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## Annex 1 - Consultation Response Form

### Developments of National Significance

We are seeking your views on detailed proposals to establish a new system for the Welsh Ministers to process 'Developments of National Significance' ("DNS"). This is a new category of planning applications.

***Please submit your comments by 12/08/2015.***

If you have any queries on this consultation, please email:  
[planconsultations-g@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:planconsultations-g@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone Lewis Thomas on 029 2082 3201.

#### 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. 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 If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account.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be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published.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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Developments of National Significance		
Date of consultation period: 20/05/2015 – 12/08/2015		
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<b>Type</b> (please select one from the following)	Businesses/ Consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Local Planning Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Government Agency/Other Public Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Professional Bodies/Interest Groups	<input checked="" 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"/>

Q1	Do you agree with the proposed thresholds and categories of development set out in the above table? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Comments:</b> <b>The Association does not generally support the idea of the County Councils not dertermining all planning applications.</b>				

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Q2	Do you agree with this proposed approach for determining secondary consents? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q3	Do you agree that the Inspector may determine procedure for secondary consents? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: <b>There must be room for local public consultation.</b>				

Q4	Do you agree with the proposed list of secondary consents? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q5	Do you agree with the minimum requirements for the notification of a DNS? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

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Q6	Is 12 months from the date of acceptance of the notification to the submission of the application for DNS a sufficient period in which the notification of a DNS remains valid? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q7	Do you agree with the publicity and consultation requirements that developers must undertake prior to the submission of an application for DNS? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q8	Do you agree with our proposals for the advertisement of an application for DNS? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q9	Do you agree with our proposals regarding statements of common ground? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: <b>As long as public consultation is extensive a local level</b>				

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Q10	Do you consider that 5 weeks is an appropriate period within which statutory consultees and third parties must submit their full representations in response to an application for DNS? If not, please specify an alternative timeframe?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q11	Do you agree with our proposals for the amendment of schemes for DNS? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q12	Do you agree that 10 working days following the closure of the representation period is an appropriate time in which the Planning Inspectorate must determine the appropriate procedure to examine an application for DNS? If not, please specify an alternative timeframe.	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

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Q13	Do you agree that further representations required as part of the examination of an application for DNS should be subject to a word limit of 3,000 words per topic? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q14	Do you agree that the applicant is only required to submit paper copies of applications for DNS with the Planning Inspectorate and LPA(s) within which the DNS is located? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments: <b>The world is moving towards web based information. Information should be in in both electronic and paper form.</b>				

Q15	Do you agree with the minimum requirements for Local Impact Reports? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q16	Would you consider 5 weeks an appropriate timescale within which to provide a local impact report? If not, please suggest appropriate timescales.	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

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Q17	Do you agree that the DNS fee structure should consist of fixed and daily or hourly rate fees that recover the Welsh Ministers' (and their appointed representative, the Planning Inspectorate) costs in carrying out the work? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q18	Do you agree that the relevant LPA should receive a fixed fee for producing a Local Impact Report? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q19	Do you agree that the LPA should receive a reduced payment, or no payment, if they do not submit the Local Impact Report within the timescale and minimum requirements? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

Q20	Do you agree that the applicant should not receive a full refund if their application is invalid? If not, why not?	Yes	Yes (subject to comment)	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments: <b>The applicant should be able to rectify such information required with no further fee paid.</b>				

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Q21	Do you have any further comments to make in relation to our proposals for DNS?	Yes	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comments:</p> <p>If applications are to be considered by the Welsh Government only there needs to be an appeal process, this appears to be missing from the proposals.</p> <p>The North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils represents over 30 larger Town and Community Councils in Mid and North Wales. The consultation was discussed at their meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July by the members present.</p> <p>The Association confirms that it is prepared to give oral evidence if that were felt to be of value to the appropriate committee.</p>			

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:**

<b>Email</b>
<p>Please complete the consultation form and send it to : <a href="mailto:planconsultations-g@wales.gsi.gov.uk">planconsultations-g@wales.gsi.gov.uk</a> Please include 'Developments of National Significance - WG 25023' in the subject line.</p>
<b>Post</b>
<p>Please complete the consultation form and send it to: <b>Developments of National Significance Consultation Decisions Branch Planning Directorate Welsh Assembly Government Cathays Park Cardiff CF10 3NQ</b></p>
<b>Additional information</b>
<p>If you have any queries on this consultation, please: email: <a href="mailto:planconsultations-g@wales.gsi.gov.uk">planconsultations-g@wales.gsi.gov.uk</a> ; or telephone: Lewis Thomas on 029 2082 3201</p>