

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 some of them

If you disagree with any of the 11 Outcomes, please tell us why:

The devil is in the detail and we have not been given any detail in this so far.

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
Urban areas (Policies 1, 2 & 3)		X					
Rural areas (Policy 4)				X			

Q4. If you have any comments on the spatial strategy or key principles for development in urban and rural areas, please tell us:

I want to preserve our rural landscapes, I do not want them to become industrialised especially not in Powys, as the WG seems intent on doing.

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?

Agree

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?

Strongly disagree

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

5 G has massive health and environmental risks. It was first used for crowd dispersal by the military - so that tells you all you need to know!
There are many reports stating the negative health risks linked to 5 G. It will also mean thousands more masts throughout Wales and the local community and local planners not having any say at all in where these masts are sited.
There should a 'mobile free' areas i
throughout Wales where people who are affected by the effects of mobile networks can go.

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?

Agree

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?

The WG targets for all of us having ultra-low emissions is very ambitious to say the least. Hydrogen powered vehicles need to be considered along with electric cars. Do the research on hydrogen. Thousands more charging points will need to be established throughout Wales to cope with an increase of electric cars. Electric car batteries are not yet suitably developed to provide the usage that people, especially people in the rural areas of Wales, need.

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?

Agree

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
Large scale wind and solar developments					X		
District heat networks		X					

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?

Large scale wind energy is NOT the way forward. It is inconsistent, damages the environment, has health risks and the building and preparation and materials used are nowhere near 'green'. NO planning should be approved in Wales where there is no provision for link up to the National Grid. We already have one wind farm built that is being run on DIESEL generators and no link up to the NG - crazy ! Wind farms SHOULD NOT be built where the local communities are against them - which is in many areas of Wales.

WG should be looking at hydro electricity and even nuclear - we have enough miles of coast line for more turbines to be sited there.

Why has Powys been targeted for so many wind farms? Why have solar farms not been assigned to Powys instead?

I believe that this due to Powys being under populated, having much rural landscape and having been identified by the LandMap as having land 'of little value'. Appalling - and nothing is mentioned about the negative effects of wind farms on tourism - which we rely heavily on here in Powys. Don't use Powys as the dumping ground for your industrialisation.

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.

Disagree

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?

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?

Disagree

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?

Disagree

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.

The region for Mid Wales is far too large - including Swansea in with Powys is not good policy. And how will local democracy work throughout all these regions. How will the WG ensure that our local, county LDP's will be taken account of and adhered to? Our LDP here in Powys has been completely ignored by Lesley Griffiths, WG Rural Affairs minister when she overturned our Planning Committee's refusal for a wind farm here, as well as over turning a Planning Inspector's recommendation for refusal!!! Where's the democracy there. Utterly appalling.

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.

By using agencies (quangos) that are paid for by the WG, we will never have a neutral, fair monitoring system in Wales. NRW being the worst offender of completely failing to protect our environments here in Powys.

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?

It seems not to matter if an area is one of beautiful, rural countryside with many species of birds, animals, ancient monuments and natural beauty and importance. The WG have completely ignored the TAN 8 areas here in Powys by allowing industrial wind farms sited outside of the specified areas of development. How can that be right, legal and democratic. Appalling, big brother tactics. Now DNS applications are for any wind farm developments over 10 MW, which in real terms is just 3 wind turbines. This gives the WG government carte blanche to override local democracy and concerns once again and just approve all of these developments - in their fanatical pursuit of renewable energies.

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?

No Response

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.

No Response

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?

This proposal is all about centralisation of power in Wales - giving the WG even more power than it already has over the Welsh population and our beautiful landscapes. The proposals in this NDF hardly mentions tourism and ignores the negative effects its renewable energy proposals will have on tourism - which here in Powys we rely on so heavily.

Impact studies on the effects on health and the environment need to be undertaken before the WG covers Wales with millions of 5G masts, which will be sited anywhere despite local opposition. Where in this does it mention the 'Well Being for Future Generations' Act? How will several LDP's be honoured in practise? The threat to our local voice/democracy is massive when reading through the proposals - there will be a national plan, regional LDP's and local LDP's. Already here in Powys the WG has ignored and over ruled parts of our LDP relating to siting wind farms in areas that were not designated in our LDP. I don't trust the WG at all on this- they have shown their complete and utter disregard for the local communities here in Powys and elsewhere and by implementing and increasing massively their plans for littering our beautiful rural county is the proof of the increasing centralised control.

The Barrage in Swansea and hydro electricity needs to be looked into and incorporated into the WG's plans.

The plans of creating 2000 hectares per annum of Natural Forest throughout Wales is somewhat unrealistic - where will the land be found ? Agricultural land ? Where are the plans for consultation with the farming community?

I and many others believe that this whole 'public consultation' is just tokenism and carried out to try to hood wink the general Welsh populace that the WG really will take any notice of our objections/suggestions. The WG will just continue to take more control centrally and steam roll they fanatical renewable energy plans through. We have little local democracy or a local voice now - if this plan is adopted (as is a foregone conclusion anyway) then local democracy is well and truly dead in Wales. Bring on the election!

16. Are you...?

Q24. Are you:

Providing your own personal response

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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Organisation (if applicable)

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Preferred contact details (email/phone/post)

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Q26. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.
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Q27. Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box.

No Response

