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Welsh Government,
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Dear NDF Team

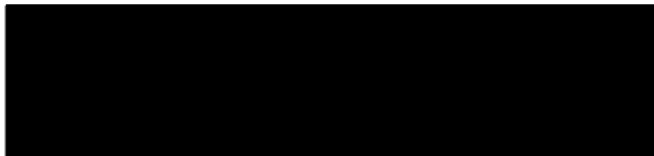
I could have responded on the full Response Form but, as I believe the whole approach of the NDF is out-dated and flawed, I have used my limited, unpaid time to put my views into the easy read response form for you and enclose herewith.

You don't have to fill in a questionnaire or answer any questions, either on your own, with a friend or with a member of your family.

All you have to do is read what I have told you and think about how you can improve the NDF !!

From which you will perhaps deduce that my experience of life leads me to the cynical conclusion that I doubt my views will have much effect and Wales, along with the rest of the UK and other Nations will continue to destroy the rich biodiversity of the natural world of which we are part and on which we ultimately rely. The laws of Nature do not allow continual growth as that is impossible in Life's cyclical pattern.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mrs P C Knight.

Mrs P C Knight

Questionnaire on the draft NDF

To help us make our 20-year Plan better we want to know what you think of it. There are 8 questions to answer – you can answer all or some of the questions.

You don't have to fill in the questionnaire on your own – you can fill it in with a friend or with a member of your family.

There's a space for you to choose how you feel about each question – just tick the box below the symbol to let us know whether you agree. If you want to write comments about the questions you can do that too, but you don't have to.

Remember, you have until **15th November 2019** to give your feedback.

Part A – the main points of the NDF

Our plan is for the biggest developments in Wales to happen in towns and cities – places like Cardiff, Newport, Swansea and Wrexham. We want to make transport clean and make lots of clean energy, to help improve our environment.

1. Do you think we are aiming to do the right things with our plan?

		No
<p>Comments:</p> <p>To survive we have to reduce development and stop increasing energy consumption. Making more energy, however "clean" will not help improve our environment, it will actually destroy and degrade much of it.</p>		

2. We have 10 aims in the NDF. Should we think about anything else? Tell us anything we've missed out

Yes	Not sure	No
Yes		

The NDF should enable for every individual direct close contact and connection with the Natural World - of which we are an inseparable part but which currently we are slowly and inexorably destroying.

This would ensure the success of the Health and Well-being Act.

3. Do you think the Plan will help achieve healthy and well-planned places?

		No
<p>Comments:</p> <p>We need a radical new approach to living, working and enjoying our lives that revolves around health and well-being in small, truly sustainable community level living. There is little or nothing in the plan that demands all new building should invest in ensuring every single new property, residential or business, is an eco-build that incorporates best possible energy conservation design and materials and every possible method of energy generation. The Plan should promote investment to help all existing properties improve their energy conservation and where possible micro-generation. This would provide much employment with beneficial outcomes and reduced living costs for all.</p>		

Do you think the plan will help us take care of our environment?

		No
<p>Comments:</p> <p>To date all policies and good intentions have failed to halt the decline in biodiversity or even slow the rate of decline and the Welsh Government has drastically reduced the resources required to protect our natural environment.</p> <p>There is nothing in this plan that will reverse this trend, just more words but no real commitment to absolutely protect our environment, not even the most internationally important areas - for example in the HRA it states "It is possible to consent a plan that would have significant effects, on the integrity of a Natura 2000/ Ramsar site"</p> <p>We know that even outcomes of Public Inquiries mean nothing if a Minister decides otherwise.</p> <p>So No there is nothing in this plan that will do any better than any past plans to take care of our environment.</p>		

Part B – different parts of Wales

We have plans for the three regions in Wales to help them grow. You can tell us what you think about these ideas - even if you live or work in a different area.

4. Do you agree with our plans for North Wales?

		No
See under 5 below		

5. Do you agree with our plans for Mid and South West Wales?

		No
<p>Comments:</p> <p>I live in this area so have put my comments here although they apply to all areas.</p> <p>Any plan will only be successful if it completely reevaluates priorities - to those of reduce, reuse, recycle and put quality of life and our environment above all else and by re-distributing wealth more evenly.</p> <p>We must as a nation seriously begin reducing our use of energy and put into place measures to conserve energy, over and above development of yet more generation of energy at the expense of our irreplaceable landscape and the essential biodiversity that it supports.</p> <p>Educate and encourage everyone to conserve energy, to treat it as the most valuable resource never to be wasted - to habitually switch off everything that is not actually being used and is therefore consuming energy needlessly.</p> <p>The Wales Energy Priority Areas map is a farce - by excluding a strip around the coast and all AONBs and National Parks anyone could have drawn it up and even its title is misleading. The so-called Priority Areas are not areas that have a priority need for energy.</p> <p>In fact they are areas in which the local communities, the landscape, environment, biodiversity and important tourism businesses are considered sacrificial to the greed of others.</p>		

6. Do you agree with our plans for South East Wales?


		No
<p>Comments:</p> <p>See above under 5</p>		

Part C

7. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this plan?

<p>The NDF also needs to change the whole approach to the future. To continue as we have been is, using an illustrative analogy "to continue removing the bolts that hold the wings onto the aeroplane in which we are all flying".</p> <p>Stop the greed for more money and more material goods, acknowledge and enable the feel good factor that is the root of our existence i.e. direct close contact and connection with the Natural World - of which we are an inseparable part but which currently we are slowly and inexorably destroying.</p>

Tell us a little about you:

Name:	Pamela Knight
Where you are from:	
<p>Best way to contact you about the NDF (for example, email address):</p> <p>We won't share your details with anyone and will only use it so that we can tell you when we have done more work on the NDF.</p>	Post to above address