



**Consultation on Draft Local Development Plan (LDP) Supplementary Planning Guidance documents:
Affordable Housing, Special Landscape Areas & Open Space
Consultation Representation Form**

Guidance Note

Ceredigion County Council has agreed to publish draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Affordable Housing, Special Landscape Areas & Open Space. The consultation period runs **from Thursday 16th Jan 2014 until midday on Friday 28th February 2014**. When commenting:

- Please use black ink/typescript and block capitals;
- Please do not attach any accompanying documents to this form with staples and no submissions on paper larger than A3;
- This form may be photocopied if necessary. It is also available on the Council website at: <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/ldp>
- **Where a group shares a common view on draft SPG, it would be helpful for that group to send a single form with their comments, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate forms repeating the same point.** In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised (including a single point of contact for future correspondence); and
- All forms/comments must be received no later than **Midday on Friday 28th February 2014**.

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Organisation Representing: The Cambrian Mountains Society (CMS) [Registered Charity No 1113037] A Society of some 350 members with Naturalist and Broadcaster Iolo Williams as its President and Mrs Ann West as its Chairman chairman@cambrian-mountains.com	
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Section 3: – Details

I make this response as **Secretary to CMS**.

**Section 4: – Draft Supplementary Guidance (SPG) You Wish To Comment On:
(Please delete as appropriate) Please use a separate sheet for each SPG**

Special Landscape Areas.

Section 5: Your Comments

Please set out your comments below using additional sheets as necessary.

Your comments should be set out in full, referencing the **page and paragraph number from the draft SPG** this will help the Authority to understand the context of the issues you raise.

Please indicate if you are submitting other material to support your comments. Yes – attached.

CMS welcomes this opportunity to respond to the Local Authority's **Special Landscape Areas** draft SPG which when finalised will support its Local Development Plan. The Society's vision focuses on the protection and raising public awareness of the outstanding landscape that is the Cambrian Mountains. During April 2013 Trustees of the Society met with the Authority's Executive to bring them up to date with their campaign to help sustain this unique living landscape at the very heart of Wales. Attached is a copy of the document that was given to each of the Executive Members at the meeting. The Society has also given similar presentations to Powys and Carmarthenshire County Councils as it sees the future of the 'Cambrians' involving collaborative working between all three Authorities. CMS therefore finds it very encouraging that the Authority referred to both of the above Councils, amongst others, as it identified its own thirteen SLAs (2.6.3, page 18).

It is well known to the Authority that CMS's favoured option for the Cambrian Mountains (effectively *Regional Landscape Character Map for Wales Area 21*) is for the area to be designated as Wales' sixth AONB. Our comments to this draft document should largely be seen in the context of SLA 12, Northern Uplands and SLA13, Southern Uplands which make up the bulk of what the Society hopes will become the Cambrian Mountains AONB.

Despite some concern that SLAs do not having the planning strength of statutory designation CMS would like to add its support to the Authority's draft SPG. In our opinion the well researched descriptors for each SLA will assist all concerned in coming to the correct planning decisions within these highly valued landscapes.

CMS are, however, concerned about one of the 'Key Policy and Management Issues' raised for both SLA 12 and 13 highlighting the management of the cumulative effects of energy developments (3.1.97, page 67 and 3.1.106, page72). The Society doubts if this guidance has the weight to prevent Developments of National Significance taking priority. In contrast, from the same sections in the document, CMS backs the Authority in supporting an ecosystem-based approach in both of these vulnerable upland areas.

Finally, the Society notes that much of the preparatory work towards designating the SLAs was achieved using Natural Resources Wales' LANDMAP system. CMS have for several years recognised what a powerful tool, this GIS is when persuading others of the qualities of a landscape. The Authority is to be commended on using all the layers of the system to help build the case for each SLA.

Please return all completed forms to Planning Policy, Economic and Community Development Services, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron Ceredigion SA46 0PA, or by e-mail to ldp@ceredigion.gov.uk by no later than Midday on Friday 28th February 2014.

All information submitted will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential.