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Dear NDF team

Please see my response to the NDF consultation.

I hope this is self-explanatory, but if you need any clarification, happy to help.

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14 November 2019

Dear NDF Team in Planning Policy.

CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation published in August 2019.

I would like to raise the following points which I hope would strengthen the document and contribute positively to what it wants to achieve.

There is a need in the main document for clarity on how the Well-being of Future Generations Act has informed the outcomes and policies. This would help show how the Framework complies with the Act's requirements; and delivers Sustainable Development. A simple tabular diagram showing the links would be helpful.

I was concerned that "culture" as one of the pillars of Sustainable Development did not feature as strongly as it should in Ministerial Statements and Introduction. Could not the general statements be reviewed so that culture is referred to as frequently as the other 3 pillars of Sustainable Development.

Even more fundamentally I do not think culture is truly reflected in other parts of the document. I would suggest culture is more than just the numbers of people speaking Welsh or heritage sites. Is there a need to include text to mention and support cultural landscapes, music, arts, theatres, poetry, dance and non-European cultures in descriptions and actions? There are references to cultural destinations, but in very few places, and I am not sure what cultural destinations are.

Turning to the Spatial Strategy map at Page 25 – it seems that there is a huge part of Wales (especially mid Wales) without any "activities" on. Is this in fact the case?

Detailed comments:

Map on Page 2 – is there a need to show more towns in the rural area of Wales – eg: Y Bala, Llanidloes, Llandeilo, Llandovery, Porthmadog etc.

Is there a need on the same map to explain in the key what the orange coloured areas are?

Does the Mid and West Wales plan on Page 57 need to show connectivity within the area between Aberystwyth and Carmarthen – and then onto Fishguard? If it does not, is the assumption being made that there is no significant connectivity and therefore of a lesser priority than other areas?

On the same plan should there be international connections from Fishguard?

On the plan for South East Wales at page 63 should there be two-way connections to and from Mid Wales – and to and from the Midlands.

Finally, I would like to suggest two initiatives which I believe could be enabled by this document.

1 – Round Wales public transport route – initially bus and rail – and then totally rail.

Following on from the success of the Wales Coastal Path there is an opportunity for a public transport related round Wales route using Transport for Wales railways, private heritage lines and buses initially; evolving into an all train route. This could stimulate significant tourist interest and help support local services.

This proposal would use the existing rail network between Holyhead/Bangor – the North Coast – the Borders - and then the South Wales mainline to Carmarthen.

Links would then be made through Traws Cymru buses – and eventually a restored Carmarthen to Aberystwyth railway line; to join Carmarthen with the Cambrian line at Aberystwyth so that people could travel to Porthmadog.

At Porthmadog travellers could take the Ffestiniog Railway to reach Blaenau Ffestiniog; and finally, the Conwy Valley railway line to Llandudno Junction.

Alternatively, at Porthmadog travellers could use the Welsh Highland Railway to Caernarfon and reach the North Coast line via Traws Cymru at Bangor; and eventually a restored railway line from Caernarfon to Bangor.

2 – Electric Charging Points for Vehicles

Is there need to make a commitment to install public charging points on the Wales Way where there are currently gaps for electric and hybrid vehicles – as a mechanism to encourage people to travel on the UK's first Ultra Low/Low Emissions tourist routes?

My view is that at the moment the document is extremely light on proposals for mid Wales other than the usual “growth points” concept, but there are statements on Page 29 under Policy 4 for there to be “ambitious policies”. Would these initiatives help that goal?

Although I am based in England, and am an ex-Welsh Government employee, who believes that in its approach to the Well Being of Future Generations Act the National Assembly and Welsh Government could actually deliver sustainable development; and be a positive example to the world.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Wyatt