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Llwybr Newydd A New Wales Transport Strategy

Consultation Draft - Easy Read



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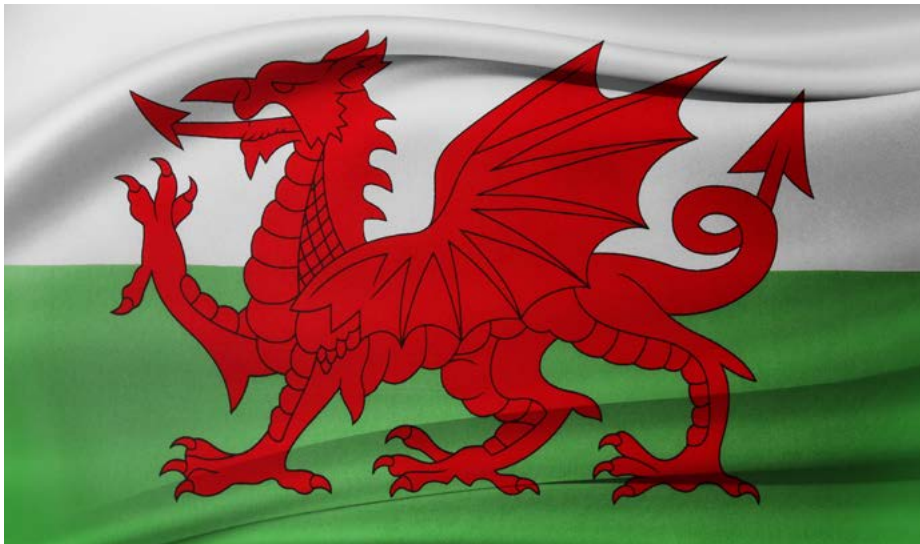
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Easy read guide to the consultation document

This is a chance to give Welsh Government your views.

This document is also available in Welsh.





How to use this document

This is an easy read version.

You may need support to read and understand this. Ask someone you know to help you.

'We' means Welsh Government.



What is a transport strategy?

We want to improve transport in Wales.
We are writing a transport strategy to help us do that.

A transport strategy is a report about the future of transport in Wales.

The report will say how we will make transport in Wales better.

We don't have enough money to do everything.

So a strategy will help us decide what is most important.





Why are we asking for your help?

We already have some ideas about what we will put in the strategy.

But we need to know what you think about those ideas.

Are they good ideas or bad ideas? And do you have other ideas?



What do we mean by transport?

Transport gets people from one place to another.

It is also gets things from one place to another. Small things such as parcels or food, or big things like machines.





Transport includes:

- Walking
- Cycling
- Buses
- Trains
- Cars and roads
- Taxis
- Aeroplanes and airports
- Community transport such as local buses
- Trucks and vans
- Ships and ports



About transport in Wales

We do lots of things to help transport in Wales.

We repair the roads to keep them safe. We also make improvements to roads such as new cycle lanes so more people can use their bikes safely.

We fund bus services in Wales. This includes local services and long distance services.

We help lots of people in Wales travel on the buses for free. These include disabled people and the people who help them.

We also fund discounts for young people.



We have set up a new organisation called 'Transport for Wales'. They help us deliver transport in Wales including some of the train services.

They are also building new metros. A metro is a more joined up public transport system using buses, trains and light rail which run more often and to more places.

We also fund things to make transport better and safer. For example, we fund safety improvements outside schools.

We improve roads so they are not as dangerous. We fund things to encourage more people to walk and cycle. We support things to make stations more accessible such as ramps for people who use wheel chairs. We fund more services.



Why do we need a new strategy?

We wrote our last strategy in 2008. Since then a lot has changed.

For example, we have a new law that means we have to think more about future generations. This means we need to think about the environment and people in the future, as well as about what happens now.

Also we still need to improve some things about transport in Wales.





Cars

Most people in Wales need a car to get to where they need to go. Especially if they live in a rural area.

But cars are bad for the environment. They give off gas which makes climate change worse.

When you drive a car, the tyres wear down. Tiny particles from the tyres can get into the air that we breathe. This is bad for our health – especially for children.

And lots of cars can mean more traffic jams.





Buses and trains

Lots of people in Wales need to use buses and trains because they don't have a car.

But they might be worried about doing that.

Maybe the bus won't come on time.

Maybe there won't be enough room for a wheel chair.

Sometimes buses and trains are late.

Buses and trains don't always go where you want to go, when you want to go there.

And people are worried that they might catch COVID-19 on a bus or a train.

Maybe they won't feel safe travelling alone. Lots of places in Wales are not near a train station, so people can't use the train.





Walking and cycling

We want more people to walk and use a bike.

This is because walking and cycling are good for your health. It also means fewer cars on the road.

But lots of people in Wales can't walk or cycle.
Or they don't feel safe.



What does our new strategy say?

It says that we want a transport system that is accessible and sustainable.

Accessible means a transport system that more people can use.

Sustainable means a transport system that is also good for Wales.



This means that we want more people to walk and cycle and to use the bus or train. We want transport to be safer.

We want to stop cars, buses and trucks harming the environment.

If they can, we want more people to leave their cars at home and use the bus or a train.

We want more cars, buses, trucks and trains to stop burning fuel that is bad for the air.

We want to make sure that more people can get to work, or to see the doctor, or to education.



So what will we do to make this happen?

Our new strategy says:

Firstly, we want to have more local services so that people don't need to use their car every day.

Secondly, we want bus and rail services that people can use, do use and want to use.

Thirdly, we need to look after roads, railway tracks, footpaths and cycle routes so that everyone is safe.

Fourthly, we need to make it easier to use buses and trains, and harder to use your car every day, if you have a choice.





Finally, we need to think about the future. There is new technology, like electric vehicles and new kinds of transport services that take you when you want to go. With new ideas for using less cars, like car sharing.

Our new strategy also says we need to think about each different kind of transport in Wales.

So we have written mini plans for them. A 'mini-plan' is a baby version of the main strategy.



There is a mini plan for walking and cycling, for buses, for rail, and one for roads. There is also one for the third sector (community transport), for freight, for ports and for aviation (air transport).

These say what we want to do and how we want to do it.

You can read about the type of transport that is most important to you.



**Will the new
strategy make my
bus come on time
or fix the road
outside my house?**



There are too many roads and buses to include every one of them in the strategy!

But the strategy will be about all the buses, all the trains and all the roads in Wales.

It will help us make big decisions about them.

It will also help us decide where we should spend money.



How can you help us?

We want your ideas about transport. This will help us to improve the strategy.

Please tell about your experiences with transport.

Do you use buses or trains? Do you walk or cycle?

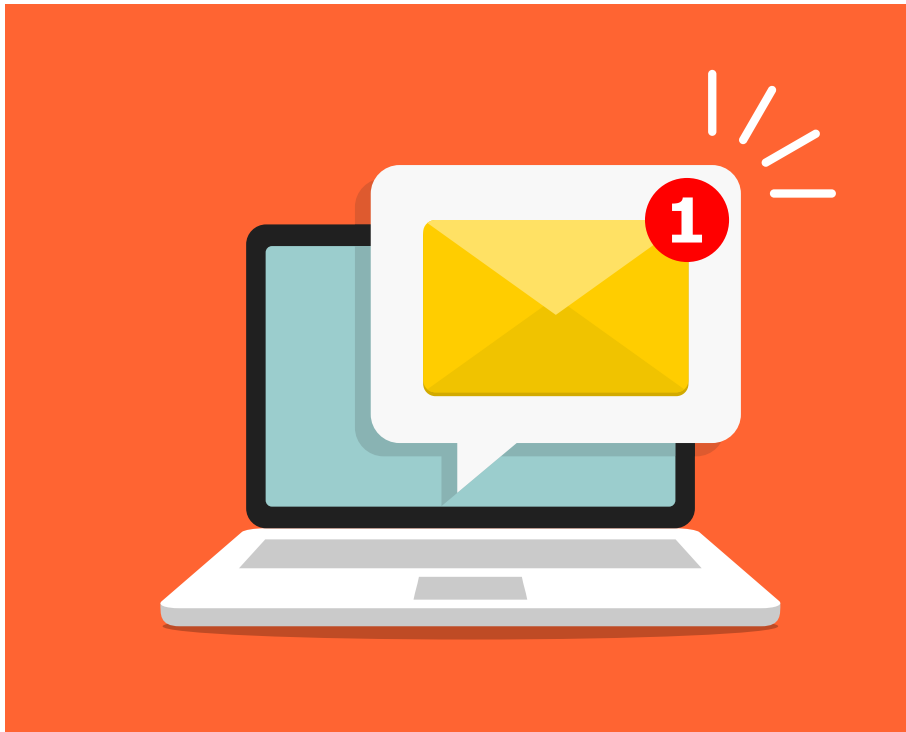
What would make it easier for you to use buses or trains?

How do you feel about it?

What might make it better?

We also want to know if you have ideas to make things better?

Thank you.



How to respond

You can send us an email or a letter to tell us what you think. You can use this email address:
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Or post your ideas to:

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We will need your ideas by 25th January.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.





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