

National Development Framework: Easy Read questionnaire

Part A – the main points of the NDF

Q1. 1. Do you think we are aiming to do the right things with our plan?

Not sure

Comments:

I support some aspects of the NDF concerning public transport and affordable housing. Why is there no vision or commitment to build energy efficient housing which would need a lot less energy than conventionally built housing stock. I also support plans to improve mobile phone signal coverage and improve internet connection speeds. These improved infrastructures should enable more people to be able to work from home on either an employed or self employed basis. I also support plans outlined in the NDF to promote healthier workplace environments and healthier living environments. Most importantly, as a woodland owner myself, I support the plans to increase the area of woodland in Wales. However there are 2 main things in the consultation which concern me, as a rural dweller, I feel totally betrayed by the renewable energy aspirations outlined in the NDF consultation document. TAN 8 in 2005 was supposed to restrict industrial wind farm development to 7 areas identified in the ARUP report. Now the present Welsh govt has done the dirty on rural residents by planning to force more people to live in the acoustic shadows of industrial wind turbines. 14 years later the present govt has reneged on its commitment to limit industrial wind farm development to the 7 areas identified in TAN 8 and has significantly increased the area of land available for future industrial wind farm developments. There is no joined up thinking in the development of the aspirations set out in the NDF consultation document.

Q2. 2. We have 10 aims in the NDF. Should we think about anything else? Tell us anything we've missed out

Yes

The NDF also needs to think about...

A. Building energy efficient housing stock which require the use of much less energy to keep dwellings warm in winter and cooler in summer. B. Nuclear energy using the latest technology.

Q3. 3. Do you think the Plan will help achieve healthy and well-planned places?

No

Comments:

Noise emissions from industrial wind turbines have already been damaging the health and quality of life of a significant percentage of people living in the acoustic shadows of industrial wind farms since 1979. The Australian Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines (June 29, 2015) established that there is a direct pathway to disease resulting from wind turbine noise. Copy of the final report can be found at: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Wind_Turbines/Wind_Turbines/Final_Report WHO published new noise guidelines for Europe in October 2018, which includes new recommendations for wind turbine noise to help prevent health damage in people: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/sections/press-releases/2018/press-information-note-on-the-launch-of-the-who-environmental-noise-guidelines-for-the-european-region> In light of more information becoming available, the WAG needs to conduct research into the health effects of wind farm noise on people. Some people have already been driven out of their homes - as has already happened to my wife in 2016. How will Wales be a good place for people now and in the future by adding more industrial wind turbines to the rural landscape? My wife is now homeless because she happens to be sensitive to the pulsing infrasound/ low frequency noise emissions from industrial wind turbines - she is a wind turbine REFUGEE. • in order to regain her rapidly deteriorating health, she's had to abandon her family and all her beloved pets; • she's had to give away or burn most of her possessions - she had nowhere to keep them; • she has been homeless for over 3 years now; • there is no support or compensation available for her and other people in a similar plight; • she has had to move away from her social network of friends and family – far away from an area she has lived for over 30 years; • for the past 3.5 years she has been forced to live an itinerant life out of a small campervan which is very uncomfortable for long term living and very cold to live in during the winter months. • through chronic exposure to the pulsing low frequency noise from existing wind farms, she is now has INDUCED hypersensitivity to the intrusive health damaging noise pollution; • the prevalence of existing wind farms, and the proposed widespread expansion of massive industrial wind turbines therefore excludes her from being able to live in good health in most of Wales and in many other parts of the UK - that is a dreadful and unacceptable prospect for her and others; How many more people will be forced to flee from their homes and families if WAG is insistent in adding more industrial wind turbines to the Welsh landscape?

Q4. 4. Do you think the plan will help us take care of our environment?

No

Comments:

Destruction of fragile upland habitats and felling of vast numbers of trees to make way for industrial wind farms will destroy the environment, not take care of it. Wind turbines are known to kill large numbers of birds and bats worldwide. It will be no different in Wales.

Part B – different parts of Wales

Q5. 5. Do you agree with our plans for North Wales?

No Response

Q6. 6. Do you agree with our plans for Mid and South West Wales?

No Response

Q7. 7. Do you agree with our plans for South East Wales?

No Response

Part C

Q8. 8. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this plan?

A) Electric cars are not an option for my very rural location and my off grid lifestyle. The push for people to drive electric cars in the future is very concerning for a number of reasons:

- i. When production of electric cars is ramped up, where are all the natural resources going to come from to produce all the batteries that will be needed?
- ii. With present technology, every time a battery is charged it degrades by a very small amount. So batteries have a limited life span - they can only be charged a limited number of time before becoming next to useless.

B) National Forest - good idea. Woodlands - lower pollution and lower flood risk
Creating more woodlands is great.
But why cut down trees and replace them with giant wind turbines?

Wind farms and solar farms have enormous footprints for the amount of electricity produced. It will take a lot of good arable land out of food production - land on which crops and tress could be grown instead.

Submit your response

Q9. You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

Name Emyr Griffiths

Where are you from? [REDACTED]

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Q10. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.
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Q11. Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box.

No Response