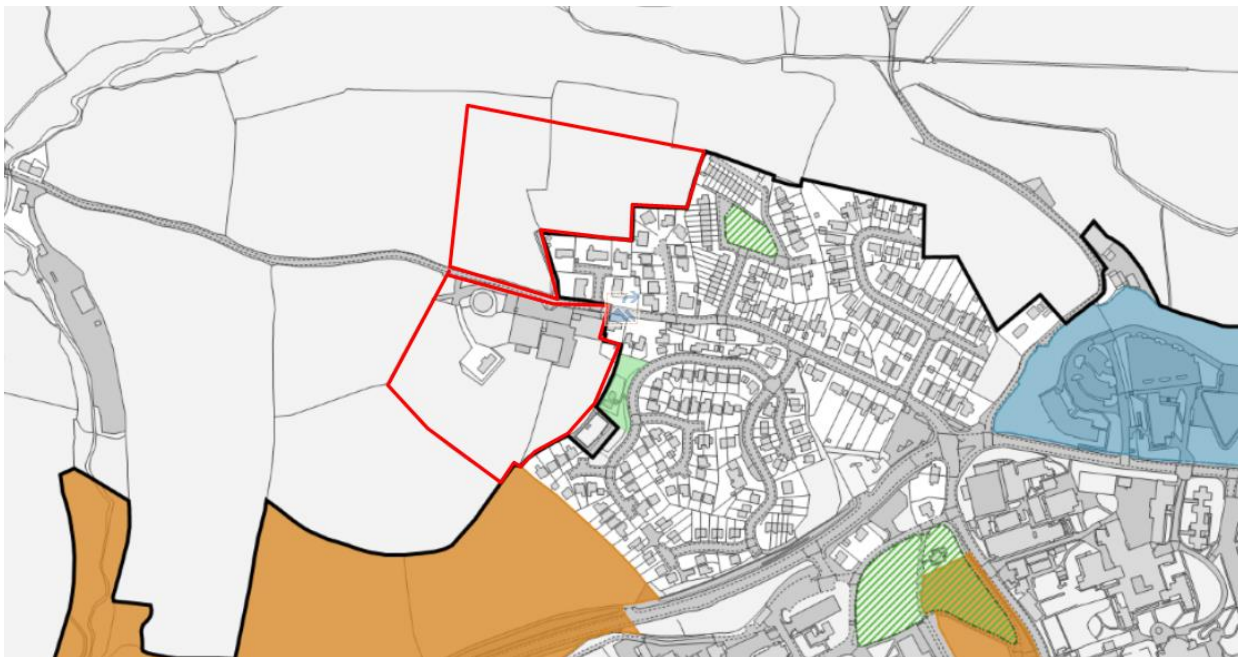


Local Development Plan 2: Request of Assessment of Candidate Site Submission

At adjacent to Pentremeurig Farm,
Pentrehydd Road, Carmarthen



1. Introduction

This report has been prepared in support for the inclusion of land which includes Pentremeurig Farm and land adjacent to Pentrehydd Road, Carmarthen which is located on the edge of the settlement of Carmarthen.

2. Site Details

The potential candidate site is located on the edge of the settlement of Carmarthen. The site currently adjoins the settlement boundary of Carmarthen. The land currently is used for pasture and agricultural yard by the proposer of this site.

3. Proposed Use of the Site and it's Deliverability

The site is proposed to be allocated for residential housing purposes. It is the aim of the land owner to provide a housing site for around 30 dwellings for local people, however this will be assessed further during the planning stage. It is aimed that once this land is allocated for housing and included within the settlement boundary for Carmarthen that a full planning application is prepared and submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council. The aim is to provide housing for local people within the area with an application submitted within 18months of the plan being adopted.

The site is located on the edge of the Carmarthen West development where 1100 houses have been proposed. However the development of this site has been much slower than anticipated. Therefore our client is wanting to provide the much needed housing in the area for local people to be able to buy.

4. Site Assessment Methodology

The site is a relatively flat site that would be able to accommodate housing without producing a visual impact on the local and wider area.

Part of the site is a greenfield site with no history or evidence of past activities which would have resulted in the contamination of any soils. The farm yard is a brownfield site which currently has agricultural buildings located on. Any development undertaken within this area would be designed to enhance and improve the character of the area and not cause any impact.

The site is located some distance away from any significant water course and therefore is not identified as being liable to flood under the Natural Resources Wales Flood Maps. In regards to the disposal of surface water, the site is sufficiently large enough to accommodate the provision of soakaways within good ground conditions, which will be able to drain freely with no signs of waterlogging or standing water.

The town is lucky to benefit from the provision of a public sewerage system, mains water supply and electricity. It would be possible to connect to the foul sewerage system through gravity linking into the sewer which is located within the public highway. If there are any capacity issues, this could be remedied by providing private sewerage system such as septic tanks or sustainable drainage systems. Access to all other services is readily available and would be easily accessible to any new development within the area.

Any development on this site would involve the retention of the hedgerow and trees that run along the site boundary to partially screen the development from the surrounding area. There is no current evidence of any current habitats or protected species within the site.

5. Viability of the Site

The viability of the site is imminent. As previously mentioned the land owner intends to submit a planning application on this site as soon it is adopted and included within the settlement boundary of Carmarthen.

6. Accessibility

The site can be accessed from the existing Pentrehydd Road. This would be adequate to provide regular vehicle use and would have the provision to be widened to provide a footway as required. Visibility splays to comply with current standards from vehicles emerging onto the public highway are good in both directions.

7. Sustainability

The potential candidate site is immediately adjacent to the settlement limit as identified and defined by the Local Development Plan. The extension to the settlement limit at this location would provide an appropriate location for rounding off the settlement boundary to provide much required residential properties within the area.

Carmarthen is served by good public transport bus services which operate through the town and County, with a bus stop located in close proximity. Bus routes provide links to Carmarthen, Swansea and beyond. There are good cycle facilities to surrounding settlements, and there is also an extensive footpath network available within the locality.

Carmarthen offers an extensive range of facilities, such as shops, offices, industrial units, community facilities, education facilities from primary schools, secondary schools and further education colleges, medical and pharmacy facilities.

8. Conclusion

In conclusion, this site is believed to be a perfect site for inclusion within the Local Development Plan to allow for further residential properties within the locality for local

people. In a climate where there are not enough housing available, it is considered that the authority should re-asses their assessment of this site and consider it's inclusion due to the land owners being keen in developing the land.