

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?

Yes

Comments:

A long term development framework for the Welsh economy is as important to our nation as a business plan is to any business. However it is essential that there is clear connectivity between the overarching aims of such a framework and the ability to deliver plans to achieve these aims in the short, medium and long term.

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

Yes

The NDF also needs to think about...

The Framework document refers to 11 outcomes, all of which are laudable. The critical issue is can these outcomes be realistically achieved or partially achieved within the timeframe of this Framework. I feel there are too many aims, to be achievable. However, I think that some consideration should be given to developing a national plan for sustainability within this framework as continual economic growth by use of raw resources globally cannot continue indefinitely.

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

No

Comments:

The Framework will not, but detailed national and regional plans which should be developed from the Framework may.

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

No

Comments:

The Framework will not, but detailed national and regional plans which should be developed from the Framework may.

Part B – different parts of Wales

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

Comments:

Not Applicable. As a resident of Mid Wales I do not feel qualified to comment.

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

No

Comments:

Firstly, this cannot be regarded as a region as the Framework lumps a City Region in with two distinct and predominantly rural regions. In addition, Mid Wales has little connectivity with South West Wales as demonstrated in the document and although they have similarities in the economies with them being heavily reliant on agriculture and tourism. However Mid Wales has a very distinct and significant manufacturing and commercial economy, built heavily on cross border trade. In addition setting centres for growth where there is not already strong economic pressure for such growth (Llandrindod) is not the best idea for development. Focus on centres where there is demand, (Welshpool) and where the opportunity for growth can be achieved is a better use of resource. The plans in the Framework prioritise little for Mid Wales. Quality further education and skills to decelerate the flow of 16 plus students across the border to English colleges and development of existing areas of excellence such as advanced manufacturing, construction, renewable and alternative technologies and food production and processing should be identified as priority policies

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

Comments:

As a resident of Mid Wales I don't feel qualified to comment.

Part C

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

The Framework should make clear whether this will be the basis for the majority of Government investment in future or whether this will only be part of other equally funded priority and shorter term plans.

Submit your response

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

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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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