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The draft NDF fails in several ways to meet the requirements of the WFG Act, and to establish policies to protect rural Wales

It signally fails to set out requirements for

- **Defining and protecting the hugely important natural environment of Wales, by setting out measures for retaining the current, declining countryside, undeveloped uplands and urban green spaces**
- **Establishing the eco-services which must be retained and enhanced to reduce the increasing danger to communities and infrastructure**
- **Reversing the serious decline in biodiversity, which will have consequences in terms of human health, well being and enjoyment, and agriculture**
- **Dealing adequately with what is required for existing residents and communities, especially the young and elderly, as opposed to continually thinking that 'growth' will solve all problems**
- **In particular, the peculiarly strong focus on energy production appears to be a separate and excessive policy in a 'framework' document. It looks out of place, contentious, and conflicting with other reasonable aims of the NDF, It is also deeply flawed as I know other more expert consultees have pointed out.**

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