

# National Development Framework: Easy Read questionnaire

## Part A – the main points of the NDF

Q1. 1. Do you think we are aiming to do the right things with our plan?

No

**Comments:**

Lack of Democracy especially for rural communities • The NDF and regional strategic development plans will override Local Development Plans and remove local decision-making. • The dNDF proposes large prescribed RE 'priority areas' (PAs) across 1/5 of Wales, together with a permissive RE policy – with WG making all decisions for >10MW. • Rural Wales' needs ignored. • RE policy is tailored to the needs of developers. The dNDF sets 20-year policy without providing justification • There is no discussion of contextual evidence or quantification of cost or consequences. • Other technologies, including off-shore, target capacity/power generation, reducing demand, are not discussed. Devastating Landscape changes within and beyond Priority Areas & impacts on tourism and well-being

Q2. 2. We have 10 aims in the NDF. Should we think about anything else? Tell us anything we've missed out

Not sure

Q3. 3. Do you think the Plan will help achieve healthy and well-planned places?

No

Q4. 4. Do you think the plan will help us take care of our environment?

No

**Comments:**

WG states that landscape change is accepted as inevitable within PAs. • There is no evidence regarding cumulative impacts. • There will be visual blight over most of Wales, including parts of National Parks. • Impacts on tourism and rural amenity are ignored. • Devastating impact on landscape and on the well-being and livelihoods of rural communities Biodiversity will be severely hit • Reversing biodiversity decline is every bit as important as reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## Part B – different parts of Wales

Q5. 5. Do you agree with our plans for North Wales?

Not sure

Q6. 6. Do you agree with our plans for Mid and South West Wales?

No

**Comments:**

The recent Hendy Windfarm decision, ignoring Welsh Government's own Planning Inspector's findings, demonstrates that WG does not consider it has an obligation to carefully weigh landscape, environmental and social impacts against RE policy. (Hendy Windfarm decision

Q7. 7. Do you agree with our plans for South East Wales?

Not sure

## Part C

Q8. 8. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this plan?

Consultation inadequate

- The dNDF webpage does not link to key ARUP evidence documents, which explain the priority areas (PAs).
- The dNDF is urban centric, and very general except for tightly prescriptive renewable energy (RE).
- ARUP evidence documents contain numerous errors, are poorly set out, demonstrate ignorance of Wales.

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## Submit your response

Q9. You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

Name

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Where are you from?

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Q10. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.  
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Q11. Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box.

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