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	climate change is addressed in Blaenau Gwent.	The lack of reference to these issues was raised through consultation on the Preferred Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal process. The aim of the Plan is to set out a coherent strategy for Blaenau Gwent, covering the issues that have been identified as being of local importance.		
SP9	Policy SP9 is considered to be distinctive as it sets out the locally important issues that are considered necessary for ensuring active and healthy communities are created.	It is accepted that the following criteria repeat national guidance set out in Planning Policy Wales: SP9.b (W41 , paragraph 11.2.3) SP9.c (W41 , paragraph 4.10.11) The health of residents in Blaenau Gwent is an important issue as identified in the Community Plan. The Local Health Board identified the key part open space provision plays and sought reference to this within the Plan. The aim of the Plan is to set out a coherent strategy for Blaenau Gwent, covering the issues that have been identified as being of local importance.		
SP10	Policy SP10 is considered to be distinctive as it sets out the locally important issues that are considered necessary for ensuring the protection and enhancement of the natural environment within Blaenau Gwent.	It is accepted that the following criteria repeat national guidance set out in Planning Policy Wales: SP10.a (W41 , paragraph 5.3.1) SP10.d (W41 , paragraph 4.5.4) The need for reference to these issues was raised through the Sustainability Appraisal process and Habitat Regulation Assessment. The aim of the Plan is to set out a coherent strategy for Blaenau Gwent, covering the issues that have been identified as being of local importance.		
SP11	Policy SP11 is considered to be distinctive as it sets out the locally important issues that are considered necessary for ensuring	It is accepted that the following criterion repeats national guidance set out in Planning Policy Wales: SP11.a (W41 , paragraph 6.5.9) The aim of the Plan is to set out a coherent strategy for		

	the protection and enhancement of the built environment within Blaenau Gwent.	Blaenau Gwent, covering the issues that have been identified as being of local importance.		
DM1	LDPW (PG3 , paragraph 2.15) encourages a focus on topic related policies such as residential amenity; biodiversity; landscape;			

			could be deleted.	
DM14	The loss of open space is local issue for the area.	It is accepted that the following criterion repeats national guidance set out in Planning Policy Wales: DM14 c (W41 , paragraph 4.10.10) The aim of the Plan is to set out a coherent strategy for Blaenau Gwent, covering the issues that have been identified as being of local importance.		
DM15	LDPW (PG3 , paragraph 2.15) encourages a focus on topic related policies one of these being biodiversity.	It is accepted that the following criterion repeats national guidance set out in Planning Policy Wales: DM15.1 (W41 , paragraph 5.3.1) DM15 2.a (W41 , paragraph 4.5.4) The need for reference to these issues was raised through the Sustainability Appraisal process and Habitat Regulation Assessment.		
DM17	Loss of trees is a local issue in the area.	It is accepted that policy DM17 repeats national guidance set out in Planning Policy Wales. The aim of the Plan is to set out a coherent strategy for Blaenau Gwent, covering the issues that have been identified as being of local importance.		