

Draft National Development Framework

1. NDF Outcomes (chapter 3)

Q1. 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?

Strongly agree

Q2. To what extent do you agree with the 11 Outcomes as ambitions for the NDF?

Agree with all of them

2. Spatial Strategy (policies 1 - 4)

Q3. 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	Don't know	No opinion
Urban areas (Policies 1, 2 & 3)	X						
Rural areas (Policy 4)	X						

Q4. If you have any comments on the spatial strategy or key principles for development in urban and rural areas, please tell us:

To be effective they need to be law rather than guidance. Local authority planning departments needs to be well resourced.

3. Affordable Housing (policy 5)

Q5. 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?

Agree

Q6. If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF approach the delivery of affordable housing?

How realistic is this target? whilst we agree with the approach of 51% homes built within the first five years being be affordable to reduce inequalities, we have been lead to believe by the local authority that this target is undeliverable. Our experience is that housing development is lead by developers and market forces.

4. Mobile Action Zones (policy 6)

Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree the identification of mobile action zones will be effective in encouraging better mobile coverage?

Strongly agree

Q8. If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF improve mobile phone coverage in the areas which currently have limited access?

No Response

5. Low Emission Vehicles (policy 7)

Q9. 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?

Strongly agree

Q10. If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF enable and encourage the roll-out of charging infrastructure for ultra-low emission vehicles?

There is currently no charging infrastructure in our area, it would be welcomed. We recognise that people make decisions on buying electric cars based on where they can charge them. In addition technology needs to move on to enable fast charging. It would also be good for all new homes to have charging points.

6. Green Infrastructure (policies 8 & 9)

Q11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the approach to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecological networks?

Agree

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

Q12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the NDF's policies to lower carbon emissions in Wales using...

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	No opinion
Large scale wind and solar developments		X					
District heat networks	X						

Q13. 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?

Whilst we support large scale offshore wind developments, there are concerns about the extent of the proposals to have large wind development on land encroaching on AONB to the size proposed. Future new homes should require by legislation solar energy provision in addition to ground source heat.

8. The Regions (policy 16)

Q14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the principle of developing Strategic Development Plans prepared at a regional scale? 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.

Strongly agree

9. North Wales (policies 17-22)

Q15. 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?

Strongly agree

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

Q16. 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?

No opinion

11. South East Wales (policies 27-33)

Q17. 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?

No opinion

Q18. 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.

No Response

12. Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

Q19. 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.

It is good that it makes reference to the wellbeing and future generation act.

13. Habitats Regulations Assessment

Q20. 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?

No Response

14. Welsh Language

Q21. 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?

It is important that both languages have equal parity in Wales.

Q22. Please also explain how you believe the proposed NDF could be formulated or changed so as to have: 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 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.

No Response

15. Further comments

Q23. Are there any further comments that you would like to make on the NDF, or any alternative proposals you feel we should consider?

the aspirational side of it is positive, but it lacks the legislative framework, powers and rouses for local authorities to achieve its objectives.

We would suggest that Tidal lagoons should also be considered within the NDF as it is a massive energy source, as it is the second highest tidal rise and fall in the UK.

This is an example of various strategies and plans being out of alignment with one another as they area all produced at different times across the country. The NDP 19,400 homes required, but in the Flintshire LDP it has 7,950 allocated to deliver a requirement of 6950, why is the NDP figure so low. The regional NDF homes required, needs to reflect existing and emerging LDP's if the figure is lower than the existing totals it is bound to cause local authorities problems with large planning applications. National Forest - this should be from the West coast of N.Wales across the region to link with the English forest which is being planted from Cheshire to Hull.

Allocation of areas to build wind turbines needs to include areas to acces them and also distribution networks for the energy produced.

There is no mention of fracking, there should be a position state of Welsh government on fracking.

Why aren't there additional info boxes for all questions?

This is also a leading questionnaire, hence the reason for filling this additional comments box.

16. Are you...?

Q24. Are you:

Submitting a response on behalf of an organisation

Submit your response

Q25. You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

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Q26. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.
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Q27. Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box.

No Response