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Summary
This circular provides a link for the Welsh Government website to the guidance for FRAs on the provisions relating to the introduction of Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales as a statutory consultee within the planning system.

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 (“DMPWO”) and the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 (‘DNSPWO’) (referred to collectively as “the Procedure Orders”) place a statutory requirement on key bodies to be consulted at the pre-application and post-submission consultation stages of the consenting processes for planning applications and applications for Developments of National Significance (DNS).

1.2 [The Development Procedure \(Consultees\) \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2021 \(“the Order”\)](#) was laid on 27 October. The Order amends the Procedure Orders to introduce FRAs in Wales as ‘statutory consultees’ (including references to ‘specialist consultees’) for certain types of development at both pre-application and post-submission stages. This will apply to planning applications to be determined by local planning authorities (LPAs) and Developments of National Significance (DNS) applications determined by the Welsh Ministers.

2. Guidance for FRAs

2.1 Attached below is a link to the guidance from the Welsh Government Planning Department for FRAs on becoming a statutory consultee within the planning system.

2.2 This guidance has been created in order to inform FRAs of the requirements placed upon them and also provide guidance regarding the effect of the legislation. It also provides details on how this legislation will take effect which will be gradually starting on 24 January 2022, to enable FRAs to become familiar with the new process and procedures.

Link to English Documents:

[Development Procedure \(Consultees\) \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2021: Guidance on Fire and Rescue Authorities becoming statutory consultees | GOV.WALES](#)

Link to Welsh Documents:

[Gorchymyn Gweithdrefn Ddatblygu \(Ymgylgoreion\) \(Cymru\) \(Diwygiadau Amrywiol\) 2021 \(Awdurdodau Tân ac Achub\): Canllawiau am Awdurdodau Tân ac Achub yng Nghymru dod yn ymgylgoreion statudol | LLYW.CYMRU](#)

3. Letter to Local Planning Authorities

3.1 A published letter for LPAs to inform them of this legislation is also on the Welsh Government web page link above. This contains information for LPAs on what the changes to the legislation are, and sets out the practical effects of the Order.

3.2 It also has this link to the summary of the consultation responses received to the ‘*Fire and Rescue Authorities becoming statutory consultees in the development management process*’ consultation published on the [Welsh Government website](#). The consultation closed 23 October 2020.

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