

Draft National Development Framework

1. NDF Outcomes (chapter 3)

Q1. The NDF has proposed 11 Outcomes as an ambition of where we want to be in 20 years' time. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree the 11 Outcomes are a realistic vision for the NDF?

Agree

Q2. To what extent do you agree with the 11 Outcomes as ambitions for the NDF?

Agree with most of them

2. Spatial Strategy (policies 1 - 4)

Q3. The NDF spatial strategy is a guiding framework for where large-scale change and nationally important developments will be focused over the next 20 years. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the spatial strategy and key principles for development in...

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know | No opinion |
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| Urban areas (Policies 1, 2 & 3) | | | | | | | X |
| Rural areas (Policy 4) | | X | | | | | |
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Q4. If you have any comments on the spatial strategy or key principles for development in urban and rural areas, please tell us:

No Response

3. Affordable Housing (policy 5)

Q5. The NDF sets out the approach for providing affordable housing, encouraging local authorities, social landlords, and small and medium-sized construction and building enterprises to build more homes. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the approach to increasing affordable housing?

No opinion

Q6. If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF approach the delivery of affordable housing?

No Response

4. Mobile Action Zones (policy 6)

Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree the identification of mobile action zones will be effective in encouraging better mobile coverage?

No opinion

Q8. If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF improve mobile phone coverage in the areas which currently have limited access?

No Response

5. Low Emission Vehicles (policy 7)

Q9. To what extent do you agree or disagree that policy 7 will enable and encourage the roll-out of charging infrastructure for ultra-low emission vehicles?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q10. If you disagree, in what other ways can the NDF enable and encourage the roll-out of charging infrastructure for ultra-low emission vehicles?

Rather than focus entirely on battery powered vehicles Hydrogen should be considered for the rural community. Save installing expensive charging points and overloading the grid infrastructure. Hydrogen could be manufactured using off peak electricity from renewable and Nuclear power station (s) such as the proposed SMR at Trawsfynydd

6. Green Infrastructure (policies 8 & 9)

Q11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the approach to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecological networks?

No opinion

7. Renewable Energy and District Heat Networks (policies 10-15)

Q12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the NDF's policies to lower carbon emissions in Wales using...

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know | No opinion |
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| Large scale wind and solar developments | | | | X | | | |
| District heat networks | | | | X | | | |
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Q13. If you disagree with the NDF's approaches to green infrastructure, renewable energy or district heat networks, what alternative approaches should we consider to help Wales to enhance its biodiversity and transition to a low carbon economy?

Focusing on just wind and solar leaves us wide open to fluctuations and possibly no power generation as it will be weather dependent. What should have been included here is the Nuclear option to compliment solar and wind. to make energy production effective we will require redundancy and diversification. A small modular reactor at the Trawsfynydd site will provide us with base load when solar/wind is not available. You also need to consider hydrogen production using off peak electricity. What about wave and tidal power production as well ? The more power we can generate the more we can export to the grid resulting in large profits which in turn creates further investments in terms of jobs and investment into the community.

8. The Regions (policy 16)

Q14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the principle of developing Strategic Development Plans prepared at a regional scale?The NDF identifies three overall regions of Wales, each with their own distinct opportunities and challenges. These are North Wales, Mid and South West Wales, and South East Wales.

Agree

9. North Wales (policies 17-22)

Q15. We have identified Wrexham and Deeside as the main focus of development in North Wales. A new green belt will be created to manage the form of growth. A number of coastal towns are identified as having key regional roles, while we support growth and development at Holyhead Port. We will support improved transport infrastructure in the region, including a North Wales Metro, and support better connectivity with England. North West Wales is recognised as having potential to supply low-carbon energy on a strategic scale.To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed policies and approach for the North Region?

Strongly agree

10. Mid and South West Wales (policies 23-26)

Q16. Swansea Bay and Llanelli is the main urban area within the region and is our preferred location for growth. We also identify a number of rural and market towns, and the four Haven Towns in Pembrokeshire, as being regionally important. The haven Waterway is nationally important and its development is supported. We support proposals for a Swansea Bay Metro.To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed policies and approach for the Mid and South West Region?

No opinion

11. South East Wales (policies 27-33)

Q17. In South East Wales we are proposing to enhance Cardiff's role as the capital and secure more sustainable growth in Newport and the Valleys. A green belt around Newport and eastern parts of the region will support the spatial strategy and focus development on existing cities and towns. Transport Orientated Development, using locations benefitting from mainline railway and Metro stations, will shape the approach to development across the region. There is support for the growth and development of Cardiff Airport. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed policies and approach for the South East Region?

No opinion

Q18. If you have any comments about the NDF's approach or policies to the three regions, please tell us. If you have any alternatives, please explain them and tell us why you think they would be better.

No Response

12. Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

Q19. As part of the consultation process, an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) was conducted to assess the social, economic and environmental impacts of a plan. The report identified a number of monitoring indicators, including health, equalities, Welsh language, the impact on rural communities, children's rights, climate change and economic development. Do you have any comments on the findings of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report? Please outline any further alternative monitoring indicators you consider would strengthen the ISA.

A Small Modular Reactor(SMR) for the Trawsfynydd site has to get the go ahead if we are serious in the ultimate aim of achieving Netzero. There are indications that the Generation 3 reactors will have a lifecycle of 60 years at around an output of 420MWe, a massive boost in achieving netzero. The SMR can be built and operated from within the perimeter of the existing Magnox footprint, basically it will be a brown field site. There will be requirement to expand the existing 400Kv line leading to the national grid sub station from the north and South. we have a workforce on the site that is capable of decommissioning, carrying out new nuclear build and operating a new nuclear power plant. From experience, through working at the Trawsfynydd site the Welsh language has flourished as staff have remained in the area and as a result their families have remained and kept the language going through schools and colleges. In my case I am proud to say that both my daughters are fluent Welsh speakers and both have successful careers in the area. I put this down to working at the Trawsfynydd site and being able to remain in the area. Long may it continue for the generations to come.

13. Habitats Regulations Assessment

Q20. As part of the development of the NDF, a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) was undertaken. The purpose of the HRA process is to identify, assess and address any 'significant effects' of the plan on sites such as Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas for birds. Do you have any comments on the Habitats Regulations Assessment report?

no

14. Welsh Language

Q21. We would like to know your views on the effects that the NDF would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

If the Trawsfynydd SMR were to go ahead then I would see that as an extremely positive step in retaining the Welsh language in the area. I have seen a mass exodus of young families in the early 90's when the formal closure announcement was made at the Trawsfynydd site. It is sad to see that 30 years later the then children speak little or no Welsh.

Q22. Please also explain how you believe the proposed NDF could be formulated or changed so as to have: positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

1 - If implemented and an SMR were to go ahead.

15. Further comments

Q23. Are there any further comments that you would like to make on the NDF, or any alternative proposals you feel we should consider?

Final comment - If we you serious on NetZero and the preservation of the Welsh language in the Blaenau Ffestiniog area then an SMR at the Trawsfynydd site should go ahead as soon as possible.

16. Are you...?

Q24. Are you:

Submitting a response on behalf of an organisation

Submit your response

Q25. You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

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Q26. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.
Email address



Q27. Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box.

No Response