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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview

The Welsh Government is undertaking a Call for Evidence and Projects and this is your opportunity to provide us with information you think we should consider as we prepare the NDF.

The NDF will include spatial planning policies and will identify national projects. We are interested to receive evidence that can inform the development of these policies and details of projects that can help Wales meet its national goals.

How to respond

Evidence and projects should be submitted to us by 7 March 2017. All submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form.

Email us at ndf@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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Further information and related documents

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

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Data protection

How the views and information you give us will be used

Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.

The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then blank them out.

Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

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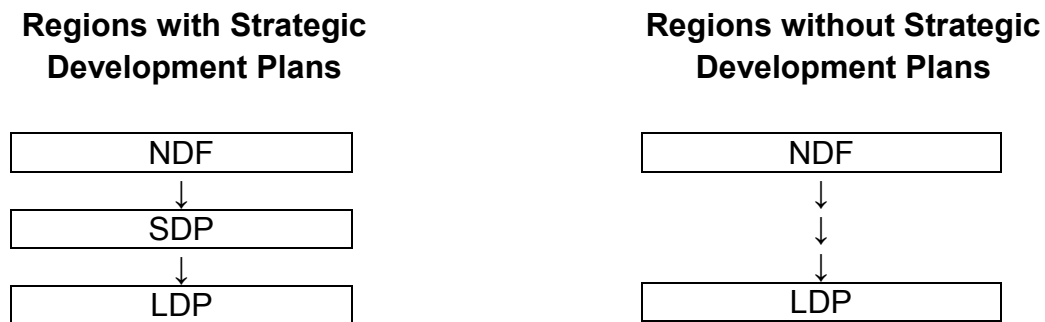
Abbreviations

LDP	Local Development Plan
NDF	National Development Framework
SDP	Strategic Development Plan
WG	Welsh Government

For more information on the NDF including details on the timetable, consultation and supporting information please visit www.gov.wales.

The Development Planning System in Wales & the National Development Framework

In the future the development plan system will consist of the all-Wales National Development Framework (NDF), regional Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) and at the local level Local Development Plans (LDPs). SDPs are unlikely to be prepared across the whole of Wales, meaning some parts of Wales will have three tiers of development plans and others two.



The development planning system will ensure that issues are considered at the most appropriate level. This is an important principle and will ensure that plans deal with those issues they can best influence. All plans are important and it is the alignment of plans at all levels, working together, that will help us achieve our national goals.

The NDF will set out a 20 year plan for Wales, providing a framework to deliver the growth and infrastructure we need to ensure our wellbeing and that of future generations. It will also have an important role in the delivery of the Welsh Government's priorities. We want to ensure evidence and projects that can shape the NDF are submitted to us.

Call for Evidence and Projects

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The Welsh Government is undertaking a Call for Evidence and Projects and this is your opportunity to provide us with information you think we should consider as we prepare the NDF.

Consideration of Evidence and Assessment of Projects

The NDF will be shaped by the goals and ways of working set out by the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Like other public bodies, the Welsh Government must work towards achieving sustainable development and meet the seven well-being goals, which show the kind of Wales we want to see. The goals are:-

Well-being Goals

Goal	Description of the goal
A prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.
A resilient Wales	A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).
A healthier Wales	A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).
A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

We will consider all evidence and projects submitted to us against the seven goals and in the context of the development planning system in Wales. We will publish details of the projects and evidence submitted to us and will make public the completed submission forms and supporting information. We will publish a summary of our assessment of submitted projects and will identify across the NDF process how we have used evidence to shape the emerging framework.

Submitting Evidence

You should explain why you are submitting the evidence to us; what national issue your evidence relates to; and how you think the evidence should be used to shape the emerging NDF. It is important issues are clearly articulated. You should ensure your evidence is related to the well-being goals, as this is the context in which we will consider it.

You should consider whether the evidence and the issues it highlights, are of a national, regional or local dimension. All-Wales studies looking at the potential for renewable energy generation, connectivity issues between different parts of Wales or environmental issues covering multiple regions are examples of evidence likely to be relevant to the NDF. Issues which relate to a geographically smaller area but which are of national significance, such as power stations or nationally important habitats for example could also have relevance to the NDF.

Evidence which focuses on local or regional issues, may be better addressed through SDPs and/or LDPs. This does not mean they are less important but that there is a more appropriate tier of the development plan system to deal with them.

Lengthy, detailed and technical evidence should be avoided. Where it is considered necessary, it should be accompanied by a concise (750 words max) summary of key points, key issues and an explanation of why it has been submitted. Submissions should not include documents or plans larger than A3. Whilst paper submissions will be accepted, electronic submissions are preferred. Duplicate paper copies are not required in support of electronic submissions.

Submitting Projects

Projects of a national scale are likely to be significant, either in terms of scale or their contribution to meeting national goals. You should make it clear why the project should be considered for inclusion in the NDF and the contribution it will make to delivering the well-being goals.

Lengthy, detailed and technical supporting material is not required at this stage and should be avoided. Submissions should not include documents or plans larger than A3. We will contact you for further information should we require it. Whilst paper submissions will be accepted, electronic submissions are preferred. Duplicate paper copies are not required in support of electronic submissions.

Publication of Submitted Forms, Evidence & Supporting Information

Information submitted to us through this process will be made public including the name of individuals, bodies and organisation who have submitted it. Contact details will not be published.

How to Submit

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Submission Forms

Submission of Evidence Form – National Development Framework

Name

Contact details

Date

Title of evidence

Summary of evidence

Summary of key issues/conclusions

Why have you submitted this evidence?

How should this evidence inform the development of the NDF?

How does this evidence and any actions it recommends help achieve the 7 well-being goals?

Why is the evidence of national significance?

Do you agree for your evidence to be made public?

(Only evidence that can be made public will inform the development of the NDF)

Submission of Projects Form – National Development Framework

Name	
Contact details	
Date	
Interest in site	
Details of landowner	
Title of project	
Summary of project	
Location of project (Please attach location map)	
What consents are required?	
Consents already granted relevant to project	
Public engagement to date	
Has an environmental assessment been prepared? (Yes / No)	
Are there any site designations or constraints affecting the site?	
What is the delivery timescale for the project?	

<p>How would the project contribute to the delivery of the 7 well-being goals?</p>	
<p>Why is the project of national significance?</p>	
<p>Do you agree for your project and any supporting information to be made public?</p> <p>(Only projects and information that can be made public will inform the development of the NDF.)</p>	