

**The Caerphilly We Want Future Scenarios Event
20th September 2016**

‘A Resilient Caerphilly’

1. What do you think are the 3 top issues for Caerphilly county borough?

Group 1

Green Spaces/land management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting green spaces to safeguard the natural environment • Linking the assessment with Area Statements (NRW) and Local Development Plan • Balancing new building and planning with open green spaces • Maintaining green space in light of the need for housing etc. • Using public spaces for all aspects of community living such as exercise for health and well-being
Renewable energy/energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy • Energy efficient housing • Energy resources
Public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free flowing public transport • Integrated transport • Electric buses with good connections to trains
Awareness & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced awareness across all age groups in society re what contributes to ecological resilience
Water security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure fresh water supplies
Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More water – old system
Air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality

Group 2

Land management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of suitable land, adequately cleaned to support future development of residential & commercial/industrial growth • Sustainable provision of land for housing
Green space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of green space • Loss of green space • Recognition that children and young people need space to play – not just playgrounds. • Access to countryside for exercise/well-being
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is more housing, but without the necessary road improvements resulting in congestion
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity is in serious decline

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support our pollinators!! • Protect the plants/animals by encouraging communities to understand and support their needs
Environmental crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberate fire setting, especially on our mountains.
Fly tipping/dog fouling/litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping/dog fouling/litter all degrade our local environment
Air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor air quality • Alternative traffic routes to reduce the impact of air pollution
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience to severe weather events which are increasing due to climate change
Water availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water availability
Visual appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windfarms, telephone masts

Group 3

Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep green spaces and make them appealing to all • Provide play spaces for children • Challenge of opening up green spaces without damaging them
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating young people on littering • Providing education on the effects of damaging the environment
Fly tipping/dog fouling/litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumping of rubbish everywhere • Stop fly-tipping! • Owners not cleaning up after their dogs • Respecting your surroundings
Air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean air
Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing packaging on imported goods
Food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a growing dependency on food banks • Use green space for growing food

2. The current picture and what experts, the data and public are telling us. Do you agree? If not what's missing?

Combined comments from all 3 groups

Generally there was a strong consensus that the picture outlined in the background document was recognised by the groups. They were in agreement with the information presented. Specific issues raised included:

- Resilience (environmental issues) should not be seen in a silo but as a “cross-cutting” theme with integrated solutions
- The environment has considerable contributions to make to issues faced by other goals, in particular health, prosperity, cohesive and globally responsible
- Education and community engagement/responsibility are vital

- A perceived correlation was identified between deprivation and environmental degradation
- Preventative initiatives should be prioritised
- Immediate interventions should be undertaken to improve the physical environment to combat fly-tipping, dog fouling and litter to reduce low level degradation, to raise expectations, pride in, and respect for, the environment and to encourage inward investment/tourism
- Work should be undertaken to put a “value” the environment and ecological services

3. Do you think the 3 top issues you have identified will still be the same 3 issues in 2040? If not what do you think will be the issues then?

There was consensus that if those issues identified, which are considered immediate “short-term” issues, such as fly-tipping and dog fouling are not addressed, these will remain important issues, but other currently considered “long-term” issues will just be added on top. The following longer-term issues were identified:

- Green energy to protect energy security
- Transport – in particular integration providing access to employment and services
- Food production and security in light of growing world population and climate change
- Air quality
- Biodiversity with the pressure on species such as larch, ash and beech with pests, diseases and climate change
- Water security and quality
- Land management with increasing pressure from development on green spaces
- Protecting pollinators