



Welsh Government
Consultation Document

National Development Framework

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview

This consultation is seeking your views on the draft of a new national plan for Wales, the National Development Framework (NDF), over the period 7 August to 15 November 2019.

How to respond

Please respond to this consultation by using the response form. Responses can be submitted in a number of ways:

Online: <https://gov.wales/consultations>

Email: ndf@gov.wales

Post: NDF Team, Planning Policy Branch,
Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ

When responding please state whether you are responding in a personal capacity or are representing the views of an organisation.

We will be holding a series of sessions in public buildings across Wales in September and October, where you can come and talk to us about this consultation. These sessions will be by appointment. Details of dates, venues and how to book your slot will be published on our web pages soon. You can also email or call us for more information.

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

This consultation document is accompanied by Appendices.

Further general details on the National Development Framework can be found on our website:

<https://gov.wales/national-development-framework>

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What is the National Development Framework?

The NDF is a 20-year plan for Wales up to 2040. It covers the big issues important to Wales' success, including housing, energy, economy, transport and the environment. It identifies where nationally significant developments should take place, where key growth areas are, what infrastructure and services are needed and how Wales can contribute to the fight against climate change. It is about making the best use of resources, creating accessible healthy communities and protecting our environment.

The NDF is not about local matters which are normally dealt with at local authority level – but rather takes a broader look at what Wales, as a whole, needs in order to achieve prosperity and well-being now and in the future.

What does the draft NDF do?

The draft NDF sets out development policies for Wales as a whole and for the North Wales, Mid and South West Wales and South East Wales regions. The regional approach aligns with other Welsh Government strategies and allows a consistent approach to policy implementation across Wales.

The draft NDF identifies overarching outcomes which are a vision for change over the next 20 years and form the basis for its policies and proposals.

It is important we think about the NDF's effects and impacts. The Integrated Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitats Regulations Assessment help us do this.

This consultation

We want your views on the draft NDF. The following documents are provided to help you respond to this consultation:

- the draft NDF (also available in printed format)
- an easy-read version of the draft NDF (also available in printed format)
- a youth friendly version of the draft NDF
- a leaflet setting out background to the NDF and summarising the content of the draft NDF (available in printed format)
- full and summary versions of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal
- a full Habitats Regulations Assessment report

This is a list of policies, strategies, consultations, research, publications and materials that have supported the development of the draft National Development Framework.

Hyperlinks have been provided where possible. Please note our NDF webpages are in the process of being migrated to a new platform and it is possible hyperlinks might not work in the short term. If this proves to be the case please contact us for the correct hyperlink or a copy of the document.

NDF Publications		Published
<u>Animation</u>		February 2017
<u>Engagement Events Report</u>		July 2017
<u>Engagement Events Report</u>		April 2018
<u>Interim Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report</u>		April 2018
<u>Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report</u>		April 2018
<u>Preferred Option Explanatory Leaflet</u>		April 2018
<u>Preliminary Habitats Regulations Assessment - Screening Report</u>		April 2018
<u>Statement of Public Participation</u>		July 2019
<u>Summary of Engagement and Participation</u>		July 2018
<u>Engagement Plan</u>		August 2019
NDF Consultations		
<u>Proposals relating to the Statement of Public Participation</u>		February 2016

<u>Call for Evidence and Projects</u>	December 2016
<u>Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report</u>	April 2017
<u>Issues, Options and Preferred Option</u>	April 2018
NDF Research	
<u>Identification of Regional Areas Study</u>	August 2017
<u>Assessment of On-Shore Wind and Solar Energy Potential</u>	August 2019
<u>Regions and Rural Areas Study</u>	August 2019
Welsh Government publications supporting development of the NDF	
<u>Housing need and demand (2018-based)</u>	January 2019
<u>Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply</u>	Mai 2019
<u>Summary Statistics for Economic Regions</u>	May 2019
<u>Estimates of housing need in Wales by tenure: 2018-based</u>	June 2019
Welsh Government Programmes, Plans and Strategies informing development of the NDF	
<u>The Wales Transport Strategy</u>	April 2008
<u>Welsh Infrastructure Investment Plan</u>	May 2012
<u>South Wales Metro</u>	February 2016

<u>North East Wales Metro: Moving North Wales Forward</u>	March 2017
<u>Cymraeg 2050</u>	July 2017
<u>Natural Resource Policy</u>	August 2017
<u>Prosperity for All: The National Strategy</u>	September 2017
<u>Mobile Action Plan</u>	October 2017
<u>Prosperity for All: Economic Action Plan</u>	December 2017
<u>Cardiff Airport 2040 - Masterplan</u>	July 2018
<u>Enterprise Zones Wales - Cardiff Airport and St Athan</u>	September 2018
<u>The Railway Network in Wales: The Case for Investment</u>	September 2018
<u>Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone</u>	October 2018
<u>Valleys Regional Park</u>	October 2018
<u>Planning Policy Wales - Edition 10</u>	December 2018
<u>Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales</u>	March 2019
<u>National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management</u>	June 2019
<u>Shoreline Management Plans</u>	various dates
<u>Welsh National Marine Plan</u>	to be confirmed

UK Government Programmes, Plans and Strategies informing development of the NDF	
<u>North West Nuclear Arc Partnership Science and Innovation Audit</u>	2018
<u>The Road to Zero</u>	July 2018

Consultation Response Form

Your name	
Your address	
Preferred contact details (email/phone/post)	
Organisation (if applicable)	

1. NDF Outcomes (chapter 3)

The NDF has proposed 11 Outcomes as an ambition of where we want to be in 20 years' time.

- Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree the 11 Outcomes are a realistic vision for the NDF?

[illegible]

- To what extent do you agree with the 11 Outcomes as ambitions for the NDF?

[illegible]

- If you disagree with any of the 11 Outcomes, please tell us why:

2. Spatial Strategy (policies 1 - 4)

The NDF **spatial strategy** is a guiding framework for where large-scale change and nationally important developments will be focused over the next 20 years.

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the spatial strategy and key principles for development in...

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Urban areas (Policies 1, 2 & 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural areas (Policy 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If you have any comments on the spatial strategy or key principles for development in urban and rural areas, please tell us:

3. Affordable Housing (policy 5)

The NDF sets out the approach for providing affordable housing, encouraging local authorities, social landlords, and small and medium-sized construction and building enterprises to build more homes.

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the approach to increasing affordable housing?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF approach the delivery of affordable housing?

4. Mobile Action Zones (policy 6)

- To what extent do you agree or disagree the identification of mobile action zones will be effective in encouraging better mobile coverage?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF improve mobile phone coverage in the areas which currently have limited access?

5. Low Emission Vehicles (policy 7)

- To what extent do you agree or disagree that policy 7 will enable and encourage the roll-out of charging infrastructure for ultra-low emission vehicles?

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- If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF enable and encourage the roll-out of charging infrastructure for ultra-low emission vehicles?

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6. Green Infrastructure (policies 8 & 9)

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the approach to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecological networks?

[illegible]

7. Renewable Energy and District Heat Networks (policies 10-15)

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the NDF's policies to lower carbon emissions in Wales using...

[illegible]

- If you disagree with the NDF's approaches to green infrastructure, renewable energy or district heat networks, what alternative approaches should we consider to help Wales to enhance its biodiversity and transition to a low carbon economy?

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8. The Regions (policy 16)

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the principle of developing Strategic Development Plans prepared at a regional scale?

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The NDF identifies three overall regions of Wales, each with their own distinct opportunities and challenges. These are North Wales, Mid and South West Wales, and South East Wales.

9. North Wales (policies 17-22)

We have identified Wrexham and Deeside as the main focus of development in North Wales. A new green belt will be created to manage the form of growth. A number of coastal towns are identified as having key regional roles, while we support growth and development at Holyhead Port. We will support improved transport infrastructure in the region, including a North Wales Metro, and support better connectivity with England. North West Wales is recognised as having potential to supply low-carbon energy on a strategic scale.

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed policies and approach for the North Region?

[illegible]

10. Mid and South West Wales (policies 23-26)

Swansea Bay and Llanelli is the main urban area within the region and is our preferred location for growth. We also identify a number of rural and market towns, and the four Haven Towns in Pembrokeshire, as being regionally important. The haven Waterway is nationally important and its development is supported. We support proposals for a Swansea Bay Metro.

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed policies and approach for the Mid and South West Region?

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11. South East Wales (policies 27-33)

In South East Wales we are proposing to enhance Cardiff's role as the capital and secure more sustainable growth in Newport and the Valleys. A green belt around Newport and eastern parts of the region will support the spatial strategy and focus development on existing cities and towns. Transport Orientated Development, using locations benefitting from mainline railway and Metro stations, will shape the approach to development across the region. There is support for the growth and development of Cardiff Airport.

- To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed policies and approach for the South East Region?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have any comments about the NDF's approach or policies to the three regions, please tell us. If you have any alternatives, please explain them and tell us why you think they would be better.

12. Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

As part of the consultation process, an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) was conducted to assess the social, economic and environmental impacts of a plan. The report identified a number of monitoring indicators, including health, equalities, Welsh language, the impact on rural communities, children's rights, climate change and economic development.

- Do you have any comments on the findings of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report? Please outline any further alternative monitoring indicators you consider would strengthen the ISA.

13. Habitats Regulations Assessment

As part of the development of the NDF, a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) was undertaken. The purpose of the HRA process is to identify, assess and address any 'significant effects' of the plan on sites such as Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas for birds.

- Do you have any comments on the Habitats Regulations Assessment report?

14. Welsh Language

We would like to know your views on the effects that the NDF would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

- What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Please also explain how you believe the proposed NDF could be formulated or changed so as to have:

- I. positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use

the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and

- II. no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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15. Further comments

- Are there any further comments that you would like to make on the NDF, or any alternative proposals you feel we should consider?

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16. Are you...?

Providing your own personal response	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submitting a response on behalf of an organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responses to the consultation will be shared with the National Assembly for Wales and are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here	<input type="checkbox"/>
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