

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 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:

No past track record showing WAG capable of delivering many of the NDF outcomes. The Welsh Language is divisive and forcing a minority will upon the majority. No prosperity or innovation promoted, travel is not sustainable with indecision already being promoted by the WAG, not enough vision and out-of-the-box thinking by WAG to reach many of the NDF outcomes including innovation, sustainability, digital infrastructure, connected ecosystems and decarbonising.

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:

You are dividing the country into four, and feels like you are centralising everything in the south-east, even though one area takes a huge amount of land-space.

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?

Strongly disagree

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

You build a new metro line between two principle towns that has lots of unused land between them, put in a train station every two miles, and open up the land within a mile of each station for houses, small commerce and small non-polluting industry (for example offices). An example would be to build the line between Carmarthen and Llanelli with stations at Pibwrlwyd, Cwmffrwyd, Bancycapel, Pontantwyn, Meinciau, Pontyates, Cynheidre, Horeb, Cwmbach. You do the same between Carmarthen and Llandeilo. And between Llandeilo and Llanelli. You connect them all up with an express railway line. People take the metro to Carmarthen, Llanelli and Llandeilo, then use the express railway line to take them to Four Havens, Swansea, Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Shrewsbury/birmingham. Each house should come with state sponsored solar panel roofing, rain water capture for toilets, a garden with at least two trees, and a covenant requiring the gardens remain grass with plants and trees. Housing developments should have a pedestrian path at front of house, and a low speed road at the back, where the roads are not a through road. The places should be designed that a pedestrian can go from house to station, and from house to school without having to cross a road. Priority throughout to cycles and pedestrians. Houses should be connected to a central heat generating building that will generate heat and hot water for all the houses.

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?

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 disagree

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?

Emphasising single point of charging, regardless of whether they are rapid or not, cannot be scaled up. 40 million vehicles, with each car travelling an average 7,500 miles a year. Current rapid charging takes 30 minutes and gives 100 miles. If we assume that every charging point is used 24/7 with no breaks in usage, we need 350,000 charging points. In comparison, we only have 8,500 petrol stations. Think out of the box. We need electromagnetic induction buried in the road, and let vehicles charge up as they drive. Install it on the inside lane of the M4 throughout, and then move onto the strategic road network. Drivers will then have their car "charged up" as they drive. Drivers will only need to worry about charging stations if their journeys do not regularly take in the strategic road network.

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?

Neither agree nor 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						

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?

Wind turbines are an environmental disaster, they damage the view, they introduce local weather disturbances, and kill wildlife. They are known to create sub-sonic noise that causes headaches, sleeplessness, dizziness and depression. Those looking at turbines can also suffer vertigo and seizures.

Solar developments should be done in tandem with infrastructure, and not be a sole installation. Solar Farms look unsightly and can reflect the rays of the sun causing warming effects in the atmosphere. Solar panels should be made into roof tiles and used on all roofs on every property, both old and new.

Emphasis should be made on biomass (using wood, wood waste, town waste, landfill gasses), hydropower (we have a huge coastline we should be using to generate electricity), and geothermal should also be more actively explored, the single site in Llynfi Valley is woefully inadequate.

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 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?

Don't know

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?

Strongly disagree

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?

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.

You should NOT be splitting the country into three parts, as this causes division and strife. One region will think another region is getting better or more, and they may feel like they are being left behind.

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?

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?

Forcing welsh onto people is divisive, and also detracts businesses that are not Wales based from not considering coming to Wales. It also adds unnecessary expense and burden onto the public sector, and also discriminates 80% of the potential workforce as they are not able to apply for jobs, or are given a contract condition to learn welsh. Quite divisive indeed!

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.

Allow people to deal with Welsh if they so wish, but do not force it onto people. Also understand the policy detracts from non-Welsh people from wanting to set up businesses in Wales.

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?

Not happy you are showing a map of Wales with green filled in and a green and yellow rosette at the top right. This looked so much like the Plaid Cymru rosette, that made me think this is a political document and political ambition rather than for the well being of the country. There were also stereotypical colouring of red for south-east and green for mid and west wales... yet more political reinforcement?

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.

Name Private Individual - not for publication

Organisation (if applicable) -

Preferred contact details (email/phone/post) post

Q26. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.
Email address



Q27. Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box.

Keep my response anonymous