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## Examination of Local Development Plans

- Each new LDP will be submitted to the National Assembly for Wales for independent examination.
- Examination will be carried out by an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate.
- The Inspector will assess whether the plan overall is 'sound' ('showing good judgement', 'able to be trusted') – see below for the tests of 'soundness'.
- This means the Inspector has a more important role in plan-making than in the past.

### The ten tests of LDP 'soundness'

- 1) Has the plan been prepared in accordance with the Delivery Agreement, including the Community Involvement Scheme ?
- 2) Has the plan been subjected to sustainability appraisal, including strategic environmental assessment ?
- 3) Does the LDP have regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area, or adjoining areas ?
- 4) Does the plan have regard to national policy ?
- 5) Does the plan have regard to the Wales Spatial Plan ?
- 6) Does the plan have regard to the relevant community strategy (or National Park Management Plan) ?

7) Does the plan set out a coherent strategy from which policies and allocations logically flow ?

8) Are the strategy, policies and allocations realistic and appropriate (having considered the relevant alternatives) and are they founded on a robust and credible evidence base ?

9) Are there clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring ?

10) Is the plan reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances ?