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Dear Sir/Madam

**National Development Framework and Brecon Beacons NPA LDP Strategy.**

This Community Council has considered both the recently published National Development Framework and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority LDP Strategy. This Community Council is very concerned that the two documents are not aligned. Please consider the attached document as formal consultation feedback.

Please would you confirm receipt of this document and provide a formal response to address the points raised therein.

Yours faithfully

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The aim of this consultation feedback is to comment on two major documents, the impact of which, will have far reaching consequences for local communities for the next 15-20 years. In taking on board both Plans, its Aim was not to evaluate the Plans in their entirety, rather to focus on specific issues relating to the rural community of Govilon. However, it is clear that the outcome will also have the same impact on other rural villages throughout Wales.

*"The well-being of the Future Generations Act means the Welsh Government and other public bodies must think about the long-term impacts of the decisions we make today and this ethos is clear throughout the National Development Framework" (Forward NDF 2019)*

*".....thriving communities and green enterprise enjoyed and fostered by people who visit, live and work in the National Park (Vision, BBNP, LDP).*

Both Plans have clearly researched, consulted and ultimately drawn conclusions on those areas which will benefit from investment and development. This is, of course, laudable, however, neither Plan has provided for future development of smaller Villages whose future now remains uncertain. For example, by severely restricting housing development on green field sites, growth will not be possible in both attracting and retaining people living in Govilon.

The impact of this one decision will have wide ranging consequences which include no planned investment in either housing or education for future generations. This appears to be in conflict with the NDP who states *"with an ageing population (in Wales) we need to retain and attract young people and promote active lifestyles"*. Further, the NDP *"in all parts of Wales the strategy supports sustainable growth"*

Interestingly, whilst Policy 30 (NDP) highlights the Heads of the Valleys and supports the view that the surrounding area has the potential to build on its tourism due to its proximity to the National Park, there appears little detail in either Document on achieving this goal despite the clear information that *"local strategies, Plans and investment must be co-ordinated and focused .....that address the structural, economic and social issues that impact upon communities prosperity and well being"*. (NDP 2019).

In conclusion, it would appear that both the Local Development Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park and the National Development Framework for Wales, whilst focussing on the "bigger picture" have omitted to recognise that smaller villages both within the National Park and by association, throughout Wales, will have not only have a very limited future but also face an inevitable decline.

**Llanfoist Fawr Community Council**

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