

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:

Number 11: Currently I believe that we should be putting all our resources into the energy technology innovation sector to solve our clean energy problems. As far as I can see, many of the ways that governments propose decarbonisation are short term solutions that could be resolved with longer term strategies. In particular, the topic of onshore wind farming is a hugely divisive issue that has already split one Welsh community that I was a part of. Here in Wales we generate a huge amount of income from our landscape through tourism. As someone who operates in that sector I know that there is a section of the tourist population who are searching for unspoilt landscapes and unfortunately, large scale wind farms destroy that kind of place. Over the years I have spoken to many visitors about this and although there are plenty of people who don't mind, the ones that do will go somewhere else. I have experienced that first hand.

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:

With regards to Priority Area 7 for large scale wind and solar: I don't understand how such a small area, much of which is common land owned by the National Trust adjacent to a national park could ever result in "minimising impacts" and how "Communities will be protected from significant cumulative impacts to avoid unacceptable situations whereby, for example, smaller settlements could be potentially surrounded by large wind schemes."

Priority Area 7 is a very small area of land where it will be impossible to mitigate against this if large scale projects are attempted to be fitted between the areas of National Trust land and rural communities.

Additionally, there is a huge tourist industry in Priority Area 7 that will be greatly affected in my opinion.

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?

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?

Neither agree nor 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?

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?

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?

It's not so much that I disagree with wind and solar renewables projects, although I do actually think they are a short term technological solutions to our energy problem. The thing that I strongly disagree with is the siting of these large scale projects in rural areas where tourism is a high priority. I work in the tourist sector in Priority Area 7 and I know from many years of experience and a similar situation that I moved away from in northern Powys that certain areas of the tourist sector will be directly affected by these plans. Priority Area 7 is a particularly small area of land adjacent to one of our National Parks which includes a large amount of National Trust common land used by our tourist sector. I'm struggling to understand who concluded that Priority Area 7 would be a good place to site industrial wind and solar farms. I live and work here and I know what visitors love most about this area. Check all the websites of all the local tourist businesses and AirBNBs... you'll find the word "unspoilt" in almost every one. Unfortunately, large scale wind and to a lesser degree solar are a turn off to people searching for "unspoilt". The truth is that a huge amount of entrepreneurs in Priority Area 7 have created their businesses around this concept of "unspoilt". Large scale wind and solar developments will have a negative impact on these businesses.

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.

Neither agree nor 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?

Neither agree nor disagree

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?

Neither agree nor 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?

Neither agree nor 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.

No Response

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?

No Response

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?

My main reason for filling out this form is to express my deep sadness that Priority Area 7 has been deemed a suitable place to site large scale wind and solar projects. The anger may come later but for now I am just saddened about what might potentially happen to this incredible beautiful and unspoilt part of Powys. I love this landscape as do my wife and three children. I know what happens when an area is designated as 'suitable for large scale projects' because I moved from one before we lived here. I am very distraught at the thought of the same thing happening here.

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

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Organisation (if applicable)

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Preferred contact details (email/phone/post) email

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.

Keep my response anonymous