

Questionnaire on the draft NDF

To help us make our 20-year Plan better we want to know what you think of it. There are 8 questions to answer – you can answer all or some of the questions.

You don't have to fill in the questionnaire on your own – you can fill it in with a friend or with a member of your family.


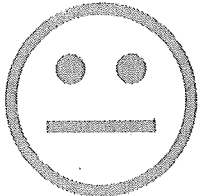


There's a space for you to choose how you feel about each question – just tick the box below the symbol to let us know whether you agree. If you want to write comments about the questions you can do that too, but you don't have to.

Remember, you have until **1st November 2019** to give your feedback.

Part A – the main points of the NDF

Our plan is for the biggest developments in Wales to happen in towns and cities – places like Cardiff, Newport, Swansea and Wrexham. We want to make transport clean and make lots of clean energy, to help improve our environment.

1. Do you think we are aiming to do the right things with our plan?

Yes	Not sure	No
		
		

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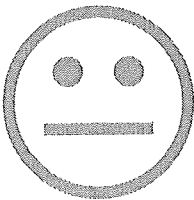

2. We have 10 **aims** in the NDF. Should we think about anything else? Tell us anything we've missed out

Yes	Not sure	No
✓		
The NDF also needs to think about...		

Energy efficiency in housing - particularly insulation, and the desirability of flats. Flats not only have a much better chance of being affordable, they save large amounts of heating energy due to shared walls, and enable population densities which will support public transport networks with little, if any, subsidy being needed.

Public transport connexions. It is all very well buses, trains, and ships leaving on time, but not if intending passengers have missed their connexion. This happens daily at Holyhead.




3. Do you think the Plan will help achieve healthy and well-planned places?

Yes	Not sure	No
		
✓		

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4. Do you think the plan will help us take care of our environment?

Yes	Not sure	No
		
✓		
Comments:		

Part B – different parts of Wales


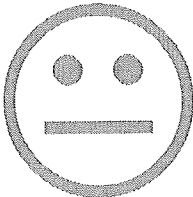

We have plans for the three regions in Wales to help them grow. You can tell us what you think about these ideas - even if you live or work in a different area.

5. Do you agree with our plans for North Wales?


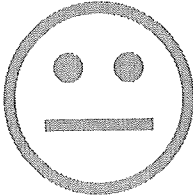

Yes	Not sure	No
		
✓		

Comments:

6. Do you agree with our plans for Mid and South West Wales?

Yes	Not sure	No
		
	✓	
Comments:		

7. Do you agree with our plans for South East Wales?

Yes	Not sure	No
		
✓		

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	✓	
<p>Comments:</p>		

Part C

8. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this plan?

Comments:

Please refer to the typed letter
stapled to this sheet. Thankyou.

Tell us a little about you:

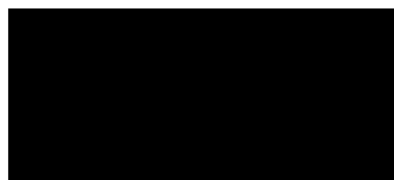
Name:	JOHN HOPKINSON
Where you are from:	
Best way to contact you about the NDF (for example, email address):	
We won't share your details with anyone and will only use it so that we can tell you when we have done more work on the NDF.	

To return the questionnaire:

Email it to: ndf@gov.wales

Post it to: NDF Team, Planning Directorate, Welsh Government, Cathays Park,
Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

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14th November 2019

Dear NDF Team,

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK 2020-2040 : Consultation Response

The pro-forma is something of a straight-jacket, and so here in letter form are points which I wish to have considered.

The Framework is in many places over-simplistic and in other places is nothing better than "motherhood and apple pie". Nevertheless, I do appreciate that such a document is necessary.

Wales is a Nation, and the Framework should more strongly reflect this. In particular, these two points should be included when the Draft is revised :

1. Pressure on water resources is expected to increase (very top of col 2 p15) therefore a statement must be included that water shall not be abstracted from Wales to England unless a significant payment (g £1 per cubic metre) is made, this payment being under continual review for the whole period 2020 to 2040.

2. Green electrical energy generated in Wales must not be allowed to be transmitted to England, Scotland or Ireland full stop.

The traffic light RED on page 37 prohibiting the development of natural resources, in particular wind, in National Parks and AONBs is short-sighted and unnecessarily constraining. Adding these prohibited areas and colouring them in red on the map on page 42 will serve to show to the reader just how much resource is being sacrificed. In almost all cases, these red areas are precisely those areas with the best wind resource. To force wind generation into areas less favoured with strong winds will be to unnecessarily inflate Welsh consumers' electricity bills.

The document does not give anything like enough prominence to alternatives to electric cars for low emission vehicles, in particular the use of hydrogen. Electric cars are NOT ultra low emission if any of their charging electricity is generated from eg gas. Hydrogen is sustainable long-term, whereas battery cars are not, by reason of shortage of critical materials if the whole world goes for electric cars. By contrast there is effectively unlimited hydrogen - water H₂O is freely available in Wales in trillions of tons. The Orkneys are leading the way with hydrogen vehicles - the Welsh Government should make itself familiar with the Orkney experience and revise the Consultation Draft as appropriate.

There is a non sequitur at sentence 3 in column 2 of page 37. It is unjustifiable to say "therefore"; sentence 3 must therefore be deleted, and "However" removed from sentence 4.

Yours,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of John Hopkinson.

John Hopkinson

