carried out on a rolling programme over time and would depend on the active engagement of local town and community councils, community groups, local history and civic societies and volunteers in the process. For example, work is being undertaken by Newtown Civic Society using a toolkit developed by the Civic Trust Cymru (http://civictrustcymru.org.uk/?page_id=40) that may provide a useful starting point. The CADW best practice guidance relating to 'Managing Lists of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest in Wales' envisages the involvement of the community in the preparation of a local list (see ED072 <http://cadw.gov.wales/historicenvironment/publications/conservationareas/?lang=en>).

The timescale published for preparing and adopting the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) in respect of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest is within 12 months of adoption of the LDP as set out in Appendix 2 of the LDP (ED083g LDP Composite Version). It is

anticipated that the SPG will set out the process for selecting and recording local historic assets to be included on the list, along with detailed guidance to support the implementation of the related policies of the Plan. Any initial work carried out with groups or communities would help to inform the preparation of the SPG and the programme for the local list. The timescale for adopting and preparing a local list will, therefore, depend on the process, which is to be determined.

Regards,

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