
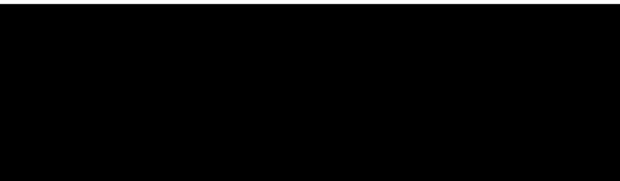



Consultation Response Form

Your name	
Your address	
Preferred contact details (email/phone/post)	
<u>Organisation (if applicable)</u>	

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>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 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:

Outcomes 11 and 9 seem to be in conflict with Outcome 10. Decarbonisation as implemented through renewable energy is essential, but not if windfarms covering 20% of Wales, mainly her most fragile uplands destroy wildlife and aggravate flooding through increased runoff. Outcomes 2 and 6 are unsustainable if rural areas are blighted by windfarms and lose the tourism which is their lifeblood. There are so few employment opportunities in rural Wales. Young people will continue to leave, so that the Welsh Language (Outcome 4) and prosperity, innovation and culture (Outcome 6) are unsustainable.

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

The huge Welsh rural heartland has been ignored and unsupported for the past fifty years and this Framework offers only more of the same. The urban areas already get all the jobs, houses and funds for infrastructure and we need to invest in "strong and resilient rural areas". This will surely not be achieved by wiping out tourism in these regions. We need strong, local planning laws to "develop strong, ambitious policies that support rural areas". We do not need rural taxpayers to be disenfranchised so that unworkable schemes can be bulldozed through by an Assembly hundreds of miles away with no knowledge of local issues. Surely devolution is about granting more power to Welsh voters, not taking it away from them?

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	Don't know	No opinion
<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, in what other ways can the NDF approach the delivery of affordable housing?

Young people continue to drift away from our market towns and villages. The Development Board set up forty years ago to promote housebuilding and attract people to our rural areas has ceased trading. Rural depopulation is a real problem. Young people cannot afford to buy in the areas in which they were born and there is nothing in their price range to rent, wages in parts of rural Wales being some of the lowest in Britain. X

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	Don't know	No opinion
<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 improve mobile phone coverage in the areas which currently have limited access?

Improved mobile phone coverage is desperately needed in Wales. What is also needed is local knowledge and consent to siting of telecom masts. "Significant adverse landscape impacts" are a matter Xfor local planning, not telecom businesses.

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	Don't know	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 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)

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- 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	Don't know	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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	Don't know	No opinion
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?

We should resurrect the Swansea Bay tidal scheme and investigate hydroelectric feasibility. The proposals to grant large scale wind and solar farms across one-fifth of Wales without the need for local planning consultation is an affront to democracy. It can only blight great swathes of the country for the next twenty years, devastate tourism, create unemployment, destroy fragile ecosystems, and hasten rural depopulation and loss of the Welsh language in the heartlands. There should be no "acceptance of landscape change" without detailed consultation with local planning authorities. I can already see gaping inaccuracies in terms of preserving historic assets and nature conservation sites from wind and solar development in my area alone. The maps are obviously incorrect. We need proper local knowledge or these mistakes could be go uncorrected all over the country. Imposing developments on regions from a distant body in Cardiff Bay based on flawed information is anti-democratic.

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	Don't know	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	Don't know	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Don't know	No opinion
<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 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.

Regional accountability is great: let's just get the regions right. The urban areas of Swansea and Llanelli obviously belong with Cardiff and the motorway corridor. They have nothing in common with Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion or Mid Wales. Let's recognise the deprivation across rural Wales, vastly underreported, in terms of housing, employment, wages and access to healthcare (i.e. a fifty-mile journey by road to hospital in Telford, Shropshire for difficult obstetric cases in Newtown, Powys.) The problems in these rural areas are quite different to the challenges of urban enclaves. Let's direct some money to the one-in-three Welsh citizens living in the countryside.

12. 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.

It fails to predict the effects of solar and windfarms on the economy, biodiversity, culture and health of populations in Priority Areas.

13. 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?

It is incomplete and inaccurate. Just in Priority Area 5 alone for wind and solar farming, I can see it takes no account of the Cwm y Wydden nature reserve. What about all the bats, redstarts, curlews, grey herons, red kites etc. unwise enough to stray into a Priority Area and get sliced and diced by the turbines? What biodiversity are we trying to protect here? Why is Welsh flora and fauna less important than jaguars or axolotls?

14. 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?

The proposals to greatly expand wind and solar farms across huge tracts of Welsh-speaking heartlands can only damage tourism and farming, cut job opportunities and speed up rural depopulation with a concomitant assault on the use of Welsh in everyday life.

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.

Increase the building of social housing in predominantly Welsh-speaking areas. Stop treating the regions where there is a preponderance of Welsh spoken as "Badlands" which can be despoiled, concreted over and economically blighted for some assumed benefit to urban areas. Cofiwch Dryweryn.

15. 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?

I feel shocked that the Assembly should use this Draft Framework to disenfranchise local people and sideline County Council input. Why stifle the expression of opinion by those directly concerned who really know what they are talking about? We need to even out investment to stop a second-class Wales developing in our countryside.

16. Are you...?

Providing your own personal response	<input checked="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 checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
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