



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Easy Read Response form

Our plan for securing a sustainable future in Wales



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Your opinion matters!

We would like your opinion on the new Sustainable Futures Bill before it is finalised. You can share your thoughts by answering the questions in this document.

This is part of the consultation on Securing a Sustainable Future: Environmental Principles, Governance and Biodiversity targets for a Greener Wales.

How to respond

Please respond by completing the online form or completing this questionnaire and sending it to: environmental.governance@gov.wales

Please submit your responses by **30 April 2024**.

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What school are you from?

What year group are you? Please tick a box.

Primary School

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

Year 13

Part 1: Embedding Environmental Principles into Welsh law

Do you think that the Welsh Ministers should have to create guidance to explain the Environmental Principles?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you agree that Welsh Ministers should have to think about the environmental principles and guidance when they develop policies and legislation?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think that public organisations should have to apply the Principles and the guidance?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you have any other ideas about how to protect the environment in Wales? Would you add or remove any principles?

Part 2: Making an Environmental Governance Body for Wales

Do you think this new watchdog is a good idea?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think that the proposed plan for the watchdog is good?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you agree with how the body will handle public bodies that break the rules?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think that the watchdog should provide advice to the public on environmental law?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you agree with the list of organizations the watchdog should oversee? Are there any others you think should be added or removed?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Part 3: Targets for the protection and restoration of biodiversity

1. About the overall plan:

Do you agree with having a statutory headline nature positive target?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you agree with the headline goal of “reversing biodiversity decline by 2030 and achieving clear recovery by 2050”?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

2. About the targets:

Do you agree that Ministers should have to set statutory targets for nature recovery?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think the proposed areas for targets (species, habitat, ecosystem health) are the right ones?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think it is a good idea for Welsh Ministers to be required to create a statutory biodiversity strategy and action plan to achieve the targets?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

3. About reporting and oversight:

Do you agree with the government publishing a statement every few years explaining progress towards the targets?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think the environmental governance body should oversee the plan's implementation?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

4. About action at the local level:

Do you think public bodies like local authorities and national parks should have a duty to help deliver the plan?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Do you think these public bodies should create local plans outlining their specific actions?

Yes, definitely!

Yes

Don't have an opinion

No

Definitely not!

Should all public bodies be involved, or only those with significant land management responsibilities?

Yes, all public bodies

No, only those with significant land management responsibilities

Don't know