

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?

Disagree

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

Agree with some of them

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

3, 5 and 10 are commendable objectives but cannot be achieved by devastating the rural landscape of Powys. The plans as they stand might bring your outcomes to the people of Cardiff but this will come at the expense of the people of Powys.

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		
					X		

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

The decision to devote large areas of Powys to sweeping, unsupervised renewable energy and windfarms will devastate rural communities. Water runoff will increase. Biodiversity (birds in particular) will suffer. The natural environment environment will suffer. Heritage tourism will suffer; I am from Manafon, where R.S Thomas lived and worked in my church. I wonder how many people will want to see the sleepy village where the poet worked, plus windfarms?

Fundamentally your strategy splits rural and urban Wales by interest and will be impossibly divisive.

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?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

No Response

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?

Neither agree nor disagree

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?

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?

No Response

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?

Strongly disagree

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			
				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?

Your current plans won't help biodiversity or transition towards a low carbon economy.

As it stands, the current proposals will sweep local democracy from the people of Powys to Cardiff (this is much like how London seeks to centralise control of the UK and Wales, but as it being done internally within Wales will not necessarily be recognised as such by the planners in th Cardiff bubble).

You could invest in nuclear energy. That would be a brave decision that would create jobs, be energy intensive (i.e. you wouldn't have to devastate vast tracts of land with marginally efficient wind farms). You could give the people of Cardiff solar panels and personal windmills.

Instead, the plan as it stands is to devastate the neglected lands of Powys.

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.

Disagree

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?

No opinion

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?

Strongly disagree

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.

'In South East Wales we are proposing to enhance Cardiff's role as the capital'

So the London of Wales, essentially. How curious it is that the city that gets all the funding avoids massive windfarms developments and it's regions get greenbelts. This current proposal disproportionately benefits the city and smacks of favouritism and centralism.

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.

No Response

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?

Wales has been split into broad, poorly defined regions for the purposes of the national development framework, to be centrally orchestrated by Cardiff. As such, the habitat regulation assessment cannot be particular and specific and its terms are pre-set.

It is not comforting to know that when the birds of Manafon are reduced by windfarm death or the inevitable impact of construction (such as the destruction of habitat by the building of roads) that we will be part of 3 huge areas.

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?

Your policy will split the regions of Wales from the capital and as such it should be expected that this will impact upon the uptake of Welsh language.

I attended Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfaor Caereinion which was a mixed languages stream school then, and there was tension between native Welsh speakers and non Welsh speakers. I cannot imagine that this situation could improve by further artificially dividing 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?

Your plan amounts to a commitment to centralism at the cost of the regions of Wales such as Powys.

There is already a perception in Powys that Cardiff rules the roost and that we are underfunded. I can scarcely imagine the impact upon perceptions when Newport is given a delightful new green belt and Powys is devastated by wind farms.

Powys is not an unpeopled desert. It is living working land full of people. Powys is not standing reserve. Powys does not want the destruction of the land and the animals that your plans represent. Powys is enmeshed in the history and culture of Wales, but your plans reduce Powys to an unwanted suburb of Cardiff.

I implore you to think again.

16. Are you...?

Q24. Are you:

Providing your own personal response

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