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## Extension of Consultation on Draft National Development Framework

### Changes to Habitats Regulations Assessment and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report

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Action required: Responses by 15 November 2019

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Gymraeg.  
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## **What is this?**

The consultation on the Draft National Development Framework (NDF) commenced on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The published Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) on the Welsh Government NDF consultation webpage were replaced by updated versions during the first few weeks of the consultation. This document sets out the changes that were made to these documents.

The consultation on the NDF has been extended to **15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. The Welsh Government welcomes comments on all aspects of the Draft NDF, including the HRA, the ISA and the changes set out in this document.

If you have already submitted a response to the consultation, and you feel your response is affected by these changes, you are welcome to submit further representations. All responses already received are valid and do not need to be resubmitted unless you wish to amend your response.

If you would like to discuss any issues arising from the changes to the HRA and ISA or any aspect of the consultation on the Draft NDF please contact:-

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## Habitat Regulations Assessment

Changes were made on 21 August 2019

### What changes were made to the HRA on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019?

The following changes were made:-

1. The HRA report was re-presented in three separate PDFs rather than a single PDF to aid navigation.
2. Text removed from Heading in Appendix B.
3. Insertion of maps into Appendix B.
4. A more up to date version of Appendix A, the Rules of Thumb document replaced an older version.

These changes were made to aid the reader and did not materially affect the assessment and conclusions within the HRA, the Draft NDF or its policies.

Section of HRA	Change
All	Split into Main report and Annexes into 3 PDFs on the Welsh Government consultation pages.
Appendix B – Heading to Appendix A	Removed text '(Original figure produced by Arup; subsequently superceded by the Priority Areas for Solar and Wind Energy maps refer to Appendix B)'
Appendix A	Update Rules of Thumb from August 2017 version to April 2018 version
Appendix B	The following 10 maps were inserted into Appendix B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Map of the Energy Potential Wales – Priority Areas for Refinement Grouped by Region (x1);</li><li>- Overview of Natura 2000/Ramsar sites within Wales (x1); and</li><li>- Detailed view of Natural 2000/Ramsar sites with site</li></ul>

	<p>buffers (x8). The renewable energy areas are taken from the <a href="#">Arup Renewable Energy report</a> and are included in the Draft NDF. The Natura 2000 and Ramsar sites are those publically available on mapping portals such as the <a href="#">Ile portal</a>. The details of the site buffers are those explained in the text of the HRA report.</p>
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## Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

Changes were made on 28 August 2019

### What changes were made to the ISA on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019?

The following changes were made:-

1. 5 minor text changes were made in the main ISA report.
2. Amendments were made to ISA Appendix B as listed below. The NDF and its policies were developed through the iterative ISA process. Emerging policies were tested against the ISA and changed and refined to strengthen their delivery against the defined outcomes. The detailed policy assessment tables in ISA Appendix B published on the Welsh Government website at the commencement of the consultation included both earlier policy numbering and policy text and the final policy numbering and text that appears in the Draft NDF. To avoid potential confusion, the earlier policy numbering and text was updated; typos corrected; and cross referencing between the assessment and policies strengthened.

These changes were made to aid the reader and did not materially affect the assessment and conclusions within the ISA, the Draft NDF or its policies.

<b>Section of ISA Main report</b>	<b>Change</b>
1.5.1 delete bullet point	Bullet Point Deleted
Page 51 - Policy 31 title	'Transport' changed to 'Transit' in policy title
2.6.14	Reference to table 2-10 not 2-8
Table A-1 Title	Removed 'comparison'
Table A-2, Objective 2, Third Column	Inserted wording for Outcome 3
<b>Section of ISA Annex B</b>	
Page 7	Cross References to table Updated from C-5 to C-9 to B5 to B-9
Table 1-3 section (f)	Changed 2.6 to 1.6 in tables 1-6 and 1-7. This was later changed back to 2.6
Table B28	Insert Policy P15 into Policy Group 7
Table B29	Do nothing Reasonable Alternative reference should read P4RA2
Page 67, objective 3	Reference is to Policy P1
Page 86, objective 6	Reference updated to P3 from P5
Page 87, objective 8	Reference updated to P3 from P2
Page 93, objective 16	Replaced 'creation' with 'delivery'
Page 94, policy wording	Removed the '-' in strong evidence based
Page 108, policy wording	Removed the '-' in ultra low emission
Page 114, policy wording	Deleted 'for wales'

Page 122, objective 13	Deleted 'P39/40RA2'
Page 125, objective 16	Reference updated to P8 from P40
Page 127, policy wording	Deleted '(10MW and over) Replaced onshore with on-shore Bullet pointed the list Moved 'electromagnetic disturbance' line to the line underneath 'visual dominance and add Deleted ';and' from 'natural resources or reserves' line and add '.' Corrected 'Suitable access'
Page 127, policy wording	Deleted '(10MW and over) Corrected 'Unacceptable adverse' Bullet pointed list Moved 'electromagnetic disturbance' line to the line underneath 'visual dominance and add ;and Deleted ';and' from 'natural resources or reserves' line and add '.' Corrected 'Suitable access' Deleted 'of' between maintenance and purposes
Page 128, policy wording	Deleted '(10MW and over) Replaced onshore with on-shore
Page 128, policy wording	Deleted '(10MW and over) Deleted line 'Renewable energy technologies other than wind and solar are supported where they assist in meeting our 2030 target'
Pages 132/3	Replaced 'should provide a' with 'can generate direct' and 'in Wales' with 'across the country'.
Page 131, objective 2	Replaced P38 with P12 Last sentence includes P14, P14RA1, P14RA3
Page 131, objective 3	Deleted RA1 in last column
Pages 132/3, objective 3/4	Deleted line 'P14RA1 could also have a similar effect, but of a slightly lower magnitude.'
Page 134, objective 5	Last line in main column includes P14 and P15.
Page 135, objective 6	Replaced P36 with P14 and P15 in last column Inserted 'landscape' after 'acceptance of'
Page 138, objective 8	Inserted 'landscape' after 'acceptance of'
Page 141, objective 11	Replaced 'should provide a' with 'can generate direct' and 'in Wales' with 'across the country'.
Page 142, objective 13	Replaced P35 with P12
Page 143, objective 13	Replaced 'the NDF seeks to maximise onshore wind and solar energy generation potential, whilst minimising the potential impact on the most sensitive environmental and cultural assets. However, it is accepted that large scale renewable energy development can be visually prominent' with 'there is a presumption in favour of large scale on-shore wind and solar energy generation potential in the Priority Areas for Renewable Energy, an acceptance of landscape change and a focus on maximising

	<p>benefits and minimising impacts. However, 'large scale wind and solar renewable energy development can be visually prominent.'</p> <p>Replaced 'can generate' with 'should provide'</p> <p>Replace 'in Wales' with 'across the country'.</p> <p>Removed 'P14, P15 and their alternatives would be unlikely to have a discernible impact on this ISA Objective.'</p>
Page 144-5, objective 14	<p>Replaced 'the NDF seeks to maximise onshore wind and solar energy generation potential, whilst minimising the potential impact on the most sensitive environmental and cultural assets. However, it is accepted that large scale renewable energy development can be visually prominent' with 'there is a presumption in favour of large scale on-shore wind and solar energy generation potential in the Priority Areas for Renewable Energy, an acceptance of landscape change and a focus on maximising benefits and minimising impacts. However, 'it is accepted that large scale renewable energy development can be visually prominent'</p> <p>Inserted 'unacceptable' after 'no'</p> <p>Replaced 'can generate' with 'should provide'</p> <p>Replace 'in Wales' with 'across the country'.</p>
Page 147, objective 16	Inserted 'landscape' after 'acceptance of'
Page 150, policy wording	Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic' in two instances
Page 165	Added in bracket around 'and'
Page 169, policy wording Policy 17	<p>Replaced 'cross border' with 'cross-border'</p> <p>Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic'</p> <p>Capital letters used for LDP</p> <p>Deleted 'in Wales and England'</p>
Page 169, policy wording P18	<p>Replaced 'Built-up' with 'built up'</p> <p>Amended to 'area's important'</p> <p>Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic'</p> <p>Capital letters used for LDP</p>
Page 169, policy wording Policy 19	<p>Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic' in two instances</p> <p>Inserted 'The' before second 'Strategic'</p>
Page 169, policy wording Policy 20	Deleted 'new' before investors
Page 170, policy wording P21	<p>First line amended to 'The Welsh Government will work with local and regional authorities in North Wales and North West England to ensure.....'</p> <p>Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic'</p> <p>Capital letters used for LDP</p>
Page 171, objective 1	Replaced P5 with P17
Page 171, objective 2	Replaced P5 with P17
Page 172, objective 2	Inserted P17 after 'This policy'
Page 175, objective 3	Replaced P9 with P22 and P5 with P17

Page 176, objective 3	Inserted 'P' before 23 Amended last sentence to read P17RA2 and P18RA2
Page 184, objective 8	Replaced P9 with P22
Page 185, objective 8	Amended last sentence to P18RA2
Page 187, objective 10	Deleted A after Policy 19
Page 189, objective 11	Replaced P8 with P21
Page 190, objective 11	Replaced P6 with P19 and P5 with P17
Page 200, policy wording P23	Delete 'across the region'
Page 200, policy wording P24	Deleted 'Builth Wells' Changed 'roles' for 'functions' Deleted 'across the region' Replaced 'can play a role' with 'continue'
Page 200, policy wording P25 & P26	Deleted 'the' between supports and continued Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic' Capital letters used for LDP
Page 202, objective 2	Replaced P10 with P23
Page 221, policy wording P27	Deleted 'This role will deliver well-being benefits and support the wider Welsh economy'
Page 221, policy wording P28	Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic' Capital letters used for LDP Deleted 'in order' Deleted 'cross border' Inserted after 'authorities'... 'within the region and in England'
Page 221, policy wording P29	Inserted 'Heads of the Valleys area' in three instances Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic' Capital letters used for LDP
Page 221, policy wording	Replaced 'north of the M4 between the second Severn crossing to north Cardiff' with 'around Newport and the eastern part of the region' Capital letters used for SDP
Page 222, policy title	Changed 'transport' to 'transit'
Page 222, policy wording P32	Inserted ';' after passenger services
Page 222, policy wording	Replaced 'Regional' with 'Strategic' Capital letters used for LDP
Page 223, objective 1	Inserted P31 in the last column
Page 225, objective 2	Inserted P28 and P31 in the last column
Page 226, objective 2	Replaced P15 with P28
Page 231	Retyped 'stable and high quality'
Page 240, objective 8	Policies P27, P28 and P29. Last column
Page 243, objective 10	Replaced P30 with P31
Page 245, objective 11	Replaced 'Policy' with P27, P28' Replaced P32 with P31
Page 249, objective 13	Replaced P27 with P32
Page 250, objective 13	Policy is P31

Page 255, objective 16	Replaced P27 with P32
Cumulative effects Table B-51 Page 260, objective 2	Replaced P17 with P16 and P27 with P28
Cumulative effects Table B-51 Page 263, objective 12	Replaced P30 with P29
Cumulative effects Table B-51 Page 266, objective 16	Amended 'table blterations' to 'table alterations' Replaced 'will' with 'should'