

WELSH GOVERNMENT
Examination Hearing
Statement

Flintshire County Council
Local Development Plan

Matters 17, 18 & 19
Renewable Energy, Flood Risk and Minerals

19 May 2021

Matter 17

Matter 18 Flood Risk

EN14: Flood Risk

Key Issue:

Do the policies and proposals on this matter achieve the relevant objectives of the LDP in a sustainable manner consistent with national policy? Are they based on robust and credible evidence?

The Welsh Government considers that policies and proposals on flood risk, as amended through the SoCG with NRW, achieve the relevant objectives of the plan and are broadly consistent with the requirements in national planning policy to avoid or mitigate flood risk. The evidence to support the plans policies and proposals is robust and credible and is supported by a Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment (SFCA), updated in July 2020, and a bespoke Flood Risk Appraisal to address the specific concerns of NRW on employment allocations in flood risk areas.

demonstrate that the plans policies and proposals are acceptable in line with TAN 15 is supported.

Are the policies and requirements clear, reasonable and sufficient?

a) Are all housing, employment and other allocations in the LDP now the subjects of a detailed Strategic Flood Consequences Assessment? Does this result in any significant constraints on the delivery of the allocations?

Yes. All housing, employment and other allocations are subject to an SFCA that is appropriate for the plan making stage. The evidence on flood risk, detailed site specific work and the SoCG with NRW all evidence, that for the most part, allocations in the plan subject to flood risk are deliverable with appropriate management and mitigation measures in place. However, we

authorities in the north-east Wales sub-region and is examination webpage (FCC008). It will be for the authority to demonstrate how they will meet the apportionments set out in the RTS - 2nd Review, either individually or as a sub-region. If there is a small shortfall in meeting the apportionments, then we consider that this issue can be appropriately dealt with through the plans monitoring framework with new indicators on meeting the apportionments, and any shortfall, either individually or