

CONSULTATION FORM

Proposals relating to the Statement of Public Participation for the National Development Framework

We want to know your views on the proposed Statement of Public Participation for the National Development Framework (NDF) for Wales. The statement sets out how the Welsh Government will embed participation across all stages of the development of the NDF and will ensure stakeholders are aware of how and when to engage in the process. Your views are sought on the proposed approach.

Please submit your comments by 25 April 2016

If you have any queries on this consultation, please email:

Planconsultations-a@wales.gsi.gov.uk or telephone: 029 2082 3744 / 029 2082 6657

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	Local Planning Authority	
	Government Agency/Other Public Sector	X
	Professional Bodies/Interest Groups	
	Voluntary sector (community groups, volunteers, self help groups, co-operatives, enterprises, religious, not for profit organisations)	
	Other (other groups not listed above)	

Q1	Do you agree with the NDF preparation timetable?	X
	Agree	
	Neither Agree nor Disagree	x
	Disagree	
Further comments		
<p>The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 makes provision for the National Natural Resource Policy (NNRP). This will set out the Welsh Government's priorities in relation to the sustainable management of natural resources and will be a key consideration to inform the emerging NDF in helping to direct the right development to the right place. By embedding SMNR into the decision-making process in the NDF, this will set the direction on how the strategic management of natural resources should inform Strategic Development Plans and Local Development Plans, and help ensure decision-making that is consistent with requirements in the Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.</p> <p>The NNRP will be informed by The State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR). This will reflect NRW's assessment of the state of natural resources in relation to Wales, and will provide the evidence base for the National Natural Resources Policy (NNRP). It is important therefore that the Welsh Government (WG) considers the SoNaRR and the NNRP when identifying and considering the main issues for the NDF, and when developing and consulting on the NDF vision, objectives, and options. The NDF will also need to integrate with the provisions of the emerging Wales National Marine Plan.</p> <p>The NNRP will not be finalised until March 2017. Whilst we recognise that the vision, objectives, and options will be developed between July 2016 and May 2017, we recommend that this period may need to be extended should the WG consider that this does not provide sufficient time for it to fully consider the environmental information and priorities identified in the NNRP and how it should inform the NDF vision, objectives, and options.</p>		

Q2	Do you agree that 3 periods of public consultation are sufficient?	X
	Agree	
	Neither Agree nor Disagree	x
	Disagree	
Further comments		
<p>We welcome the opportunity for 3 periods of public consultation, and supportive of the matters that will be subject to comment at each consultation stage.</p>		

However, we would welcome the opportunity to provide evidence and advice throughout the 3 year-plan making period, and would welcome engagement with WG outside of these public consultation stages to help the development of the NDF.

Q3	Do you agree that the periods of public consultation are in the right place to ensure stakeholders can participate in the development of the NDF?	X
	Agree	
	Neither Agree nor Disagree	x
	Disagree	
Further comments		
We do not have any views on the proposed locations to hold stakeholder events. However, it may be beneficial to include locations which are being considered for strategic locations for growth and infrastructure to ensure opportunities to share thinking with interested communities, bodies, and groups.		

Q4	Do you agree with the methods to support continuous engagement? Are there additional methods that should be used?	X
	Agree	x
	Neither Agree nor Disagree	
	Disagree	
Further comments		
We welcome the intention for continuous engagement, and particularly welcome the intention of to prepare a consultation report that will demonstrate how representations have been taken into account as this will help ensure transparency and confidence in the decision-making process.		

Q5	Do you agree with the methods to support engagement at key stages? Are there additional methods that should be used?	X
	Agree	
	Neither Agree nor Disagree	x
	Disagree	
Further comments		
Please see our response to Q4.		

Q6	Are there additional groups/bodies that could be added to those listed in Appendix 1 of the draft Statement of Public Participation?	X
Further comments		
No comment.		

Q7	Are there any additional comments you wish to make on the draft Statement of Public Participation?	X
Further comments		
<p>To help us provide timely and effective advice, we would encourage that all consultations to NRW on the emerging NDF are directed to: adrian.james@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk</p> <p>Whilst we recognise that this consultation on the draft Statement of Public Participation is not intended as a consultation on the content of the NDF, given the identified stages in its preparation we consider that it will be useful for the WG to clarify the weight to be attached to the emerging NDF in decision-making e.g. when preparing or reviewing local development plans.</p>		

How to respond

Please submit your comments by 25 April 2016, in any of the following ways:

Email	Post
<p>Please complete the consultation form and send it to :</p> <p>Planconsultations-a@wales.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>[Please include Statement of Public Participation in the subject line]</p>	<p>Please complete the consultation form and send it to:</p> <p>Statement of Public Participation Consultation</p> <p>Plans Branch</p> <p>Planning Directorate</p> <p>Welsh Government</p> <p>Cathays Park</p> <p>Cardiff</p> <p>CF10 3NQ</p>

Additional information
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