

Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Report to:	Planning Policy Committee
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Subject:	Vision, Objectives and Options Consultation – Summary Report
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1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Present the findings of the non-statutory public consultation on the Vision, Objectives and Options paper for the new Anglesey Local Development Plan (2024–2039).
- Seek Members’ endorsement of the key messages arising from the consultation.
- Confirm the next steps in progressing the Plan towards the Preferred Strategy stage.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Isle of Anglesey County Council is preparing a new Local Development Plan (LDP) to guide development on the Island over the period 2024–2039.

2.2 As part of the early (pre-Deposit) stages of plan preparation, a non-statutory public consultation on the Vision, Objectives and Options paper was undertaken between 20 February and 25 March 2026.

2.3 The consultation sought views on:

- Key issues, challenges and opportunities facing Anglesey
- The draft Vision and Strategic Objectives

- Growth options (housing and employment levels)
- Spatial strategy options for distributing development

2.4 A total of 58 responses were received from stakeholders, organisations and members of the public.

3.0 Key Findings from the Consultation

3.1 The consultation responses highlight a number of important issues for further consideration:-

- **Welsh Language and Communities**
 - Concern regarding the sustainability of Welsh-speaking communities
 - Calls for stronger policy interventions, including controls on second homes and prioritising local needs
 - Emphasis on placing the Welsh language at the heart of the Plan
- **Housing and Affordability**
 - Housing affordability identified as a significant issue
 - Support for affordable housing, local need provision, and small-scale/community-led development
 - Concerns about large-scale developments and viability pressures
- **Spatial Strategy**
 - Mixed views on options, with support for both settlement-focused and dispersed approaches
 - Strong preference for a hybrid approach balancing sustainability, infrastructure and community impacts
- **Growth Options**
 - No consensus on growth levels
 - General concern regarding high-growth scenarios and reliance on major projects
 - Emphasis on aligning growth with local needs rather than external drivers
- **Infrastructure**

- Significant concerns regarding capacity (water, sewerage, transport)
- Need for infrastructure to be delivered alongside development
- **Environment and Land Use**
 - Support for protecting sensitive landscapes and biodiversity
 - Concerns about development on high-quality agricultural land
- **Tourism**
 - Concerns regarding second homes, seasonal economy and community impacts
- **Consultation Process**
 - Some concerns raised regarding accessibility, publicity and timescales

4.0 Key implications for the next stage

4.1 The feedback confirms that the overall direction of the emerging Plan is broadly supported but requires refinement in several areas:-

- Strengthening the role of the Welsh language within the strategy
- Ensuring the Plan delivers affordable housing aligned to local need
- Developing a balanced spatial strategy, likely incorporating hybrid elements
- Testing growth options through a robust evidence base
- Ensuring infrastructure delivery is integral to development proposals

4.2 The consultation responses will also be considered alongside the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) to inform the Preferred Strategy.

4.3 It should be noted that the Vision, Objectives and Options report has not yet been formally escalated beyond the Service at this stage of the process.

5.0 Next Steps

5.1 The next stage in the LDP preparation process is the preparation and public consultation of the Preferred Strategy, which will:

- Set out the Council's preferred growth level and spatial approach
- Be supported by an updated evidence base
- Be subject to a formal statutory public consultation

5.2 The Preferred Strategy will reflect all consultation responses, any technical and evidence-based assessments and reflect National planning policy requirements.

5.3 Continued engagement will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Community Involvement Scheme.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- Notes the findings of the Vision, Objectives and Options consultation report;
- Endorses the key messages identified to inform the Preferred Strategy

7.0 Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Vision, Objectives and Options Consultation Summary Report (May 2026)

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