

**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION
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**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Response to HBF Response to MAC C39 and MAC C40**

The HBF is concerned that housing commitments are given the same status as housing allocations through the merger of the separate tables. This was not the intention of the change as the new table clearly identifies allocations and commitments.

These concerns can be overcome with the rewording of the policy and reasoned justification as follows:

In accordance with Policy SP5 land is ~~allocated~~ **identified** for residential development in the following locations:

The allocation of sites for new homes is important in ensuring sufficient land is available to meet future population requirements. This will contribute to the diversification of the housing stock and secure viable, sustainable futures for the hub areas. Land ~~allocated~~ **identified** under this Policy includes:

The Housing Commitments will be updated through the review of the Plan, if a site has lapsed then a review of the site will be undertaken to identify the reason for this. If it is considered that the site is available for development the site will be assessed against the candidate site process to see if it is appropriate to include the site as an allocation in the Plan.

This change will overcome all of the HBF's concerns with regards the Housing Land Availability system.