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# National Development Framework 2020-2040

Explanatory Paper – The Assessments of the National Development Framework

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## Why have we published these explanatory papers?

During the consultation on the Draft National Development Framework (NDF) some stakeholders suggested further details should be made available setting out how the NDF has been prepared. To assist stakeholders we have produced a collection of explanatory papers to set out the evidence that supports the draft NDF. These papers include:

- The Spatial Strategy
- The Assessments of the NDF
- Future progression of the NDF
- The Regions
- Rural Areas
- Housing need
- Welsh National Marine Plan and Ports
- Evidence compendium

## What is this document?

### The Assessments of the NDF

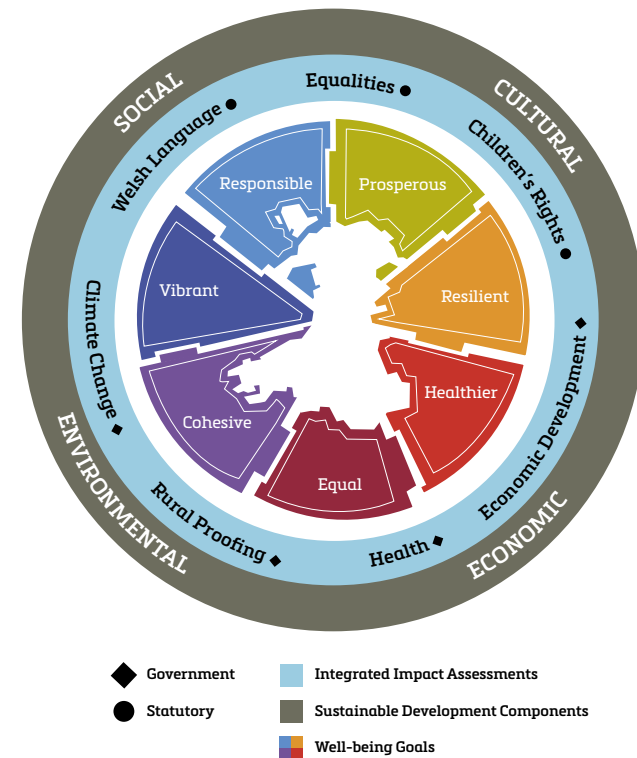
This explanatory paper has been prepared to assist readers of the draft NDF in understanding the approach taken to the assessments of the Draft NDF, highlighting what impacts have been assessed and how they have shaped the plan.

1. The approach taken to assess the NDF follows the established and recognised approach of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability appraisals and has been broadened to integrate a number of other impact assessments. The Well-being of Future Generations Act has been fundamental in the development of this approach and the NDF and has shaped the way we are undertaking the assessments and involved and engaged stakeholders to support the plan, this ensured a holistic approach was adopted.
2. The integrated approach has been undertaken to the assessments of the NDF, this integrated approach looks at the contribution the NDF can make to Wales' Well-Being Goals and embeds the principle of sustainable development at all stages and ensures we comply with our statutory requirements. It also ensures that a collaborative approach is undertaken on different issues, sharing knowledge and recognising the links between topics, avoiding duplication of work. Ensuring impacts are recognised at the earliest stage and engaging stakeholders throughout this process to ensure the NDF is as sustainable as possible.

## What assessments have been undertaken?

3. The following statutory and non-statutory impact assessments:

### Integrated Impact Assessments



- The impact assessments as set out above that are required for the NDF have templates and guidance documents. It was recognised as part of the early planning of this work that there are many overlaps and duplication within these different processes which would benefit from being brought together in a way that was shaped by the Well-Being Goals and Ways of working. The well-being goals have been used to inform the review of the evidence, identify issues and structure the assessment framework.

### Cross cutting nature of impacts

- The ISA Framework as set out in Annex A sets out specific ISA objectives and decision aiding questions for the different impact topics. It is important to note that the cross cutting nature of these impacts are recognised and the nature of the assessment will ensure that topics will ultimately be considered as a whole and it is not necessary to repeat topics across themes.

### How have the impacts on the environment and biodiversity been assessed?

- A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as required by the SEA Directive<sup>1</sup> and Regulations<sup>2</sup> has been incorporated into the ISA of the NDF. This ensures that environmental aspects are considered effectively during the production of the NDF. There is an established process for SEA assessments which has shaped the approach to the ISA which meets the requirements of the Directive.
- The following table outlines how the different elements of the SEA Directive have been incorporated into the ISA framework. The ISA framework and objectives are set out in Annex A of this paper:

SEA Directive Topic	Main ISA Objective (Annex A)
Biodiversity	7, 9, 16 and 17
Population	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 15
Human Health	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17
Fauna	7, 9 and 16
Flora	7, 9 and 16
Soil	7, 9, 13, 16 and 17
Water	6, 7, 9, 16 and 17
Air	6, 8 and 10
Climatic Factors	2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16 and 17
Material Assets	3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17
Cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage	5, 13, 14 and 15
Landscape	7, 13, 14 and 17

<sup>1</sup> Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment

<sup>2</sup> Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Wales) Regulations (SI 2004/1656(W/170)) and in England, the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/ 1633)

8. Alongside this the Environment (Wales) Act requirements including the priorities identified by the Natural Resources Policy and the SMNR approach. These requirements and priorities have been included in the ISA framework and decision aiding questions which will inform the development of the NDF.
9. It is recognised how the translation of SMNR into the planning system is an integral part of the essential components of sustainable places, through encouraging approaches based on identifying and securing outcomes which deliver multiple ecosystem benefits. The NDF looks to address these key features and the ISA sets out how these are achieved.
10. Landscape impacts are assessed through the ISA framework in particular ISA objectives 7, 13, 14 and 17 (Annex A).

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

11. The HRA assesses the impacts of the NDF on Natura 2000 sites, which are protected by EU Law or treated as such through government policy. These are Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), as well as candidate and potential SACs and SPAs, and Ramsar sites. The HRA seeks to ensure that the NDF will not result in a likely significant effect on any Natura 2000 site.
12. Due to the specific technical nature of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) this has been undertaken separately from the ISA but will be reflected and integrated into the ISA.

### **How have the impacts on the Welsh language been assessed?**

13. The ISA has assessed the likely effects of the NDF on the Welsh language, ensuring opportunities to promote the Welsh language, facilitate its use, safeguard its future, and see the language thrive are considered and identified where possible.

14. The ISA framework, in particular ISA objectives 3, 4 and 5 (Annex A) and their decision aiding questions ensure that the impacts on the Welsh language are addressed as the NDF develops and looks at direct and indirect impacts in the short medium and long term.

### **How has the impact on protected characteristics groups been assessed?**

15. The ISA has incorporated an equalities impact assessment, screening in the protected characteristic groups – race, age, pregnancy and maternity, disability and sex. This screening work shaped the ISA framework, objectives (Annex A) 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and decision aiding questions to ensure the duties within the Equalities Act 2010 are addressed and both direct and indirect impacts recognised.
16. The assessment includes advancing and promoting equality of opportunity and good relations and wider community cohesion and seeking to create the conditions which assist in eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation through land use planning initiatives.

### **How have the impacts on health and well-being been assessed?**

17. The impact of health and well-being has been based on the broad, participatory and inclusive methodology as advocated by the Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit in Public Health Wales. This has ensured that the wider determinants of health have fed into the ISA framework and encompasses health objectives that reflect the Public Health Wales indicators.
18. The decision aiding questions for ISA objectives (Annex A) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 ensure that impacts on health, well-being, physical and mental health, inequalities and the wider determinants of health are addressed as the NDF is assessed recognising the direct and indirect impacts the planning system can have on these areas.

### How have the impacts on the economy been assessed?

19. The ISA Framework and ISA objectives (Annex A) 1,3,4,6 and 17, and their decision aiding questions ensure that impacts on the economy including increasing employment opportunities, promoting economic inclusion and sustainable economic growth, diversity and competitiveness as well as third sector opportunities are addressed as the NDF is developed. The assessment of the NDF will look at the direct and indirect impacts the planning system can have on these areas.

### How have social and cultural impacts been assessed?

20. The ISA framework, objectives and decision aiding questions ensure social and cultural impacts are assessed as part of the development of the NDF. The main ISA objectives (Annex A) which ensure these impacts are addressed are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. These ensure the NDF addresses cohesive communities, increasing access for all, reducing inequalities and promoting and enhancing culture and the historic environment.

### How have the impacts on children and young people been assessed?

21. The ISA scoping work identified the relevant Articles within the UNCRC and together with the 2016 recommendations made by the UNCRC. The ISA framework (Annex A) was then developed to contain objectives 1,2,3,10,11 and 12 which address the identified Articles and recommendations to ensure they are fully considered and shape the NDF as it develops.

22. Children and young people have and will continue to be engaged through the development of the NDF to ensure their voices are heard and to assist this a young persons version was produced as part of the consultation on the draft NDF.

23. The ISA framework and decision aiding questions recognise the direct and indirect impacts the planning system can have on children and young people. These will help ensure that the NDF positively affects children.

### How have the impacts on rural communities been assessed?

24. A rural proofing assessment has been incorporated into the ISA framework, this identifies and recognises aspects of rural life such as access to services, broadband coverage and the economic impacts in rural communities.

25. ISA objectives (Annex A) 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17 and their decision aiding questions ensure that impacts on rural communities, businesses etc. are addressed as the NDF is developed, recognising both direct and indirect impacts.

### How have the impacts from climate change been assessed?

26. The ISA framework, objectives and decision aiding questions ensure that impacts on climate change including adaptation, mitigation and resilience are addressed in the NDF, acknowledging the direct and indirect impacts the planning system can have on these areas.

27. ISA objectives (Annex A) 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16 and 17 ensure the causes and consequences of climate change are identified and considered as part of the development of the NDF.

## How have these assessments shaped the NDF?

28. The impact assessments are undertaken iteratively at each stage of the development of the NDF. Each aspect of the NDF has been assessed to ensure it is as sustainable as possible; looking at impacts in the short, medium and long term. The assessment reports sets out how the outcomes of the assessment have shaped the NDF. Each stage of the assessment work to date are summarised in the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Non-technical summary supporting the Draft NDF<sup>3</sup>.

## Does the integrated approach water down the environmental/statutory assessments?

29. The integrated approach does not water down the assessments. It brings the level of assessment up to that of the statutory requirements of the SEA Directive.

## Monitoring and Evidence

30. A monitoring framework will be produced which will inform future reviews of the NDF. This is an essential component of delivering sustainable development through the monitoring of impacts from the NDF in relation to the predicted impact.

## Involvement and engagement

31. As part of this appraisal work officials have, from an early stage, liaised across Welsh Government. This has included setting up an internal group with officials also undertaking similar appraisals to share good practice and discuss ideas and approaches and discussing the proposed approach of integrating impact assessments with the impact assessment leads.
32. We have worked with organisations such as Public Health Wales on this work who have experience in Health Impact Assessments and development plans. The Environmental Assessment Team in Natural Resources Wales are also acting as a critical friend as part of this work to provide technical and expert advice on this process. A workshop for stakeholders was held as part of the consultation on the draft Scoping report which enabled stakeholders to discuss and helped to shape the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal.
33. The work to date on the appraisal of the NDF has highlighted opportunities to work collaboratively, reduce duplication and achieve a robust approach to assessments, with the potential to share evidence and assessment frameworks etc. We will continue to learn and share good practice as this process develops and share this learning.

<sup>3</sup> <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2019-08/Integrated%20Sustainability%20Appraisal%20Report%20-%20non-technical%20summary.pdf>

# ISA Framework

ISA Objectives	Decision aiding questions – Will the NDF...?	Well-being goal
<p>1. To encourage and support improvements in educational attainment for all age groups and all sectors of society to help to improve opportunities for life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and support an increase in levels of participation and attainment in education for all members of society?</li> <li>• Encourage and support an improvement in access to lifelong learning opportunities?</li> <li>• Encourage and support an improvement in the provision of education and training facilities through land use planning initiatives?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales                      A resilient Wales                      A healthier Wales                      A more equal Wales                      A Wales of cohesive communities                      A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language</p>
<p>2. To contribute to an improvement in physical, mental and social health and well-being for all, including contributing towards a reduction in health inequalities across Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute towards an improvement in access to health and social care services especially in isolated/rural areas?</li> <li>• Contribute towards a reduction in health inequalities amongst different groups in the community including specifically children and older people?</li> <li>• Contribute towards healthy lifestyles and promote well-being including walking and cycling, through land use planning initiatives?</li> <li>• Contribute towards a reduction in levels of child poverty and fuel poverty?</li> <li>• Contribute towards improving access to natural green space, wildlife, open space including opportunities for play, leisure and recreation?</li> <li>• Contribute towards an increase in green infrastructure?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for communities to adapt to the risks to health from climate change?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales                      A resilient Wales                      A healthier Wales                      A more equal Wales                      A Wales of cohesive communities</p>
<p>3. To create opportunities for an increase in employment across the country and promote economic inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities to increase employment across all working age ranges?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to improve physical access to jobs through land use planning initiatives?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for an increase in the number of people who are satisfied with their job?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for new investment and growth in the number of skilled workers?</li> <li>• Support opportunities for the development of city regions?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales                      A resilient Wales                      A more equal Wales                      A Wales of cohesive communities                      A globally responsible Wales</p>



ISA Objectives	Decision aiding questions – Will the NDF...?	Well-being goal
4. To create opportunities for sustainable economic growth, diversity and business competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for sustainable economic growth?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for diversification within the economy and encourage new business formation and inward investment?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for businesses who are innovation-active<sup>4</sup>?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for and promote sustainable tourism, sensitively capitalising on environmental, cultural, heritage and leisure assets?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for enhancements to the rural economy and rural diversification (including agriculture, forestry, SMEs, micro businesses and the development of digital connectivity)?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to maintain and encourage third sector activities?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for businesses and infrastructure to become more resilient when facing the risks from climate change?</li> <li>• Help deliver physical infrastructure to support sustainable economic growth, including digital infrastructure and sustainable travel infrastructure?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A resilient Wales  A more equal Wales  A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language  A globally responsible Wales</p>
5. To contribute towards the future well-being of the Welsh Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage an increase in the number of Welsh language speakers across Wales?</li> <li>• Encourage an increase in the proportion of Welsh language speakers who are fluent across Wales?</li> <li>• Encourage an increase in the number of people who speak Welsh daily and who can speak more than just a few words of Welsh?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A more equal Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language  A globally responsible Wales</p>
6. To create opportunities within which greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced and limited and encourage energy efficient and sustainable design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from existing and new development?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power generation, heavy industries and transport?</li> <li>• Create opportunities whereby sustainable design is required to be an integral part of new development?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce the demand for energy and increase energy efficiency?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to increase the potential for the generation of low and zero carbon energy sources?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A resilient Wales  A healthier Wales  A more equal Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A globally responsible Wales</p>

<sup>4</sup> As defined in the DBEIS community innovation survey

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<p>7. To contribute to the reduction and management of flood risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the reduction and management and promote awareness of flood risk?</li> <li>• Encourage all new development to be climate change resilient?</li> <li>• Promote the benefits of green infrastructure, which can include sustainable flood risk management?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for communities in existing flood risk areas to become more resilient to flood risk?</li> <li>• Direct all new development away from areas of high flood risk?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales            A resilient Wales            A healthier Wales            A Wales of cohesive communities            A globally responsible Wales</p>
<p>8. To create opportunities to encourage the protection and improvement of air quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities to improve and protect air quality?</li> <li>• Reduce the likelihood of new Air Quality Management Areas being required?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which potential emissions from power generation, transport and heavy industry may be reduced?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to ensure that the most vulnerable communities are not disproportionately affected by poor air quality?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to ensure that sensitive habitats and water resources are not negatively affected by air pollution?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales            A resilient Wales            A healthier Wales            A Wales of cohesive communities            A globally responsible Wales</p>
<p>9. To create opportunities to protect and enhance the quality and quantity of water features and resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities to protect and enhance ground and surface water quality and quantity?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to protect and enhance waterways as part of a wider green infrastructure network?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to protect and enhance coastal waters?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the sustainable use of water resources in both domestic and industrial settings?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce the risks from climate change to water resources and supply infrastructure?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the protection and enhancement of the quality of water features and resources and support integrated decision making in the marine environment?</li> <li>• Support integrated decision making and collaboration across land and sea interfaces and boundaries?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales            A resilient Wales            A healthier Wales            A Wales of cohesive communities            A globally responsible Wales</p>

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<p>10. To create opportunities for the improved connectivity of communities and sustainable access to basic goods, services and amenities for all groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for the provision of integrated and inclusive public transport services that meet people’s needs?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the provision of highways infrastructure (including walking and cycling routes) that meets people’s needs, including business, commercial and personal use?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the use of sustainable travel modes and encourage a reduction in dependence on the private car?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for an improvement in access to cultural and recreational facilities?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the provision of new and improvement of existing digital connective infrastructure?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the maintenance and improvement of access to essential services and facilities, particularly in rural areas?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce the risks from climate change to transport infrastructure?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A resilient Wales  A healthier Wales  A more equal Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language  A globally responsible Wales</p>
<p>11. To create the opportunities within which an improvement in social cohesion and equality can be achieved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities within which social cohesion and equality can be improved?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which equalities based on background or circumstances can be improved?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which gender inequality may be reduced?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which age inequality may be reduced?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which inequalities based on disability can be improved?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for children who have any kind of disability to lead full and independent lives?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for children to develop healthily, and have access to good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to ensure children can live to a standard that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to ensure children have access to an education?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to ensure children can relax and play, and join in a wide range of activities?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the development of strong, cohesive communities?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce levels of crime and the fear of crime?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to improve the number of people satisfied with their neighbourhoods as a place to live?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for older and disabled people to participate in their communities and wider society?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce loneliness amongst the community?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the built environment to be designed in a way that is accessible for all?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A resilient Wales  A healthier Wales  A more equal Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language</p>

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<p>12. To create opportunities for the provision of good quality, safe, affordable housing that meets identified needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for the provision of sufficient accommodation to meet identified needs in all areas?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the provision of good quality homes?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which the availability of affordable housing should increase?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which rural housing needs can be met?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which levels of homelessness are reduced?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which there is a reduction in the number of households in income poverty or material deprivation?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales            A resilient Wales            A healthier Wales            A more equal Wales            A Wales of cohesive communities            A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language            A globally responsible Wales</p>
<p>13. To create opportunities for the protection and enhancement of the local distinctiveness of our landscapes, townscapes and seascapes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for the protection and enhancement of areas of landscape and seascape character, distinctiveness, diversity and quality?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the protection and enhancement of townscape character and quality including historic townscapes?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to promote sensitive, place-responsive design in all development/ redevelopment?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce noise and light pollution?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to maintain areas of tranquillity<sup>5</sup>?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to encourage well designed and accessible places and networks for people and nature within our townscapes?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for landscapes to become more resilient to the effects of climate change?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales            A more equal Wales            A Wales of cohesive communities            A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language            A globally responsible Wales</p>
<p>14. To create opportunities for the protection, conservation and enhancement of the historic environment, historic assets and their settings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for the protection, conservation and enhancement of designated and non-designated historic assets, as defined in the glossary?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to promote historic assets, so that there is greater access, understanding and enjoyment of these for all?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for heritage-led regeneration?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of Wales’ historic landscapes?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales            A more equal Wales            A Wales of cohesive communities            A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language            A globally responsible Wales</p>

<sup>5</sup> Figure 7-1 in Appendix B of the Scoping Report November 2017

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15. To create the opportunities for the protection and promotion of Welsh culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities within which Welsh culture can thrive, through land use planning initiatives?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for access to Wales’ cultural and heritage assets and activities?</li> <li>• Recognise, protect, promote and enhance Welsh culture?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for cultural-led regeneration?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A more equal Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language  A globally responsible Wales</p>
16. To create opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities for the establishment of more coherent and resilient ecological networks on land for the benefit of wildlife and people, and enhancement of ecosystems services?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to increase the extent and diversity of functioning ecosystems?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to increase the resilience and adaptability of ecosystems?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of designated and non-designated nature conservation sites, habitats and species?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of marine ecosystems?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of the quality of natural green space?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to protect, conserve and promote geodiversity so that that there is a greater access, understanding and enjoyment of it for all?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for species and habitats to adapt to changing climatic conditions?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A resilient Wales  A healthier Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A globally responsible Wales</p>
17. To create opportunities for the sustainable management and use of natural resources, taking into account their benefits and intrinsic value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create opportunities to use recycled and secondary materials in construction?</li> <li>• Create opportunities for the use of locally sourced sustainable materials?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to remediate contaminated land and prevention of further contamination?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to contribute to the sustainable management of farmland, forests, and the wider countryside?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce hazardous waste?</li> <li>• Create opportunities within which soil quality can be maintained and/or enhanced?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to protect peatland?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to safeguard protected mineral resources?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to develop brownfield land where this is sustainable?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to increase the proportion of waste recycling and re-use?</li> <li>• Create opportunities to reduce the proportion and amount of waste sent to landfill?</li> <li>• Increase the resilience of ecosystems?</li> <li>• Improve the provision of nature-based solutions to improve air quality, adapt and mitigate climate change, manage flood risk, and improve health and well-being?</li> </ul>	<p>A prosperous Wales  A resilient Wales  A healthier Wales  A Wales of cohesive communities  A globally responsible Wales</p>