

SUSTAINABLE APPRAISAL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSED CANDIDATE SITE

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FIELD NEXT TO BETTOLA, LLANNON ROAD, B4306,
PONTYBEREM, SA15 5NB



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1. Introduction

We would to include a field along Llannon Road, B4306, next to the existing row of street fronted dwellings to be considered as a candidate site to be included in the new Local Development Plan.

2. Site Appraisal

This candidate site consists of a grassed sloping field at the southern site of Pontyberem. Gently sloping towards the village. It is of a rectangular shape and can be found just outside the settlement limits of Pontyberem Unitary development plan. It is bordered on all four sides by mature hedgerows with a few trees, which will not affect any development.

3. Access

There is an existing access points onto Llannon Road which is wide enough for a new development site. There is no pedestrianized access and no public footpath along the road.

At the point of entering the main road has a 50-mph controlled zone in place with a good visibility standard in both directions up and down. No restrictions through tress, bends or hedgerows. The road has got a good alignment.

4. Flooding

The site lies well above the water level and in good distance from any water course. No evidence can be found on the flood maps issued by the Environmental Agency – Wales.

5. Pollution

This field is currently greenfield sites and use for grazing.

No evidence of a past development can be found.

The radon level is under 1%.

No known contamination as happened to the land.

Not adjacent to a mineral buffer zone

The site does not lie in a sandstone recognised area.

No overhead power cable run through the field.

No activities have taken place which would have resulted in a contamination of the soil or the sub soil.

6. Main services

All services: mains water supply, foul sewer, electricity and high-speed electronic communications networks, are in the next field along. The area is serviced by the local bin collection.

7. Historic Importance

The site is not in a conservation area.

None of surrounding buildings are listed.

No known or apparent feature of heritage or archaeological importance can be found on the land.

No land infills took place.

The site has not been used for any industrial use or as a waste site.

No coal mining has been taken place on or in close proximity to the site.

8. Landscape and ecology

This site has been used for grassing.

There is no knowledge of any protected species on or surrounding. However, a full ecological survey would need to be necessary before any development could take place.

This sloping site can be seen from parts of the main road running through the village and from across the valley. The field is next to row of houses as well as a field which was included in the last LDP. New dwellings should be design with the surrounding residential houses in mind.

A couple of trees can be found in the hedgerows which runs along all boundaries.

9. Possible constrains

Overhead power cables run through the field and alongside the road at the candidate site. Contact has been made to move those cables to a different position in another field owned by the same person.

No underground or phone lines would cause a problem for a possible development.

10. Settlement - Boundaries

This candidate site lies outside the settlement limits of Carmarthenshire as defined in the local UDP -GR1. It is surrounded by residential development.

In the last LPDs (December 2014) a surrounding site in close proximity (just 2 fields along) had been included; T3/6/h6.

Pontyberem is a small town which got all necessary amenities in close proximity.

- General hospital 9.5 miles
- Secondary school 5 miles
- Primary schools, less than ¼ mile
- Leisure centers, 9 miles
- Town center, ¼ mile
- Dentist & GP surgeries, ¼ mile

11. Transport links

The transport links to Carmarthen and Llanelli town are well established and developed.

- train station is in Kidwelly, 8 miles away
- bus line is along Llannon Road with the next stop a few hundred meters down the road.
- Carmarthen town 9 miles
- Llanelli town 8 miles
- A48 motorway link is 9 min away
- M4 is reached in 15 min

12. Conclusion

The site is next to a row of houses belonging to the Pontyberem. Right next this field lies an area of tow fields which were included in the last LDP. Our proposed development can easily be joined to the fields included last time and seen as one. In this incidence the existing road access can be used for both sites.

We cannot see any obvious adverse effect on the developments in close proximity.

Not enough house developments in Carmarthenshire, has been implemented since the last LDP was approved, which has led to a shortfall of housing sites in Carmarthenshire.

Especially in Pontyberem not a lot of sites had been included in the last LDP.

There would an increase in traffic given amount of new dwelling which could be erected in this field. However, the main road as well as the village can cope with new developments and their traffic.

The existing access can be used and maybe widened to serve the new development.

It is worth emphasising at the outset that the site:

- will help sustain the community by providing dwellings in a location that reinforces the traditional settlement pattern;
- is of modest size and is situated adjacent to a proposed residential allocation;
- would not result in the loss of any important amenity feature or represent an unacceptable intrusion into the landscape;
- would not give rise to any recognised highway or utility service provision objections
- would fully comply with established planning policies that direct development to sustainable locations in terms of proximity to urban facilities and a public transport route.
- it is closely related to the main public transport corridors;
- the site is conveniently located in terms of schools and other services and facilities;

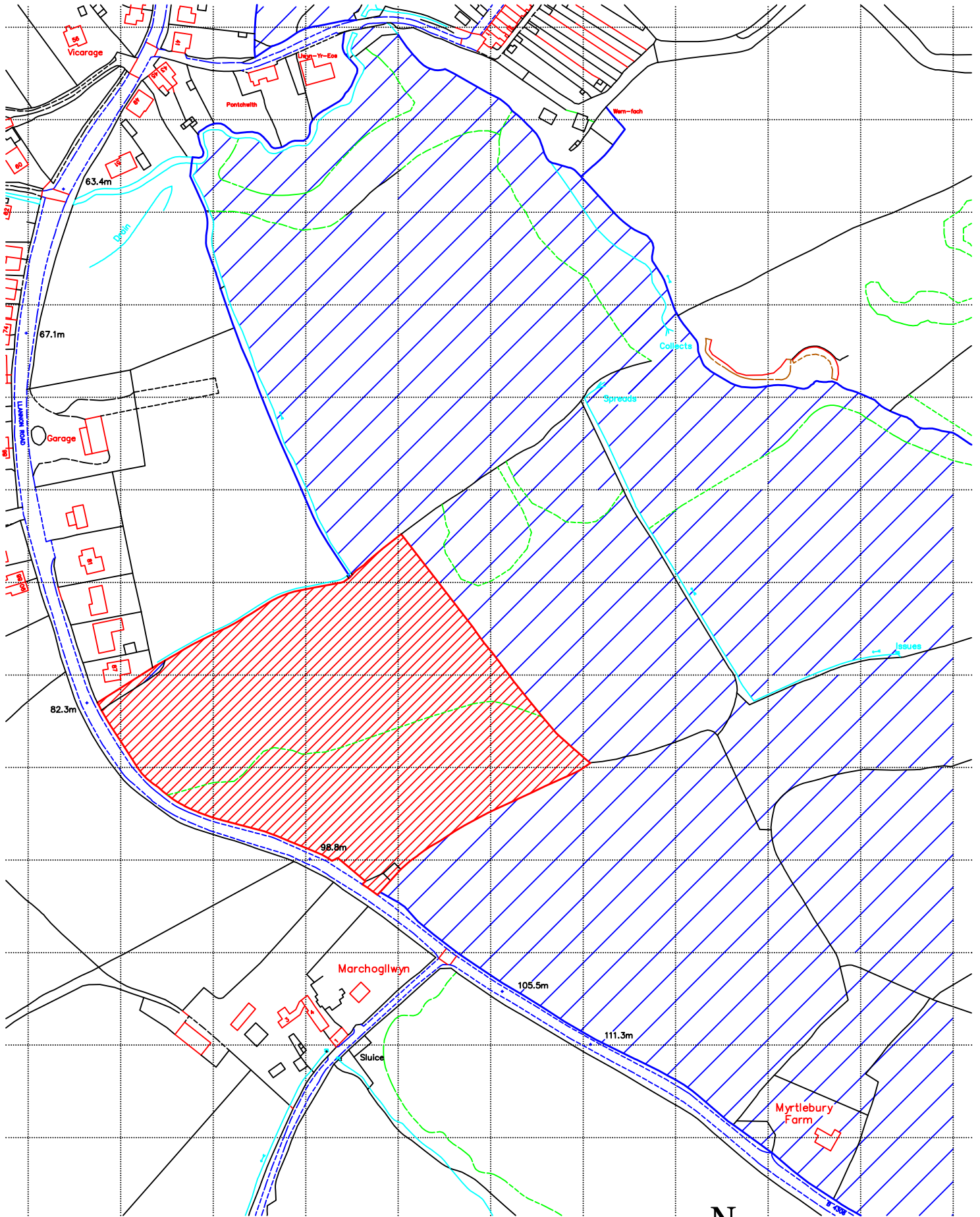
- the site is not constrained by any significant environmental considerations, including ecological designations;
- it will be contained within existing defensible boundaries and will not give rise to any harmful precedent for further residential development.
- It is felt that there is scope for additional small sites to be identified to receive residential development, in order to provide further choice.
- The inclusion would not create any amenity, highway or utility service provision difficulty.

Appendices

- The site
- Location map
- Access
- Transport map
- LDP

The site





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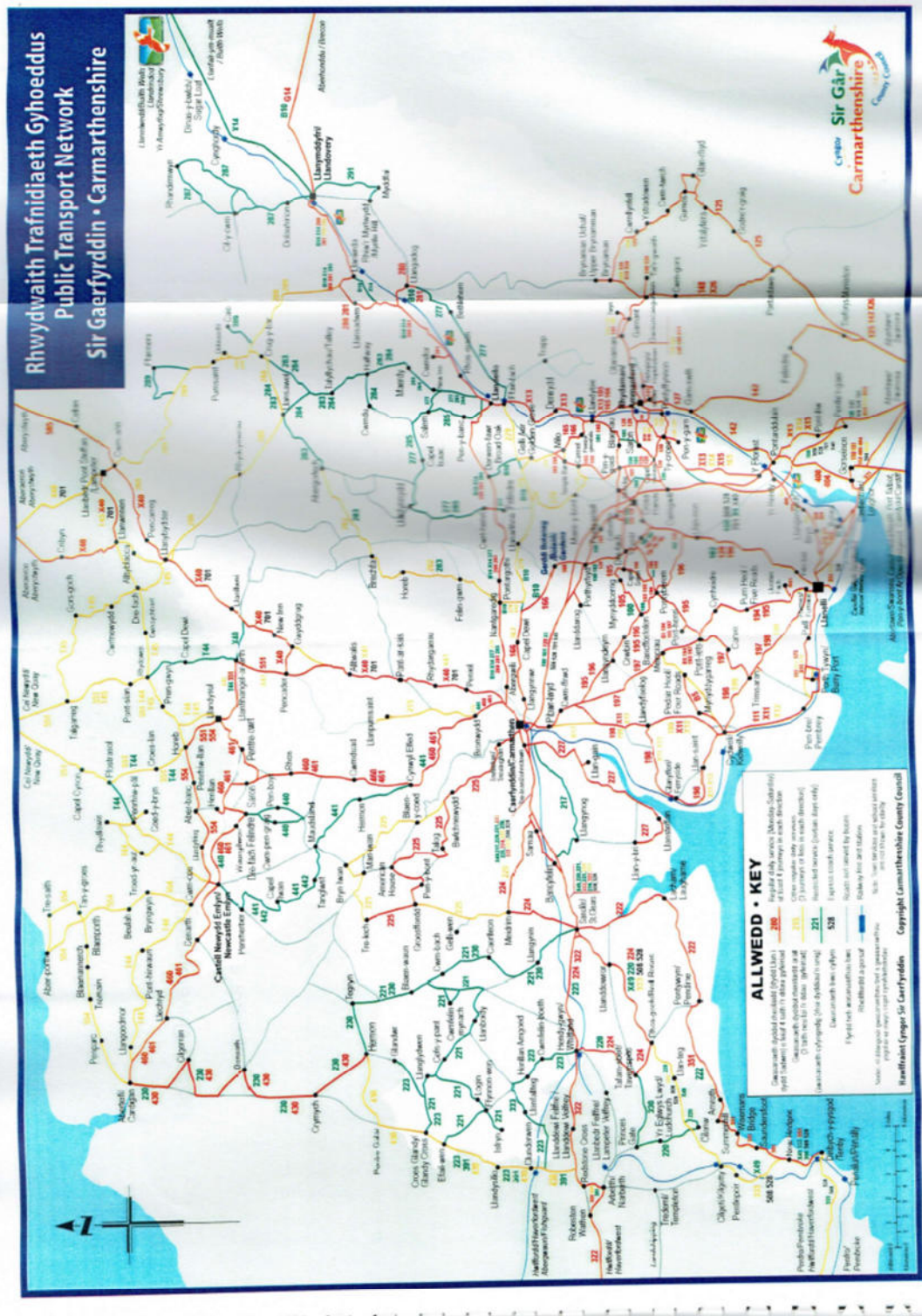
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Access



Transport Links



LDP

