

# 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 most of them

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

Point 4. I think you can have a thriving Welsh language without putting off prospective talented employees - some of the wording in job adverts feels almost like discrimination against people who are unable to speak Welsh. Point 9. There is a vast disconnect at present in ownership of resources - i.e. how the government ensure that local communities have a say in what is proposed and executed and also there is no actually sense of who will be doing the developing. In the UK less than 0.5% of energy resources are maintained and owned by local communities. This gives a sense of disempowerment. What about subsidised, communal strategies on a local scale? Sustainability needs a proper gauge of 'loss of amenity' pollution. For me this means that whilst some development is inevitable, just because something, for example tidal or offshore wind farms is expensive to begin/maintain we shouldn't always follow the path of least resistance and pollute in a different way i.e. losing what makes our hills and valleys so special to everyone who visits and lives in them.

## 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:

I am pleased to see a commitment to supporting rural communities but would like to see the development of a transport infrastructure which truly addresses communal rural transport links e.g. community electric buses, increased rail links and an extension of schemes such as Dial-a-ride but with sustainable hybrid transport utilising electric recharging points. Development grants for small scale energy production and mobile businesses supporting the elderly or less mobile residents.

## 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 agree

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?

Strongly 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 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?

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?

I would encourage (and indeed pay through my taxes) for the development of Off Shore wind farms, tidal energy and locally owned, (town and village scale) schemes. I think in principle district heat networks sound like the way forward. As I live in a rural locality, I would like to see encouragement for small scale integrated systems, paid for locally and sustained by local communities as happens elsewhere in the world e.g. Germany and Scandinavia. I feel some large scale development can happen but this should still be locally governed and not on the 10 megawatt proposal that is mooted at present for Priority areas. I think most fear the escalation of these enormous developments and also the Corporate 'clout' that over-rides local community needs and even County Council concerns. We all know climate change is happening but why not propose these large scale developments in places where roads e.g. motorways already exist so that the infrastructure is not too disruptive?

## 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 agree

## 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?

Strongly agree

## 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 agree

## 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 agree

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.

I know that by allowing comment to the NDF for the public, you are including the human voice BUT when I speak to people in my locality NO-ONE was aware of the NDF. There was no advertisement, nothing posted on any boards, no leaflet drop, no request for participation within the draft stage and no simplified statement (within the actual localities).

If I am right in thinking you want the ordinary people of Wales to know about this process - which is indeed a political and social one affecting all of our lives - why did I only find out about it by a chance reading in a local rag? If you want a transparent all-inclusive process, why haven't you ensured this happened? At the very least, a simplified ISA should be made available - not just online but in people's letterboxes.

## 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?

I am at a loss to understand why the Welsh Government has not included an analysis of off shore wind farms which although expensive generate far more energy, are linked by undersea cabling (negating the need for ugly pylons and road infrastructure) and will (because of where most Welsh urbanisation occurs) link directly to the urban areas that most need the energy. I think this, together with small scale production on a village/town scale is the way forward.

## 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*