# 3033-850-4-Key Issue10

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The attached document are my written representations on the joint LDP for Gwynedd and Mon.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing session.

**Rob Booth** 

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Key Issues 10, on page 36, is "rationalization and centralization of education and health facilities" will not benefit communities and it will result in a decrease in facilities for the local community, especially communities with an aging population. The rationalization and centralization of health and education facilities will lead to a greater number of people requiring to travel and more car journeys. Key Issue 10 is conflicting with Key Issue 11 "Promote opportunities for people to live healthy lives and have reasonable health care, especially in a healthy population". Again Key Issue 10 for the rationalization of schools and health care is not appropriate for one of the strategic policies under PS5 on p.75 point 4 "Promote greater self-containment of centres and villages by contributing to balanced communities that are supported by sufficient services..." I want Key Issue 10 removed.

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Page 191 GWA3 is a policy for radioactive waste treatment and storage. This highlights one of the main problems of having a nuclear power station. The waste is extremely hazardous and difficult dangerous and had to store. The radioactive waste <u>cannot</u> be neutralized, when the half-life of Plutonium is 24,000 years. There is a need for the definition of low level and very low level radioactive waste; what type of radioactive waste? I suggest that if this policy is retained it must lists which radioactive isotopes e.g. plutonium 239. If a radioactive waste is required to be stored it should be stored at the power station.

Pages 201 onwards monitoring and implementation p.203 I agree with the monitoring indicators for public transport(D4, D6,D7) however I disagree with the indicator D5 for a decrease on car journey times. Why is one of the indicators a decrease in journey times? The faster cars travel the more fuel they use and the more dangerous the journey. Also increases the likelihood of people using cars rather than buses. Also an indicator should be the public transport network is retained as it is or increased the number of buses has not declines, but increased. The times available for bus services are e.g. early morning and late buses enhanced.

Health Impact Assessment Feb 2015. This document fails to mention the potential main impact to health in the area which is the building of a new nuclear power station. We have seen from the recent disaster at Fukushima in Japan that the risk to our community is too great. The towns and villages in a 30km radius round Fukushima have had to be permanently abandoned due to radioactive levels. The risk is not just to the current communities but the future population of the area. I would like to contest to the completeness of this document because it does not include the possible impact of a nuclear disaster at the power station and during transport of radioactive waste.

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## 2768-1450-4-Key Issue22

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"As a consequence of all the environmental resources, the area attracts a large number of tourists/visitors which arrive by means of highways, railways, the port of Holyhead and various marinas; they make an important contribution to the local economy."

Key Issue 22 also makes reference to the need to:

"Improve and manage the 'all year' tourist provision in the area in a sustainable way whilst at the same time promoting the heritage, the Welsh language and Welsh culture of the area."

Bourne Leisure considers that it is vitally important for tourism to be referenced in the Spatial Profile and Key Issues section of the LDP. This is because tourism is a fundamental component of the local and regional economy. Tourism contributes significantly to the economy in terms of local expenditure and generating local employment opportunities.

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Bourne Leisure is disappointed that the text at paragraph 7.60 of the Preferred Strategy has been omitted from the Spatial Profile section of the Deposit LDP. This text provides useful context with respect of the importance of tourism as an economic contributor and how it consequentially shapes the Spatial Vision and Key Issues. The text stated:

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