



Heads of Planning, Local Planning
Authorities

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Dear Colleagues,

Implementation of significant infrastructure projects system

I am writing to inform you that today the new process for the consenting of significant infrastructure projects in Wales comes into effect. The process applies to large scale infrastructure developments related to renewable energy, waste, water and transport projects in Wales. It replaces the Developments of National Significance (DNS) and other existing consenting systems.

Any existing DNS applications, and those which meet the transitional provisions for the relevant consenting process, will continue to be considered under existing systems. New applications or proposed applications for significant infrastructure projects will be considered under the new process.

We have published a suite of guidance to assist stakeholders with the implementation of the new process on our [website](#). We will continue to update the website with further guidance when available.

If you have any questions regarding the new process, please do not hesitate to contact the Infrastructure Consenting Team at infrastructureconsenting@gov.wales.

Yours faithfully,

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