

CONSULTATION FORM

A Strategic Monitoring Framework for the Planning System

We want your views on an approach to measure the contribution the planning system makes to our vision of a sustainable Wales.

Please submit your comments by 27 January 2011.

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Strategic Monitoring Framework for the Planning System (Consultation)			
4 November 2011 – 27 January 2012			
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Type <i>(please select one from the following)</i>	Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Local Planning Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Other (other groups not listed above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q1	Do you agree with our conclusion that the current information is not sufficient for us measure the contribution of the planning system to our vision of a sustainable Wales?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments: The current information is very comprehensive but does not lead, as the Consultation Paper points out, to correlation between observed impacts and specific public actions or inaction.			
Q2	Do you agree with the proposed approach to use the 'logic-chain' identify appropriate measures of the planning system?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments:

But this has the drawback that the proposed system does not much utilize the first two links in the chain (as they are fixed by legislation) or the last two (as the Consultation acknowledges would result in information collection on too great a scale). The proposal needs to develop somehow the production of proper information on outcomes and impacts even if this is carried out on a sample basis.

Q3	Do you agree with the strategic groupings of the 19 <i>Planning Policy Wales</i> objectives into five categories for the purpose of developing a set of new measures?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments:			

Q4.1	Do you agree with the proposed overarching indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Wales' Ecological Footprint		
Additional comments: Although the weights given to its various components need careful consideration and are not likely to please everybody.			

Q4.2	Do you agree with the proposed overarching indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Percentage of Biodiversity Action Plan habitats and species recorded as stable or increasing		
Additional comments: This is an outcome/impact measure of the sort also required for the historic environment, which we would like to see amended to the same sort of form as this one. (Indicator 15)			

Q4.3	Do you agree with the proposed overarching indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Gross Value Added (GVA) and GVA per head		

Additional comments:

Q4.4	Do you agree with the proposed overarching indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4	Percentage of the population in low-income households
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Additional comments:

Q4.5	Do you agree with the proposed overarching indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5	Wellbeing in Wales
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Additional comments:

Q4.6	Do you agree with the proposed overarching indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6	Proportion of LPAs with an up to date adopted LDP
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Additional comments:

Q4.7	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7	Net change in open space and playing fields
Additional comments:	

Q4.8	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Total floor space granted/refused (by type) on greenfield and brownfield land		
Additional comments:			

Q4.9	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Number of application submitted with Transport Assessments		
Additional comments: We think this indicator could be extended to other aspects requiring assessment on application e.g. historic environment.			

Q4.10	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Number of applications granted/refused (by type) on the flood plain (by flood risk category)		

Additional comments:

Q4.11	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Number of buildings receiving BREEAM and/or Code for Sustainable Homes certification		
Additional comments:			

Q4.12	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	The proportion of local or recycled materials used in new developments		
Additional comments: But it is not clear how this information is to be collected.			

Q4.13	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Renewable energy generation (mW) granted/refused by type and capacity		
Additional comments:			

Q4.14 Do you agree with the proposed indicator?		Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Total area of granted/refused development in protected areas (European and national designations)		
Additional comments:			

Q4.15 Do you agree with the proposed indicator?		Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Number of Listed Building and Conservation Area Consents granted/refused		
Additional comments: We think this indicator needs to be supplemented with a system of calibration: perhaps review of decisions taken five years previously as to outcome and impact; perhaps with peer review between authorities by being a specified part of their Development Plan monitoring.			

Q4.16 Do you agree with the proposed indicator?		Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Number of new homes (by type) granted permission		
Additional comments:			

Q4.17 Do you agree with the proposed indicator?		Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Employment land bank (years provided)		

Additional comments:

Q4.18	Do you agree with the proposed indicator?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18	Total floor space granted/refused (by type) (combining greenfield and brownfield land) (offices/industry/retail/distribution)
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Additional comments:

Q5	Do you agree that these measures should not be taken as representing the full picture of the influence of the planning system on sustainable development but represent an appropriate high level framework?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments:
 We think that LPAs should continue to be required to monitor the outcomes and impacts of their development plans against a full range of sustainability criteria.

Q6	Do you agree with the proposed Strategic Monitoring Framework structure and measurement of each of the four stages identified above?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments:
 We feel that an outcomes and impacts assessment process for the planning system as a whole out to be included. This should be formally attached to the plan-monitoring process as it will serve to advise Development Plan revisions.

Q7	What are your views on whether the proposed framework should be phased?
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Additional comments:

We have no views on this.

Q8	Do you agree that we should consolidate/revise the existing other output indicators set out in LDP Manual (2006) with the proposed new indicators to measure the outputs of the planning system?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments:			

Q9	What would be the impacts on your authority from the new Strategic Monitoring Framework? (Local Planning Authorities)
Additional comments: We have no comments on this.	

Q10	Do you agree with our proposed approach to reporting the Strategic Monitoring Framework?	Yes	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional comments:			

Q11	We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.
Additional comments:	

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