

Submission of Evidence Form – National Development Framework

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Title of evidence

Ministry of Defence comments for consideration in the National Development Framework

Summary of evidence

The Ministry of Defence is a long established landowner, employer and user of both rural and built estate in Wales which enables both key defence and national security needs to be met as well as providing wider community and economic benefits that align and support your Well-being Goals.

The Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015 confirmed the requirement for an enduring defence presence in Wales. MOD was also tasked to review its estate holdings and to identify estate assets that need to be retained, developed and invested in to support military capability but also to reduce its built estate assets by 30% by 2040 to achieve long term affordability. The strategy to achieve this rationalisation has now been completed and was published as the Better Defence Estate Strategy outlook (BDES) in November 2016.

MOD is now beginning the implementation phase of BDES and engagement with local planning authorities in Wales and across the UK is now underway to discuss the best way to develop the retained defence estate as well as to consult on the opportunities for those establishments and assets we are selling.

It is in this context of estate transformation that we feel that there are significant benefits for the local planning authorities in Wales and the MOD for there to be defence considerations referenced in the National Development Framework. This will ensure an informed, coherent and collaborative approach to be adopted and early identification for all parties on where synergies and in some cases constraints lie.

To achieve this level of knowledge and dialogue we would suggest that in the National Development Framework:

1. There is a requirement for Local Planning Authorities to take defence into material consideration as part of their Plan preparation and to ensure there are no significant adverse impact on defence interests as part of proposals being brought forward through local development plans; and
2. In preparing local development plans, ensuring that Local Planning Authorities make contact with MOD to elicit the latest information on the future of Defence sites in their area/region

Summary of key issues/conclusions

MOD is a key stakeholder in supporting and achieving a successful National Development Framework and Well-being goals

MOD is going through a major estate change programme and alignment with the National Development Framework is seen as being mutually beneficial

Why have you submitted this evidence?

Inclusion in the National Development Framework of the consideration of enduring Defence and national security requirements as well as those assets/sites which are in MOD's disposal programme will enable local planning authorities and defence to make informed decisions at the right time and that can enable the best outcomes for communities and stakeholders.

How should this evidence inform the development of the NDF?

Please see above

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

The establishment of a resilient and sustainable defence estate in Wales will be best placed to continue to support the Well-being goals

Why is the evidence of national significance?

The positive impacts from Defence presence across Wales is significant.

Do you agree for your evidence to be made public? (Only evidence that can be made public will inform the development of the NDF)

Yes

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?

How would the project contribute to the delivery of the 7 well-being goals?
Why is the project of national significance?

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Do you agree for your project and any supporting information to be made public? (Only projects and information that can be made public will inform the development of the NDF.)