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Consultation Response Form

Positive Planning - A consultation on proposals to reform the planning system in Wales

We would like your views on our proposals to change the planning system in Wales. This requires changes to primary legislation, secondary legislation, and policy and guidance.

Please submit your comments by 26/02/2014.

If you have any queries on this consultation, please email: planconsultations-d@wales.gsi.gov.uk or telephone Switchboard on 0300 0603300 or 08450103300.

Data Protection

Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.

The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response or tick the box at the end of this form. We will then blank them out.

Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

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Date of consultation period: 04/12/2013 – 26/02/2014		
Name		
Organisation		
Address		
E-mail address		
Type <i>(please select one from the following)</i>	Businesses/ Consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Local Planning Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Government Agency/Other Public Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Professional Bodies/Interest Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Voluntary sector (community groups, volunteers, self help groups, co-operatives, social enterprises, religious, and not for profit organisations)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (other groups not listed above) or individual	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Supporting Culture Change

Q1	Do you agree that the proposed remit for a Planning Advisory and Improvement Service will help local planning authorities and stakeholders to improve performance?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q2	Do you agree that existing Welsh Government support arrangements for the built environment sector in Wales should be reviewed?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q3	Do you agree that competency frameworks should be prepared for planning practitioners and elected representatives to describe the skills, knowledge and behaviours necessary to deliver planning reform?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Active Stewardship

Q4	Do you agree that the National Development Framework will provide a robust framework for setting national priorities and aid delivery?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q5	Do you agree that Planning Policy Wales and Minerals Planning Policy Wales should be integrated to form a single document?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q6	Do you agree that a core set of development management policies should be prepared for consistent application by all local planning authorities?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q7	Do you agree that the proposed development hierarchy will help to ensure that planning applications are dealt with in a proportionate way dependent on their likely benefits and impacts?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q8	Do you agree with the proposed categories and thresholds for Developments of National Significance set out in Annex B?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q9	Do you agree with the proposed categories and thresholds for Major Developments set out in Annex B?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q10	Do you agree Developments of National Significance applications should be subject to mandatory pre-application notification, and consultation?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q11	Do you agree that a fee should be charged for pre-application advice for prospective Developments of National Significance applications?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q12	Do you agree that the Planning Inspectorate Wales is the most appropriate body to undertake the processing of a Development of National Significance application?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Q13	Do you agree that only one round of amendments to an application for Developments of National Significance should be permitted after it has been formally registered?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q14	Do you agree with the proposals for handling connected consents?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q15	Do you agree that examination should follow a similar procedure to the proposed call-ins and appeals?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q16	Do you agree with the proposed division of responsibilities between the Welsh Ministers and the local planning authority at the post-determination stage?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Q17	Do you agree that the statement of case and draft statement of common ground should be produced when submitting an appeal?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q18	Do you agree that the Planning Inspectorate should decide how to handle the examination of an appeal?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q19	Do you agree no changes should be made to the content of an application post appeal submission?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q20	Do you agree with the proposal for the Welsh Ministers to be able to initiate awards of costs?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Q21	Should fees be introduced to cover the costs of the Welsh Ministers resulting from an appeal?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q22	Do you agree that a Commercial Appeals Service (CAS) should be introduced?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Improving Collaboration

Q23	Do you agree that local planning authorities should be merged to create larger units?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q24	Do you think that a national park authority should continue to have responsibility for planning in their area?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q25	Do you agree that strategic development plans should only be prepared in the identified areas?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q26	Do you agree that the scope of Strategic Development Plans should be limited to the key issues identified in paragraph 5.29?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Q27	Do you agree that a partnership between local planning authorities and social, economic and environmental stakeholders should oversee preparation of Strategic Development Plans?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q28	Do you agree that a light touch Local Development Plan should be prepared in areas where there is a Strategic Development Plan?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Improving Local Delivery

Q29	Do you agree with the essential elements of a good planning service identified in Annex A?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q30	Do you agree that each local planning authority should produce and publish an annual performance report to agreed standards?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q31	Do you agree that where a local planning authority is designated as poorly performing there should be an option to submit planning applications for major development only to Welsh Ministers?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q32	Do you agree that Welsh Ministers should be able to direct preparation of a joint Local Development Plan?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Q33	Do you agree that Local Development Plans should plan for at least 15 years ahead and have a set end date beyond which they cease to be the development plan?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q34	Do you agree that local planning authorities should work with town and community councils to produce place plans which can be adopted as supplementary planning guidance?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q35	Do you agree that where a development proposal accords with an allocation in an adopted development plan a new planning application process should be introduced, to ensure that only matters of detail such as design and layout are considered?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q36	Do you support the proposal to allow a right of appeal against a local planning authority not registering a planning application?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Q37	Should the requirement for mandatory design and access statements be removed?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q38	Should the requirement to advertise planning applications for certain developments in a local newspaper be removed?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q39	Should there be any local variation within a national scheme of delegation for decision making on applications?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q40	Do you agree that a minor material change should be restricted to "one whose scale and nature results in a development which is not substantially different from that which has been approved"?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

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Q41	Do you agree that the proposals strike a balance between the need to preserve land used as Town and Village Greens and providing greater certainty for developers?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q42	Do you agree that the proposals will reduce delay in the planning enforcement system?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Q43	Do you agree with the introduction of temporary stop notices to the planning enforcement system in Wales?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

I do not want my name/or address published with my response (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/>
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How to Respond

Please submit your comments in any of the following ways:

Email
Please complete the consultation response form and send it to: planconsultations-d@wales.gsi.gov.uk (Please include 'Positive Planning – WG20088' in the subject line).
Post
Please complete the consultation form and send it to: Planning Bill Team Planning Division Welsh Assembly Government Cathays Park Cardiff CF10 3NQ
Additional information
If you have any queries on this consultation, please email: planconsultations-d@wales.gsi.gov.uk or telephone: 0300 0603300 or 08450103300