

Consultation Response Form

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1. NDF Outcomes (chapter 3)

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	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
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- To what extent do you agree with the 11 Outcomes as ambitions for the NDF?

Agree with all of them	Agree with most of them	Agree with some of them	Agree with none of them	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- If you disagree with any of the 11 Outcomes, please tell us why:

The 11 outcomes are not realistic:

- 1 This is year 2019, working age people either move to areas where paid work is available, or they commute (daily, weekly, or longer). With an income secured, people at work start to look for a home. What is a "vibrant" place? What do you mean by "... access to homes ..."? Unless Wales uses 100% secure, sustainable environmentally sane source of electricity, no place is "healthy". This means an instant stop in carpeting Wales countryside with concrete (which stays where it is poured until the end of time) in order to develop wind power stations and their additional infrastructure. Nothing on this planet is as environmentally disastrous as the production of cement.
- 2 This theory has been tested in more than one country and in more than one county. Unless we create opportunities for all, unless people in danger of being left behind have some hope in enjoying a life worth living, no amount of regional guideline will or can guarantee sustainable growth and, with it, equality.
- 3 I speak, read and write three languages, I read five languages, and I understand six. If the Welsh education system insists introducing a second language at secondary school, only very few will benefit from it. Introduce new languages year 1 when children are less self-conscious, have no fear, and are interested, and most of them will pick it up within a few months.
- 4 Please see my comment to your first statement above.
- 5 This is connected to your first and fourth statements.
- 6 Sustainable travel demands more than a statement in a 20-year national development plan. It demands action now. Having sub-standard, slow, filthy, barely existing train service across a country (in this case Wales) is slowing the

rest of national development down. I use the train service, such as it is, most weeks. I cannot remember when my train was on time leaving or arriving, causing missing connections and uncomfortable journeys. Why is Wales not capable of introducing a double-track train line? Why don't we have at least twice an hour train service across the country? Or, being more realistic, even an hourly one would double the existing number of trains. Why are the toilets too filthy for use? Why are the air-conditioners never working; were they bought not to? Why are so many perfectly well located stations closed down? Re-opening them would reduce the numbers of vehicles on the roads.

- 7 I started nagging about internet and speedy connection in 1997. After lousy speed broadband (0.02mb/s), with no hope of ever receiving a speedier one from the Welsh Government, I invested in a dongle. My broadband speed increased from 0.02mb/s to 59Mb/s in an instant.

We do not, do not, need to dig up roadsides, we do not need to dig human size holes in farmland and fill them with concrete into which we plant poles and hang wires in between. That is digital technology from 20-30 years ago; the contractor Wales government has employed, seems hellbent in burying its old rubbish into ditches and forgetting to check alternatives for G5. With a G5 100% coverage, this little country would really go places, we would reduce road use, reduce pollution and increase sustainable use of limited natural resources.

- 8 This is connected to your first, fourth and fifth statements, and to my seventh.

- 9 "... in places with biodiverse, resilient and connected ecosystems ..." I presume that part of that paragraph was mislaid in pasting process.

- 10 We all want an Earth. This earth is the only place we have got that is suitable for human life. If we don't stop polluting everything in our path, our planet will go belly up. And we with it. Looking around me in this glorious, green countryside, I see very few trees. The common practice in other European countries of "cut one, replant five" does not seem to be adopted in Wales. I see several solo wind turbines providing power to one or more farms and other dwellings. I also see a wind power station with over 100 turbines. Each have been planted into a swimming pool of concrete with additional platforms on either side, three pools of concrete. Each. Over 300. These will stay after the turbines have been demolished. And, probably, replaced by bigger turbines in new pools of concrete. Those of us living near one, experience more frequent and more severe flooding since concrete has a bad habit of not absorbing water. We are told by those we selected and pay for, that wind power stations create green energy. We have been lied to: only when the blades go round is wind power "green". The rest of the time, digging for materials for turbine and site development, turbine transport, site development, construction, maintenance and demolition, it is not.

2. Spatial Strategy (policies 1 - 4)

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	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Urban areas (Policies 1, 2 & 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural areas (Policy 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Rural areas, as well as urban ones, are varied and need local knowledge and consultation.

3. Affordable Housing (policy 5)

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?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Our nearest town has dozens of empty “brown” spaces (shops, warehouses) that will never reopen but could be reassigned and redeveloped as dwellings. Developing green spaces demands utilities (water, sewage, electricity, broadband, rubbish collection, recycling, schools) and roads.

4. Mobile Action Zones (policy 6)

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

5. Low Emission Vehicles (policy 7)

- 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	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
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- If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF enable and encourage the roll-out of charging infrastructure for ultra-low emission vehicles?

6. Green Infrastructure (policies 8 & 9)

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
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7. Renewable Energy and District Heat Networks (policies 10-15)

- 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	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Large scale wind and solar developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
District heat networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 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?

Wind power stations are only efficient and carbon neutral when the blades go round. Not during development or demolition.
District heat networks are clever, incinerators burn up rubbish and create heat. No smell, no carbon. Gothenburg on the west coast of Sweden has had these for decades.

8. The Regions (policy 16)

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

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

9. North Wales (policies 17-22)

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	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
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10. Mid and South West Wales (policies 23-26)

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?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
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11. South East Wales (policies 27-33)

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?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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.

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

You forgot us up here.

We need 100% coverage with reliable broadband. This would increase tourism just by ease of booking on the net.

We need 100% reliable and frequent train service across Wales. This will reduce road traffic, increase numbers of tourists staying here and spending money.

We need local development of sporting facilities and outdoor spaces for youth.

Our youth need spaces of their own, decided, developed and managed by themselves.

Your youth need and deserve hope. We need them to stay, or return, here.

Your youth need language skills to welcome visitors.

13. Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

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.

14. Habitats Regulations Assessment

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?

15. Welsh Language

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?

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

- I. 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
- II. 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.

16. Further comments

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

We need to concentrate our health policies to preventative health care. Increased costs of sport and leisure facilities make it impossible for people in state pension to attend regularly.
I proposed that those with state pension only, will have their preventative health care paid for by the rest of us through general taxation. This will reduce our secondary care bill, make us feel better, and improve our quality of life.

17. Are you...?

Providing your own personal response	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Submitting a response on behalf of an organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Responses to the consultation will be shared with the National Assembly for Wales and are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here	<input type="checkbox"/>
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